

RAJYA SABHA

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

Development of arts and culture

1419. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by Government towards promotion and development of arts and culture;

(b) the achievements made and the activities undertaken by Government through cultural centres both in the country and abroad during each of the last three years;

(c) whether Government have set up Cultural Resources and Training Centres for foreigners; and

(d) if so, the details of the functions and objectives thereof and achievements made by them?

Heritage sites and monuments

†1420. SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed list of the heritage sites

and monuments under Government's control;

(b) the measures taken for their maintenance and security; and

(c) the action taken by Government on destruction of a number of heritage sites, monuments and statues in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh?

Heritage monuments in Karnataka

1421. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heritage monuments identified in Karnataka;

(b) the number of those managed by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State has no comprehensive heritage legislation to regulate unauthorized encroachments and urbanizations in such areas; and

(d) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to introduce any legislation to regulate and preserve such monuments of historical importance?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Tricentenary anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi

1422. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has requested for grant-in-aid from the Prime Minister Fund/Central Government for Tricentenary Anniversary of Gur-Ta-Gaddi at Nanded city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

Culture of Tamil Nadu

1423. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any initiatives to safeguard and promote culture of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made in this regard including the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Remnants of an ancient civilisation in Amreli

1424. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that remnants of an ancient civilisation have emerged in Amreli district as the waters of Shetrunji river receded after the recent floods; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Sirpur Archaeological Complex

1425. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 1500 year old city, complete with a palace, temples, houses and Buddhist educational centre big enough to accommodate 10,000 students has been discovered at Sirpur, in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Sirpur Archaeological Complex is almost four times as big as Nalanda?

Setting up of science city

1426. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of science cities set up/proposed to be set up in the country together with its aim and scope;

(b) whether all the States would be covered under this scheme so as to have cross-cultural interactions through these science cities; and

(c) the funds allocated for this purpose during the current year?

Implementation of project schemes for NER

1427. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major scheme being undertaken/proposed to be undertaken by the North Eastern Council (NEC) in NER during the Tenth Five Year Plan period sector-wise;

(b) whether the NEC has devised a fool proof mechanism to evaluate, monitor and ascertain progress of the implementation of such schemes in the region; and

(c) the role of the State Governments in finalisation and implementation of such projects?

Revival of Braithwaite and Company Ltd.

1428. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRICHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

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

(a) whether the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises has approved revival plan of the Braithwaite and Company Ltd.;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the time bound programme for implementing the revival plan?

Closure of units of Burn Standard Company Ltd.

1429. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Board of the Burn Standard Company Ltd. had recommended closure of units of Burnpur and Howrah in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and their plan to tide over the working capital crunch and other problems faced by the company to facilitate their early revival?

Autonomy to PSUs

1430. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Arjun Sengupta Panel has recommended for giving more autonomy for PSUs;

(b) whether the panel has suggested that PSUs should not be subject to Public Interest Litigations and Parliament questions and that a statutory audit is sufficient for PSUs and their books need not be audited by CAG;

(c) whether necessary amendments under Article 12 of the Constitution have been finalized; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of HEC and MECON Ltd.

1431. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) and MECON Ltd., Ranchi, are contemplated to be closed down by Government;

(b) if so, the rationale therefor;

(c) if not, the measures for their revival, if any, under implementation, unit-wise;

(d) the number of employees made to leave these undertakings under the forced retirement schemes, year-wise and category-wise and their present strength;

(e) the outstanding debts to be recovered by the two undertakings from their customers alongwith the details of these debtors as on the 30th June of 2003, 2004 and 2005; and

(f) the volume of their outstanding loans to banks/FIs as on the above dates?

Revival of PSUs

1432. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp disagreement between his Ministry and the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises over the revival of ailing Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the number of PSUs referred to BRPSE?

Payment of salaries of PSUs

1433. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been paying the salaries of some of the PSUs, if so, their names alongwith the amount paid to each of them;

(b) the name of the PSUs which have got revival packages during the last two years and the amount given with results achieved; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen their performance?

Extension of Purchase Preference Policy for PSUs

1434. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers has recommended for extension of Purchase Preference Policy for PSUs by three more years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Power is opposing the extension of Purchase Preference Policy;

(c) whether any threshold limit has been fixed on the value of tenders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CABE Committee Recommendations

1435. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee has suggested uniform physical and human infrastructure and provision of 25 per cent seats in private schools for the poor children, in primary education;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the committee; and

(c) the status of implementation of these recommendations?

Reservation on religious basis

1436. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been

ordering reservation of seats on religious basis in Central Universities in their graduation and post-graduation levels' courses;

(b) the details of such universities alongwith the respective orders issued during the last ten years;

(c) the principles governing issuance of orders for reservations on such basis;

(d) the average proportion of students belonging to various religions, including the reserved ones, secured admission in the respective universities pursuant to such order during the above period, stream-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the details of the provisions of reservations of seats, if any, under other categories in vogue in those Central Universities alongwith the years of their introduction?

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1437. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the current academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed locations of the new Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) whether at present more than 200 Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in the temporary/hired buildings;

(d) if so, since when and the locations thereof; and

(e) the progress made so far in construction of the permanent buildings for these Kendriya Vidyalayas and for providing infrastructural facilities there?

Financial assistance for computer education

1438. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extend financial assistance to the States for spreading computer education in schools;

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

(c) whether on account of inordinate delay in releasing the funds under the scheme to the States, the computer education in schools is interrupted;

(d) if so, the details of the outstanding amount under the scheme, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken for regular disbursement of the funds to facilitate uninterrupted progress of computer education in schools in all the States, with special reference to Karnataka?

Children out of School

1439. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has a whopping 26.8 million primary school age children out of the schools;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country accounts for 23 per cent of the total global school children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these children would be given basic education?

Kannada in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1440. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested Government to teach Kannada as one subject in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas located in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

Expenditure on Navodaya Vidyalayas

1441. SHRI T. T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Navodaya Vidyalayas during the past three years; year-wise;

(b) the States where Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been set up so far; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider the language policy in respect of the Navodaya Vidyalayas to accommodate the views of non Hindi speaking States?

Practice of sati

1442. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that it has been eighteen years since the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act was passed, but Sati is still a way of life in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to stop this heinous practice?

Irregularities in entrance tests

1443. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been a lot of irregularities in the recent entrance test conducted by the Delhi College of Engineering and Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology wherein more than 1000 students figure in the merit list;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty person; and

(c) whether the result of test has not been cancelled and if so, the reasons therefor?

Admission under Special dispensation Powers

1444. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) the number of requests received from each MP's during the current year for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas under the Special Dispensation Powers over and above the quota of two admissions earmarked for each MP;

(b) the number of such requests from each MP acceded so far; and

(c) the names of the MPs whose requests even for one admission under this quota have not been agreed to?

Disposal of proposals of voluntary organizations

†1445. DR. CHHATTRA-PAL SINGH LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

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

(a) the number of voluntary organizations in each State/Union Territory from which proposals have been received in "Norad" "Swadhar" and the Department of Woman and Child Development during the last five years;

(b) the action taken thereon and the norms regarding approval, rejection and keeping pending such proposals;

(c) the organizations whose proposals were approved, rejected and kept pending and the details of their proposals; and

(d) the reasons for not giving any intimation to the concerned organizations in this regard?

Indian Institute of Information Technology

1446. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIIT (Indian Institute of Information Technology) is based at Allahabad;

(b) the details of its objectives;

(c) whether under the enacting law IIIT can open its branches all over the country;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted by IIIT to open its new branches or campuses around the country; and

(e) the proposals pending with IIIT to open new branches or campuses?

Common school system

1447. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education in its report had recommended for common school system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that concept of the common school system has been endorsed by several commissions and Government policies but still remained on paper; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Exam stress in JEE

1448. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Standing Committee of the IIT council was held on the 5th March, 2005, to discuss the issue of stress on students caused by the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and for bringing out reforms therein;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Council of Boards of School Education in India also organized conference on the 1st May, 2005 of Chairmen of the School Education Boards on this issue;

(d) if so, the decisions taken thereat; and

(e) by when the process of examination reforms is likely to be initiated?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Elementary Education Bill

†1449. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Bill related to elementary education is being prepared by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that passing of the Bill in Parliament is likely to be delayed as difference of opinion is evolving amongst those working in the field of education; and

(d) if so, the areas where difference of opinion has been noticed along with the time limit set for passing the bill in the Parliament?

Proposals received in CSWAB

†1450. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH
LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:

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

(a) the number of voluntary organizations of each State and Union Territory from which proposals have been received in the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards during the last five years;

(b) the names of those organizations and the details of their proposals;

(c) the number of organizations whose proposals were forwarded to the Central Social Welfare Advisory Board with due recommendation;

(d) the reasons for rejecting and keeping

pending the proposals by the State Social Welfare Advisory Board; and

(e) what are the norms in respect of forwarding proposals with recommendations of approval, rejection and keeping them pending?

Private universities and professional institutions

1451. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) the number of private universities and professional institutions set up during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether quality of the higher education imparted in these institutions is satisfactory;

(c) if not the steps being taken to maintain the standard of higher and professional learning at affordable cost;

(d) the mechanism Government propose to set up to monitor the standard of higher education in private institution; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to regulate their collaborations with foreign institutions?

IIT status to Osmania and Andhra Universities

1452. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give IIT status to Osmania and Andhra Universities in A.P.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have put some conditions to elevate the above two universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have sent any Central team to assess the infrastructure and other facilities in both the universities; and

(e) if not, when is it going to send its team?

Review of Bharat Shiksha Kosh

1453. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BALAPTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government propose to review Bharat Shiksha Kosh and to put a ban on the direct flow of the Tax-free donations of alumni associations to their alma mater;

(b) if so, the status report prepared in this regard; and

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

Assimilation of Nursery Education to Elementary Education

1454. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATIKAMLA MANHAR:

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

(a) whether Government are considering making the nursery education as part and parcel of the elementary education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that admission in nursery schools in metros is continued to be given to the affluent classes of society; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that every child is admitted in the nursery class?

Scholarship to Drop-outs

1455. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has decided to offer 100 scholarships to school dropouts who have completed VII/VIII but could not complete their studies due to financial or family constraints;

(b) if so, whether the selection process for the present scheme would similar to two stage format as is in vogue for talent search scheme;

(c) if so, whether the phase of examination would be conducted early next year and the selected candidates would be entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs. 200 p.m. and an annual book grant of Rs. 500 per annum; and

(d) if so, to what extent this scheme is likely to improve the position of dropouts from class VII to VIII?

Buildings of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

1456. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH
KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of the Kasturba Gandhi

Balika Vidyalayas in Delhi, whose buildings are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) the details of such schools in Delhi where infrastructure and other facilities/resources are not adequate;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) by when such schools would be provided with good buildings and other infrastructure?

Filling-up of posts of teachers

1457. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up seriously the non-filling up of posts of teachers by the States;

(b) whether in West Bengal the Cetnre had sanctioned 73536 teachers' posts between 2002-05 under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan but figures available till March, 31, 2005 states that the State has been able to recruit only 17018 teachers;

(c) if so, the State where sanctioned teachers' posts have not been filled up under the SSA; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to fill up all sanctioned posts of teachers?

Free elementary education in rural areas

1458. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Prime Minister issued directions to his Ministry to make elementary education free in the rural areas and take decision to take care of all school expenses of the children, not just fees and mid-day meals;

(b) whether clearing the proposal under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Prime Minister has desired that all the school expenses, text books, stationery, public transport, uniform, meals be paid by the Government;

(c) if so, what are the steps being taken to implement all the suggestions made by the Prime Minister; and

(d) how many States have taken steps till now?

Strengthening professional education

1459. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to strengthen the professional education in Universities and colleges;

(b) if so, by when and the salient features of the professional education in view of requirement and the agencies involved for the purpose;

(c) whether necessary infrastructures are available for the professional education in the country; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

Literacy rate

1460. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the absolute number of literates at all levels between 1991 and 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the literacy rate grows to 64.8 per cent in 2001; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that two-third of the population in the 6-10 age group is attending school and three-fourths of the population is attending schools in the 11-13 age group?

Schemes for upliftment of rural women

†1461. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different schemes initiated by Government for upliftment of rural women during the last five years in Uttar Pradesh and the amount allocated for each scheme each year;

(b) whether there is a certain criterion to specify the initiation of these schemes; and

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

Literacy growth rate

1462. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the literacy growth rate, both male and female, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) the average growth rate in literacy for both male and female;

(c) what steps are being taken to step up the literacy campaign in the States which are below the national average; and

(d) the decadal literacy growth rate for both men and women, the State and district topping the table in decadal growth for both men and women according to 2001 census?

Illiteracy in slum children

1463. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 67 per cent of female children living in slums do not go to schools as reported by an NGO and 55 per cent of male children are close to the state of delinquency;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to take care of educational and psychological aspects of such children with the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have done any survey to find out illiteracy rate among the working children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Computer Fees in KVS

1464. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is collecting computer fee from the children of class 1 to 12 of Rs. 60 rupees per child onwards;

(b) whether Government are aware that children even after paying the fee, have not seen the computer/computer from in their schools till date particularly in Class I to VIII, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sadiq Nagar, Sector 3, Pushp Vihar and Gole Market, New Delhi; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and what corrective measures Government are taking to give proper computer education to these children?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Child abuse

1465. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of child abuse have come to notice in Chennai and elsewhere in the country; and

(b) if so, measures taken to eradicate the menace?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

†1466. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat, district-wise; and

(b) whether Government propose to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in such districts where there are no such Vidyalayas?

UGC classification of Stenography

1467. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has received a proposal for classification of stenography under the Social Science, Language Faculty;

(b) if so, the action taken by the UGC in this regard;

(c) whether Shorthand and Typewriting (English and Hindi) subjects are codified separately as language subject at + 2 level or at Degree level;

(d) if so, the difficulties in classifying these subjects as Language;

(e) whether the UGC does not realize the importance of Stenography in all the wings of a democracy the Executive, Judiciary and Legislature; and

(f) if not, the action taken by the UGC in this regard?

Lateral entry in Engineering colleges

1468. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under GSR 320 of the AICTE, diploma holders are to be allowed lateral entry in the second year in IITs, EDP of Jamia Millia Islamia University, DCE, Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology and other Engg. colleges through AIEEE;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether provisions of the aforesaid GSR are being followed by these institutions;

(d) if so, the number of students allowed such lateral entry during last three years in each institutions;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken or proposed to ensure implementation of the above orders including de-recognition of the defaulting institutions?

Decline in expenditure on higher education

1469. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that per student expenditure on the higher education has declined from Rs. 7,676 in 1990-91 to Rs. 5,500 in 2002-03, as per the report of

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the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the recommendations of the Committee to upgrade the higher education system in the country?

Review of National Curriculum Framework

1470. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCERT has set in motion an elaborate exercise to review the National Curriculum Framework (NCF);

(b) if so, what were the recommendations of a three member panel of historians assigned the task of undertaking a quick review of the history books brought out by the previous regime;

(c) by when it would wrap up the exercise; and

(d) the suggestions/recommendations of the Yashpal Committee Report in this regard?

Assistance to voluntary organisations

1471. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for providing assistance to the voluntary organizations engaged in the welfare and education of women and children;

(b) the amount released to such NGOs during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details the mother NGOs/ agencies monitoring these schemes;

(d) whether the working of these NGOs has been satisfactory so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Jan Shikshan Sansthan

1472. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jan Shikshan Sansthan have been established in all districts of the country; and

(b) if so, the criteria for sanctioning such an establishment?

Educational programmes in NER

1473. 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 Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) and vocationalisation of Secondary Education are still not on priority list of most North Eastern States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several North Eastern States have failed to use the Central funds for important educational programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to implement educational programmes in these States?

Reservation on religious basis

1474. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued order for reservations of seats on the basis

of religion in the matter of admission in Aligarh Muslim University (AMU);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the proportion of students belonging to the religion for whom reservation is now provided traditionally getting admission in AMU prior to introduction of reservation;

(d) whether reservation of quota on religion basis is also in vogue/contemplated in the matter of selection of faculty members and non-faculty staff in AMU; and

(e) the details of the Governing Body (GB) of AMU constituted from time to time since Independence?

Child marriages

1475. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of girl child marriages, below the age of 18 during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the percentage of literacy among married girl children, State-wise; and

(c) the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes amongst the married girl children?

New IITs and IIMs

1476. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up new IITs and IIMs to provide top of the education to a large number of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the new Institutes proposed to be set up in Orissa?

Confusion in seat sharing

1477. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether confusion and uncertainty prevails in the matter of seat sharing between Government and College Managements in professional courses; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps taken by Government to clear the confusion and safeguard interest of the student community?

Facilities to visually handicapped students

1478. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether visually handicapped students pursuing graduate and post-graduate courses are provided with recorded course materials and are allowed to take assistance of writers in the examinations;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate recorded material even for regular courses is not available and the criteria stipulated in respect of writers in making it impossible for visually handicapped students to find a suitable writers to write their papers; and

(d) if so, the measures contemplated to ensure adequate supply of recorded materials and relaxed norms for the writers?

Private educational institutions

1479. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many private institutions in school education, higher education and professional courses as on today;

(b) if so, the details of the per capita public spending on education on primary school, higher education and professional courses for last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the steps taken, if any, to regulate admissions, fees and quality in school education and higher education including professional courses; and

(d) the number of Government aided, unaided schools and number of private self-financing professional and higher education institutions for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise?

World heritage status to Western Ghats

1480. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western Ghats will soon get the world heritage site status; and

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

Funds for women and child development

1481. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds earmarked by Government for women and child

development schemes during the last three years;

(b) the details of the funds allocated/ utilized, State-wise and year-wise particularly in Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan, till date;

(c) the details of the new schemes in this regard likely to be undertaken during the Tenth Five Year Plan period State-wise;

(d) whether any funds were also provided by the World Bank, UNESCO and other International Financial Institutions for this purposes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and Institution-wise?

Financial assistance for IEDC in Karnataka

1482. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from the Government of Karnataka for financial assistance under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC) Scheme for 2004-05 is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount sought by the State Government and the amount released by Government in this regard?

Health Education

1483. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering introduction of Health Education in higher classes of schools and colleges;

(b) if so, by when it is going to be formalized;

(c) whether food and nutrition will also be a part of the subjects of the Health Education;

(d) whether the health problem of women and children of growing age would be given more importance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Mangekar Commission on university fees

1484. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mangekar Commission has recommended reduction in university fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted its recommendations;

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fee reduction in IIMs

1485. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to reduce the fees charged by the Indian Institutes of Management in order to enable poor students also to join the Institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Universities not recognised by UGC

†1486. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has submitted a list of the universities to Government which are not recognized by the Commission; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such universities and the action being taken by Government against them?

Recommendations of NCW

1487. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various recommendations made by the National Commission for Women for protecting rights of women during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Office management course

†1488. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Educational Consultants India Limited (Ed. CIL) has received offer for making improvements in the modern office management course which is being taught in various polytechniques as a higher standard practical course;

(b) if so, the action taken by the institution thereon; and

(c) if not, the opinion of Ed. CIL in this regard and the reasons for not accepting the proposal?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fraud in Sardar Sahar University

1489. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has received any complaint against the fraud committed by the Sardar Sahar University, Rajasthan in the Admissions and Examinations; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Typewriting and Stenography Lessons

1490. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether theory lessons were prepared by Four Expert Groups in English and Hindi Typewriting and Stenography during 1989-92;

(b) if so, the reasons for not printing those lessons for students;

(c) whether the NIOS re-introduced Theory Papers in 2000-01;

(d) if so, the reasons for reversing the old decision;

(e) whether fresh lessons were prepared for these subjects; and

(f) if so, the reasons, for not using the lessons already prepared before by the Expert Groups of high academic and practical experience?

Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology

1491. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that working of the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) has not been upto the mark; and

(b) if so, whether the needed reforms would be undertaken early?

Cases of sexual harassment and atrocities on women

1492. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of sexual harassment in work places and atrocities on women are on rise in recent years;

(b) how many such cases have been reported to Government during the last five years; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to stop such incidents?

Military training to youths at college level

†1493. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for providing military training to youths at college level;

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

(c) by when a final decision would be taken for providing military training to youths at college level?

Implementation of CAS

1494. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Conditional Access System (CAS) has not been implemented in all the States/UTs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that TRAI has made certain recommendations regarding terms and conditions for implementation of CAS;

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

(e) by when CAS is likely to be implanted throughout the country?

Losses to entertainment industry due to piracy

†1495. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that entertainment industry in India is incurring heavy losses due to piracy and all the efforts by Government to prevent this has proved to be a failure;

(b) if so, whether the higher rates of entertainment are the root cause for this and SIMCON has supported to cut down these rates;

(c) if so, by when Government would accept the recommendations of SIMCON and take concrete steps to stop piracy; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken and if so, the outcome thereof?

Common FM infrastructure

1496. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR

PRASAD:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

propose to create a common FM infrastructure in nine cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have allowed FDI in this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Coverage of sport events

1497. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has recently offered affordable and low-cost live or deferred live coverage of the national and international level sport events; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto?

Regulatory Authority for media

1498. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY

SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI MURLI DEORA:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA

RAO:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up an autonomous Regulatory Authority for the media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the media is resorting to trivialisation and standard of reporting and values has come down;

(d) whether the rural people and the poor hardly get mentioned as it has become urban biased; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the print media?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Regulation of news and entertainment channels

†1499. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI:

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

(a) the number of news and entertainment channels telecasting their programmes in the country, the number of channels out of the above which are being operated under Indian ownership and number of having foreign partnership;

(b) whether Government are contemplating for any legal set up for regulation of news and entertainment channels; and

(c) if so, by when such regulation would be framed, if not, the reasons therefor?

DTH operations by Prasar Bharti

1500. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Prasar Bharti, which launched its DTH operations last year, is considering subscriber base of 5 million by the year-end;

(b) if so, whether according to CEO of the organizations over 3 million have opted for the service upto now;

(c) whether 10 per cent of this response has come from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(d) whether private channels agreed to Prasar Bharti's proposal to charge carriage fees for its DTH platform; and

(e) if so, by when Prasar Bharti is likely to complete its contract?

Sale and exchange of news papers and magazines

1501. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether the experts have demanded from Government and Pakistan to immediately remove all restrictions on sale and exchange of newspapers, magazines and beaming of news channels from either country;

(b) if so, whether the experts have demanded for issuance of multi entry visas for scribes working in the region;

(c) if so, whether this demand was raised in a resolution passed at the General Body meeting of the Chandi Press Club;

(d) if so, whether both India and Pakistan have agreed to remove curb on Indo-Pak media; and

(e) if so, by when both the Government would consider to remove these curbs?

Entertainment tax on cinemas

1502. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the Uttar Pradesh Government's recent erroneous decisions for allowing some particular cinemas to run without entertainment tax (Tax Free) in all the theatres/cinema halls of Uttar Pradesh;

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

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(c) whether Government are considering to review the current rules and regulations for waiving of entertainment tax to some particular cinemas by advising to all the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

TV transmitter at Basot in Uttaranchal

1503. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the TV transmitter at Basot (Bhikyasain) in Uttaranchal is not working for the last six months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the same start working; and

(d) by when, the said transmitter would start working?

Draft uplinking policy for TV channels

1504. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have worked out a draft uplinking policy for TV channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DD channels are proposed to be allowed to telecast sports events of national interest on its network even if private channels have successfully bid for telecast rights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Acquisition and exhibition of archives films

1505. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Film Archives of India is engaged in acquisition and exhibition or archive films;

(b) if so, the number of films acquired by NFAI so far and the details of the vintage films exhibited in the country during the last two years;

(c) whether the vintage films have also been exhibited in foreign countries in film festivals or otherwise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

Sharing of sports contract

1506. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that private broadcasters have strongly opposed a proposal that seeks to make it mandatory for them to share sports contract with Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government thereon?

Uplinking policy for TV channels

1507. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Group of Ministers

to study the uplinking policy for TV channels proposed by his Ministry;

(b) whether any representations have been received from stakeholders for studying the entire uplinking policy proposed by Government;

(c) if so, the details of the representations made and the persons/organisations from which they have received; and

(d) whether the uplinking has been permitted through KU band?

Channel for science and technology

1508. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a separate channel exclusively for science and technology using satellites launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the aim and area likely to be covered by the said channel?

Crime reports on TV channels

1509. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the regular 'Crime Reports' on major TV channels sensationalising crimes;

(b) if so, whether any analysis has been made by the concerned agencies about the impact of such serials on the society; and

(c) the steps taken to regulate the contents of TV 'Crime Reports'?

Advertisements by DAVP

1510. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the advertisements released by DAVP, agency-wise during the last three years, showing amount in each case;

(b) the criteria for releasing advertisements to media; and

(c) by when these guidelines were last modified?

Live telecast programmes at Bangalore

1511. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore Doordarshan has arranged live telecast of the function of the Karnataka Government held on the 9th July, 2005 at Bangalore to honour Dr. Raj Kumar for his contribution to Kannada film industry during the last five decades;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it has come to Government's notice that private TV channels have arranged live telecast of the above programme?

Export earnings of film industry

1512. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that films' export earnings are becoming increasingly important to producers, as the share from this segment is rapidly expanding;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the estimated Rs. 4,500 crore turnover of the Indian film industry, export earnings amounted to Rs. 1,000 crore; and

(c) if so, what benefits Government intend to give to the film industry particularly to its demand to grant full exemption from CVD for raw films stock imports and for removing the restriction that films must have a minimum budget of Rs. 5 crore to qualify for the bank finance?

TV programmes channels in all regional languages

1513. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government can take initiative to make compulsory inclusion of the programmes including news bulletin in all the regional languages of the country in private television channels also;

(b) whether Government will also take steps to include programmes including news bulletin on DD-I in those languages, which have been included recently in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(c) if so, by when?

Postponement of discussion for "Charcha Main"

1514. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had forced to postpone an hour long discussion for "Charcha Main" which was to be telecast as per the schedule;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the seven panelists were informed about the postponement of the pre-scheme at the last moment; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases in Delhi High Court

†1515. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criminal and civil cases registered in Delhi High Court during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989, year-wise;

(b) the list of pending cases as on date, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the pendency of the cases; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to dispose of the above pending cases?

Shortage of Judges

†1516. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing numbers of judges working in Supreme Court and High Courts of the country are less than their sanctioned strength;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed its adverse impact on functioning of the courts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the estimated number of cases per annum which remained unsettled as a result thereof?

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National Legal Services Authority Scheme

†1517. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring improvement in the National Legal Services Authority Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the objectives of the Legal Services Authority Scheme?

Model Code of Conduct

1518. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to codify the Model Code of Conduct for Elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Irregularities in voters list

†1519. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of foreign citizens have got their names registered in the voters list;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to remove such bogus voters; and

(c) the States with maximum number of bogus voters?

Constitution of Delimitation Commission

1520. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delimitation Commission has already been constituted for delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies for SCs/STs communities?

Growth in mineral sector

1521. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether national mineral sector has recorded a positive growth in 2004-05 according to the latest data available with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inspite of robust growth in mineral sector, Government have not come out with any mineral policy so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government would take initiative to formulate a mineral policy shortly?

Offshore exploitation of mineral resources

1522. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

legislation for exploitation of mineral resources in the offshore areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken following the new legislation; and

(c) if the legislation has not been enacted, the reasons therefor?

National Mineral Policy

1523. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a National Mineral Policy;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government would invite suggestions from the private players engaged in exploration activities before the policy is announced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Atrocities on SCs/STs

†1524. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey in respect of atrocities, rapes and crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases and percentage of cases filed in the courts, State-wise;

(c) the States where such percentage is highest; and

(d) the number of cases disposed of by the courts during the said period?

Castes in SC category in U.P.

†1525. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, seeking inclusion of certain castes in the category of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard alongwith the castes to be included;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the delay and by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Financial assistance to OBCs

1526. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that objective of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation is to provide concessional finance to OBCs for setting up self-employment ventures and starting income generating schemes;

(b) whether it is further a fact that the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) are charging too high rate of interest from OBCs despite their poor financial conditions;

(c) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to rationalize the rate of interest charged by the SCAs; and

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(d) the number of OBCs to whom concessional finance was provided during the last three years, State-wise?

Disabled population

1527. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to census data released by the Registrar General of India, there are 21.9 million disabled in the country;

(b) if so, whether this is about 2.13 per cent of the total population;

(c) if so, whether the Registrar General of India has given the percentage of each, such as speech, hearing, movement impaired and mentally disabled;

(d) if so, whether according to the census the number of people affected is increasing across all age groups; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take?

Scheduled Caste status to Bengali community in Uttaranchal

1528. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1286 given in Rajya Sabha on the 16th August, 2004 and state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in granting Schedule Castes status to Namashudra, Pod and Majhi Caste within Bengali community who had migrated to Uttaranchal;

(b) the agencies required to be consulted on the proposal of the State Government of Uttaranchal to include the above communities as Scheduled Castes;

(c) the views of the above agencies on the proposal;

(d) whether Government would take proactive stand on this issue; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to Kerala

1529. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance sanctioned to the State Government of Kerala under the Special Component Plan for the benefit of SCs/STs Community students for the period 1999-2002;

(b) whether the amount granted has been spent fully and if not, the unspent or lapsed amount;

(c) whether the CAG has made any adverse remarks on the lapse of grants; and

(d) the amount of grant sanctioned to Kerala towards post-matric scholarships and fees for SCs/STs students for the years 2001-04 and whether any excess claimed against the actual requirement and the amount so claimed pending, if any, and if so, the details thereof?

Report on menace of beggary

1530. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study on the extent of beggary in the country has revealed that 99 per cent of men and 97 per cent of women get into beggary due to poverty;

(b) whether the study also reveals that a large chunk of beggar population were

earning far Below the Poverty Line before they got into begging;

(c) whether anti-beggary and vagrancy laws in force go with the basic premise that beggary is an outcome of choice and not compulsion; and

(d) whether majority of beggars interviewed wanted to settle down in normal life if given opportunity by the authorities?

National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research

1531. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate given to the National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research;

(b) the number of training courses conducted during the last one year; and

(c) the number of courses which provided for self-employment and technical know how and also newer markets and products?

Inclusion in Scheduled Castes category

†1532. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have sent a proposal to Government to include blacksmith, potter, barber and 'Kanu' caste in Scheduled Castes category;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Declaration of Hindus as Minorities

1533. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Notification dated the 23rd October, 1993 with regard to the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 has defined only five communities as minorities-Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis);

(b) whether Government are aware that in at least 5 States like Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Hindus are in minority; and

(c) if so, whether in these States Hindus would fall within the purview of National Commission for Minorities?

Reservation in private sector

†1534. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether major industrial houses of the country have written to Government denying job reservation to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such industrial houses; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Traditional tribal artisans

1535. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government are taking to protect the traditional tribal artisans under the new WTO regime;

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(b) whether the new tribal welfare policy would address these concerns of the tribals; and

(c) whether these tribal people would not be uprooted from their traditional vocations under the new trade regime?

Crimes against tribal girls in Madhya Pradesh

†1536. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that girls from tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh are kidnapped and then forced to practice profane professions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to amend the tribal laws to stop such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Education to tribal girls

1537. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the institutions run by NGOs to impart education to tribal girls in low literacy pockets have been affected adversely due to non-release of grants in time year after year and pendency of arrears of grant-in-aid;

(b) the number of institutions which have closed down and reduction in enrolment as a result of repeated notices by his Ministry in 2004 and 2005 that pending review, NGOs would be running the institutions at their own cost and risk; and

(c) whether such reviews achieved their objectives and if so, the details thereof?

Coaching facilities to ST students

1538. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ST students are provided with free coaching facilities to help them to compete in various All India competitive examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of money allocated under Coaching and Allied Scheme for STs and actual amount spent during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(d) whether the allocated amount was not utilized fully, if so, the reasons therefor?

Illegal water tapping

1539. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in print media which have highlighted a large scale illegal tapping of water from the watermain in Hyderpur, Delhi;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent such illegal tapping and pilferage of water so that there is no shortage of water in the colonies supposed to be covered by supply line?

Extension of Metro Rail Services

1540. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is proposed to extend Delhi Metro to the neighbouring towns in the NCR namely Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurgaon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the concerned State Governments would join in the projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when all the projects are likely to be completed?

Infrastructure projects in Uttar Pradesh

1541. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure projects which are being financed and implemented in the various cities of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the projects and funds sanctioned for the same during the last three years; and

(c) the action Government propose to increase investment for infrastructure development in the State?

Project implemented in Chhattisgarh

†1542. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the urban development projects being implemented in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the allocation made for each project;

(c) the details of the cities and towns included in the projects; and

(d) the targets fixed for each project?

Development of new cities

1543. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by Government from the State Governments regarding development of new cities in order to decongest bigger cities during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the plans formulated in this regard;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to these States for such projects;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regularisation of industrial clusters

1544. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have authorised the State Government of Delhi to take decisions with regard to the regularisation of the industrial clusters in the non-confirming areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of colonies which are proposed to be declared as industrial cluster; and

(d) by when, a decision is likely to be taken?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Operation of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant

†1545. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a multinational company had been entrusted with the responsibility of operation and maintenance of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant after its completion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the payment to be made to the company for discharging this responsibility;

(d) whether it is a fact that construction work of the said project has been completed and Delhi Jal Board has started making payment to the multinational company for discharging the responsibility; and

(e) if so, the amount paid upto June, 2005?

Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant

†1546. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that before granting sanction for construction of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant the arrangement was made for availability of water for this project;

(b) the quantity of water and the respective sources where from water was to be made available;

(c) whether any formal agreement was

made regarding availability of water; and

(d) if so, the parties involved in this agreement along with the dates thereof?

Financial assistance by HUDCO to Gujarat

1547. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been loss and damage to property in Gujarat due to recent floods;

(b) if so, whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) have given any financial assistance to Gujarat for development of housing and other infrastructure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Role of NBCC

1548. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present role of the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC);

(b) whether the NBCC is doing construction work for Government projects at various sites;

(c) what was the original role envisaged by Government for the NBCC;

(d) whether the NBCC has outlived its original role;

(e) whether there is any proposal to merge NBCC with some other organization; and

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(f) the details of the present works of NBCC and whether it is a profit making organization?

Allocation of funds to UP under IDSMT

1549. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the towns in Uttar Pradesh which have so far been provided Central assistance under the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT);

(b) the assistance provided to each town and the extent to which the same has been utilized by each; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to be taken?

Drinking water problem in Sarojini Nagar and Laxmi Bai Nagar

†1550. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of drinking water in Government quarters situated in Sarojini Nagar and Laxmi Bai Nagar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is not possible to get water on first floor quarters without using water pumping set;

(c) whether it is also a fact that sewage mixed water was supplied to Type-III and IV quarters of Laxmi Bai Nagar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to check supply of contaminated water in future?

Inclusion of Gwalior in the NCR

†1551. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is being demanded since long to include Gwalior city of Madhya Pradesh in the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, Government's view in this regard?

Metro rail

1552. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Delhi Metro Rail would be fully operational;

(b) the names of other metro cities chosen for assistance by his Ministry in the projects of Metro Rail and at what cost; and

(c) the projected dates of completion of the projects?

Funds for Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor

1553. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded a proposal for obtaining external aid for Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has requested to provide 25 per cent of equity to make this project viable; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Private builders in public housing projects

1554. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has allowed private sector in public housing projects in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions for private participation in construction projects in Delhi?

Re-location of jhuggies

1555. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has planned a site near Bawana Industrial Area-Western Yamuna Canal for re-location of Jhuggies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date by which the project would be cleared and work would be taken up?

Entry of private builders

1556. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to permit private builders to enter the domain of the Development Authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the houses built by Development Authorities are not strong enough to live in?

Land allotment to educational institutions

1557. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DDA has failed to enforce the terms of allotment of land to the educational institutions during 1990-91 to 2003-04;

(b) whether it is also a fact that DDA has also failed to ensure that the societies possess the financial capacity to meet the cost of land and construction before allotting the land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Leakage in water supply

1558. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scarcity of water in Delhi is largely due to massive leakage in Delhi Jal Board's supply line; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to stop water leakage which is more than 300 MGD everyday whereas the shortfall in supply of water is around 150 MGD?

Land acquisition for metro station

1559. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the metro stations on the Cannaught Place Dwarka route is coming up at Ramesh Nagar area of West Delhi;

(b) the details of the properties in the vicinity of this station that are likely to be acquired by Government for the purpose of developing parking and other facilities to make access to the metro station easy;

(c) whether any compensation would be paid for acquiring these properties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Legislation to regulate the builder to register with a Regulatory Authority

1560. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are willing to bring a legislation to regulate the builders to register with the a Regulatory Authority;

(b) whether the bill would check the antecedents of the builders and cut down the land mafia;

(c) whether Government are looking at ways to induce transparency and competitiveness in the unregulated construction industry;

(d) whether there are any penal provisions spell out in the legislation, in case the builder violates the Terms and Conditions and

(e) by when the same is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

Creation of new jobs and dwelling units

1561. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to generate over four million new

jobs by 2015 with demand for dwelling units likely to rise to 80 million of lower middle and low income groups;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked-out any action plan;

(c) whether Government are taking any financial assistance from the foreign countries in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna

†1562. SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) the details of the amount sanctioned by Government under the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna during the last three years;

(b) the number of houses constructed during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of State Governments are not taking interest in this scheme; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Population of slum dwellers

1563. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether Government have been pumping money into improving the lot of slum dwellers without any real idea of the scale of the problem;

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(b) whether her ministry asked the Registrar General to conduct a survey in all towns with population above 20,000 to get primary data on actual numbers;

(c) whether 2001 census tried to collate information from the States but experts say due to lacuna in the system they could not furnish full details; and

(d) if so, whether Government are now considering to have full report above the slum problem and the people living in the slums?

Infrastructure status for housing sector

1564. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for conferment of infrastructure status on the housing sector to enable it to have easy access to low cost institutional funds and to tap long-term funds; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

1565. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by Government from the State Governments for creation of employment opportunities in urban areas under the Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since its inception, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the proposals which have been cleared, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the proposals which have not yet been cleared; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

Loans sanctioned by HUDCO

†1566. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans sanctioned by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation in Chhattisgarh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the amount spent for development of slums, housing for poor and construction of various roads and bridges during the same period, project-wise?

Construction of night shelters

1567. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of the persons sleeping on pavements in Delhi, Maharashtra and other States;

(b) the number of composite night shelters with community toilets and baths for urban shelterless constructed in Delhi and Maharashtra under the "Night Shelter for Urban Shelterless" scheme during last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government provide 50 per cent grant of the cost of construction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount provided by Government to various States under this scheme so far?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**National Action Plan for Total
Eradication of Manual Scavenging**

1568. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007;

(b) whether the scheme is going to be operated in a persuasive mode or would strict penal actions be taken against those who are found to be indulging in operation of manual scavengers and thereby hampering their rehabilitation exercise; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**BPL population in urban
areas**

1569. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Below Poverty Line persons in the urban areas of the country and their percentage of the total population of urban areas, all India as well as State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to initiate any new schemes to improve the living conditions of the Below-Poverty-Line people in urban areas and to create employment opportunities for them;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when there are likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Manual Scavenging

†1570. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that faeces are still carried manually in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not stopping this practice completely; and

(d) by when, it would be stopped completely?

**Funds to Bihar under
NSDP**

†1571. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to Bihar under the National Slum Development Programme during last three years;

(b) whether any monitoring of the utilization of this amount has been done;

(c) whether Government have received complaints regarding diversion of this fund towards other works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds to Uttar Pradesh under
National Slum Development
Programme**

1572. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds granted to

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Uttar Pradesh under the National Slum Development Programme during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of slums development activities undertaken in such slums of the State during this period?

Poverty alleviation targets

1573. SHRIN. R. GOVINDARAJAR:
Will the Minister of URBAN
EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY
ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have achieved the target with regard to poverty alleviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent by Government in various States particularly in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(d) whether Government are considering to establish a specialised National Bank for self-employment of urban unemployed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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