

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; 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

Monuments maintenance by ASI in Tamil Nadu

1957. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of the monuments
maintained by ASI in Tamil Nadu, district-
wise;

(b) the details of the funds allocated for
each of these during the last three years;
and

(c) the steps taken to develop the major
ones into tourist centre?

Water seepage in Sanchi Stupa

†1958. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
'Sanchi Stupa', included in the world heritage
list, has developed cracks and water is
seeping from many places;

(b) if so, the date since when water has
been seeping from the 'Stupa' as well as
when Government have noticed it;

(c) whether it is a fact that existence of
'Stupa' is in danger as a result of continuous
water seepage; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government
to save the 'Sanchi Stupa'?

Rehabilitation and conservation of the Hindu temples in Pakistan

1959. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the
Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently
taken any step to help the Government of
Pakistan in rehabilitation and conservation
of the Hindu temples at Kataraj and other
places in that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating
the financial assistance, architectural
expertise and other help proposed to be
given to Pakistan for the purpose; and

(c) whether the Government of Pakistan
has given any indication as to when the
work on the proposed projects at various
places there would start and the time likely
to be taken for their completion?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Heritage map

1960. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning a heritage map of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities which entails locational analysis of the heritage centres; and
- (d) the details of the both protected and unprotected monuments that are proposed to be covered in Orissa under the above project?

Restoration of temples and heritage sites

1961. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the ASI that Restoration of Muzrai controlled temples and heritage sites in Karnataka has not been commenced due to the non-availability of expected funds;
- (b) the number of such sites identified across the State under this project and the estimated cost, thereof;
- (c) the reasons for delay in releasing the funds; and
- (d) whether it has been decided to go ahead with the project in collaboration with leading NGO, Dharmastala, Dharmasamsthana Pratishtana?

Funds for ancient and historical buildings

1962. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Twelfth Finance Commission have allocated any funds for

upkeep of several ancient and historical buildings in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government of Maharashtra and Punjab have submitted any action plan to Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the amount Government have sanctioned/released to each State mentioned above so far during 2005-06 for conservation and protected monuments, till date?

Heritage sites in Rajasthan under ASI

1963. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National heritage sites in Rajasthan, under the ASI;
- (b) which out of these sites, are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment;
- (c) the steps being taken to preserve them;
- (d) whether the ASI has recommended any sites in Rajasthan for World Heritage site status; and
- (e) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the ASI to the UNESCO for award of such status?

Budget for North Eastern Region

†1964. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in case of under utilization of 10 per cent of the budget of the different department meant for development of the NER, it is deposited in the non-lapsable pool;

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(b) if so, the amount deposited under this head so far; and

(c) the amount demanded by his Ministry from the Ministry of Finance for various schemes from this pool and the amount received by them?

Projects in the North Eastern Region

1965. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the development projects in the North-Eastern Region started more than five years ago but not completed so far as on 31st March, 2005; and

(b) the reason for their slow progress, the investment made in each such project and the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the completion?

Special development schemes for N.E.R.

1966. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any special development schemes for the North Eastern Region States;

(b) whether it is a fact that in comparison to the other North Eastern States Assam is getting very less per capita amount for its developments; and

(c) whether keeping in view the terrorist and antinational activities, illegal immigration and other problems Government would consider to increase per capita amount for its all round development?

KSY and NPAG

1967. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kishori Shakti Yojana and Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG) being implemented in the country;

(b) the districts, in which these schemes are being implemented, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to extend this scheme?

Crèches/day care centres

1968. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crèches/day Care Centres for the children of working mothers functioning as on date; and

(b) the details of the facilities being provided, the amount spent and the number of beneficiaries in each centre especially in Punjab?

Failure of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1969. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of utilizing 98 per cent of the funds allocated for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during 2004-05, his Ministry has failed to achieve the physical targets like construction of schools, classrooms, toilets or recruitment of teachers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that near

about three lakh teachers are yet to be recruited under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(c) if so, the steps taken for their recruitment; and

(d) the measures taken to make Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan successful?

Modernization of Madarsas

1970. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Minorities Commission has approached Government for modernization of Madarsas, on a priority basis;

(b) if so, how far Government are considering this proposal favourably;

(c) the States where Madarsa Boards have been set up; and

(d) the financial assistance released so far by Government for betterment of the Madarsas, State-wise during this year?

Free education to girl child

1971. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA
RAO:

SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to provide free education to every single girl child from class VI to XII in C.B.S.E. affiliated schools;

(b) if so, by when this scheme would be implemented;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by CBSE before passing this order;

(d) whether Government have held talks with all the State Governments before implementing this scheme;

(e) whether it is a fact that recently the University Grants Commission and the Central Board of Secondary Education has suggested that this scheme may be implemented by the Public Schools itself which is being objected by National Progressive Schools Conference; and

(f) the decision or proposal of his Ministry in this regard?

UGC grant for infrastructure development

1972. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) used to provide grants to recognized colleges for infrastructure development;

(b) if so, whether the grants provided for infrastructure facilities including hostels are utilized/being utilized for the same purpose;

(c) if so, whether any survey/studies are initiated for verifying the use of such infrastructure/assets;

(d) if so, the details of such survey/study done in Kerala, category wise, as on today; and

(e) if not, whether a survey regarding utilization of such infrastructure/assets would be initiated?

Women education centres in Madhya Pradesh

†1973. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the women education centres set up in Madhya Pradesh by Government for the illiterate women;

(b) the number of women benefited therefrom during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether these centres have succeeded in educating and creating awareness amongst women; and whether Government are satisfied with their success;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of such centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Prevention of Child Marriage

1974. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

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

(a) whether Government are planning to bring a new Prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that a "Bal Adalat" was organized on the 18th October, 2005 where children from various parts of New Delhi voiced their concerns and opinions on the proposed Prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004;

(c) if so, whether Government have incorporated the views expressed by the Children, in 'Bal Adalat'; and

(d) if not, whether his Ministry is planning to take and incorporate their views in the proposed Bill before finalizing it?

Commission for appointments in Central Universities

1975. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Commission for appointment of lecturers to ad-hoc temporary/permanent posts in the colleges under the Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are also aware of the existence of rampant nepotism in appointments to such posts, thereby leading to erosion in quality of teaching standards and obvious by passing of the meritorious candidates; and

(e) if so, the remedial steps taken/to be taken by Government?

Teaching staff of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1976. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the teaching staff engaged in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in different States;

(b) the amount of salaries given to each member of the staff in different categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that these teachers are getting for less than the regular teachers though they have to work a lot; and

(d) the efforts Government are going to make to enhance their salaries and introduce other usual facilities?

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AMU Amendment Act

1977. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that on a petition filed for challenging the AMU Amendment Act, 1981 and also quota notification issued by Government in Feb. this year, Allahabad HC has quashed the Act and the notification thereunder terming it as illegal;

(b) whether Government have studied implications of the judgement and the action Government are contemplating without taking recourse to confrontation with the judiciary; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for which Government chose to overrule the SC instead of removing the defects as indicated in the judgement while passing the 1981 Act?

Reservation in IITs, IIMs and IIFTs

1978. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

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

(a) whether Government have evolved any proposals to reserve seats for the minority communities in the IITs, IIMs and IIFTs;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Minority Education Panel has recommended such a policy to Government;

(c) the details of those recommendations;

(d) whether the Standing Committee of his Ministry has recommended reservation of quota for IIMs, IITs, and IIFTs; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed by Government to implement this policy and reserve seats for the Minority Communities?

National Plan of Action for Children

1979. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has contacted the other Ministries for better and effective implementation of the National Plan of Action for Children, as required under the plan;

(b) the other Ministries being coordinated for implementation of the Action Plan;

(c) the States which have started to prepare the State Plan of Action for Children; and

(d) the time-frame for the States for the purpose?

Rural Development Programme of IGNOU

1980. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural Development Programme run by the IGNOU's distant education has become popular with the rural masses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the backward regions that have been connected by EDUSAT, especially with reference to Orissa and how far these have helped the rural masses of these backward areas to gain knowledge?

UGC grants to Gujarat and Karnataka

1981. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether any grant has been received by the Universities and colleges in Gujarat and Karnataka from the UGC;

(b) the details of the criteria for receiving such grants; and

(c) the number of degree colleges which are not in receipt of UGC grants?

Upgradation of technical institutions in Orissa

1982. 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 PMO *vide* their letter dated 15th January, 2004 has advised his Ministry to consider the proposal to upgrade one of the existing Technical Institutions in Orissa to the IIT and this matter has been pursued by the State Government with his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the status thereof and the time frame for the purpose?

Child development programmes

1983. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have emphasized the need for proper planning and effective implementation of the child development programmes;

(b) whether a two day national consultation of the State Women and Child Development Ministers and Secretaries was held in July, 2005;

(c) if so, the suggestions discussed and the decisions arrived at;

(d) the steps Government have suggested to the States in this regard; and

(e) the extent to which both the Centre and States are willing to cooperate in implementing these programmes?

Review of UGC scheme

1984. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA
RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has initiated an academic review of all its existing schemes and set up user feedback Committee at seven regional offices to assess impact of various programmes to bring out qualitative changes in higher education in Eleventh Plan;

(b) whether academic review would be undertaken in collaboration with the State Councils for Higher Education in various States;

(c) whether reports of these exercises would be used as inputs to the proposals

for higher education in Eleventh Plan;
and

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

Merit based scholarship schemes

1985. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to help meritorious students to pursue the course of their choice with the newly announced two merit-based scholarships schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose; and

(d) the criteria set for this purpose?

Review Committee of ICHR

1986. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the terms of reference of the review Committee to look into the affairs of the India Council of Historic Research;

(b) whether the review Committee has submitted its report;

(c) the major findings and recommendations thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the report has not been made public;

(e) whether the findings have been forwarded to ICHR for implementation; and

(f) if so, the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken by ICHR thereon?

Regularisation of Anganwadi workers

1987. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the anganwadi workers (social workers or voluntary workers) are harassed and overworked a lot;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that they are asked to carry out every Government or semi-Government tasks, and are denied the benefits of a regular Government employee;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to regularise their services?

Kendriya Vidyalayas

1988. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise as on date today;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more such Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) if so, the details thereof in respect of Uttar Pradesh and the locations thereof; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to convert all the Government schools into Kendriya Vidyalayas; if so, by when?

Monitoring of professional colleges

1989. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) used to monitor staff strength and other facilities

of the technical Institutes and engineering colleges before and after granting recognition;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of the engineering colleges recognized during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of the survey initiated by AICTE in these colleges on the above fact; and

(d) the number of colleges having faculty deficiency and those de-recognized as a result thereof and extent to which staff deficiency has been condoned, State-wise as on today?

Legislation for private education boards

1990. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent court judgement has directed the Centre to enact a legislation to prevent exploitation of unwary students and to check mushrooming of the private education boards;

(b) whether the proposed legislation would protect the use of the term "Board of Education" on the lines UGC Act's protection of the word 'University'; and

(c) by when the proposed legislation is to be enacted?

Demand for IT professionals

1991. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of qualified IT Indian professionals to meet the domestic and out-source demand at present;

(b) if so, whether Government have assessed the situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the target set up to meet the entire requirements by imparting training to the prospective IT professionals?

Vacancies of teaching staff

1992. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the teaching posts lying vacant in the Universities/colleges and the steps taken to fill up the vacancies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the science task force set up by his Ministry has given its report; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement its recommendation?

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Chhattisgarh

†1993. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts of Chhattisgarh wherein Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been set up;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the dates when the inspection teams were sent for opening Navodaya Vidyalayas in Jashpur district of and the details of the facilities available or not available as mentioned in their reports; and

(d) the details of the action being taken for setting up such Vidyalaya at Jashpur Nagar?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Employment through Anganwadis

†1994. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has formulated any scheme to provide employment through Anganwadis to the women living in the Naxalite infested areas and it is being considered by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of women

1995. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed survey by the Department of Women and Child Development to gauge the magnitude of sexual, physical, mental and economic exploitation of children set to complete in June, 2005, has been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any help from the National Crime Records Bureau has been taken since this is the only institution which has been recording the crime against children;

(d) whether any help has been sought from the National Commission for Women; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

UGC grants to Tamil Nadu

1996. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any UGC grants have been

received by the Universities and colleges in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of the criteria for receiving such grants; and

(c) the number of degree colleges which are not in receipt of UGC grants?

Opening of new Anganwadi centres

†1997. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to Government regarding opening 92834 funded Anganwadis under the Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken so far any decision on this proposal;

(c) if so, the number of the funded tribal and non-tribal Anganwadis set so far on the basis of their population;

(d) the number of the proposals still pending for approval; and

(e) if not, by when Government are likely to take a decision?

Out-dated structure of higher education

1998. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present structure of higher education is out-dated;

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

(c) whether the higher education need a far reaching structural reconstruction; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken by Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Implementation of ICDS

1999. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued directions to the State Governments to speed up implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that UNICEF has expressed concern over the persistent neglect of this project;

(d) whether Government have brought any additional socio-economically disadvantaged regions in the ambit of this project; and

(e) if so, the details of the additional areas which have been brought within the fold of this project in Orissa?

National Commission for Children

2000. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking for setting up of a National Commission for Children on the lines of National Commission for Women;

(b) if so, the areas that are going to be covered by the proposed Commission;

(c) the measures his Ministry is taking for setting up of similar Commissions in all States;

(d) whether any consultations with the States have been held in this respect; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Issue of certificate by CBSE

2001. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who appeared for the 12th standard examination conducted by the CBSE in 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise;

(b) whether certificates for all the students have been dispatched;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the manner in which CBSE proposes to reduce delays in issue of certificates; and

(e) the steps proposed to make the system efficient?

Sports scholarships by CBSE

2002. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has proposed sanction of the sports scholarships to students;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which the CBSE is involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities;

(d) the extent to which the CBSE is neglecting its role as to facilitate the examination process and make it easier for students to get the best out of the CBSE; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that the CBSE retains its focus on its core duties?

IIT in Kerala

2003. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received for setting up of an IIT under Cochin University in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government have taken thereon?

Off-campus centres of deemed universities

2004. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC rules prohibit conducting of off-campus centres by the deemed universities;

(b) if so, whether any such cases of conducting off-campus centres by such universities/institutions have been brought to Government's notice;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences in Kochi was established as an off-campus-centre of the Amrita Vidyapeeth at Coimbatore; and

(e) if so, whether the various medical/para-medical courses conducted by the AIMS at Kochi have recognition of the UGC?

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research

2005. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet has okayed

plans to set up Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at two places—Pune and Kolkata; and

(b) if so, the amount involved in the exercise and the purpose the institutes would serve?

National Eligibility Test

2006. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the procedure followed by UGC in conducting National Eligibility Test;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has lost standards required and is doing injustice to M. Phil/Ph.D. holders;

(c) whether Government have any plan to give exceptions to M. Phil/Ph.D. holders from the Central universities in case of NET; and

(d) the policy followed by UGC in granting Deemed University status to the institutes and colleges in the country?

Continuing Education Programme

2007. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given as grant-in-aid to each State under the Continuing Education Programme under the National Literacy Mission;

(b) the amount sanctioned for Kerala alongwith the amount released so far and still to be released; and

(c) whether there is any separate programme for the SCs/STs under the National Literacy Mission?

Mother's name on official records and certificates

2008. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to do away with gender anomaly in recording parentage of its citizens by allowing recording of one's mother's name on the official records and certificates;

(b) whether Government have asked the States to work on the new proposal aimed at giving both parents an equal right of recognition; and

(c) whether the State Governments are free to accept or reject this proposal and if so, whether Government would initiate the process on its own in the colleges and universities affiliated to UGC, CBSE and AICTE?

Common Minimum Programme in syllabus

2009. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Common Minimum Programme of UPA has been added to the new syllabus of NCERT for next year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Omission of Kargil war from syllabus

2010. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kargil war has been omitted from new syllabus of NCERT for next year; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Social justice in education

2011. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are considering to bring in a new legislation to provide social justice in education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to ensure reasonable service conditions for teachers and other employees of the private institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

University for NRIs and PIOs

2012. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a special university for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Person of Indian Origin (PIO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the university is likely to be set up?

Reports of National Commission for women

2013. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual reports and important recommendations of the National Commission for Women are not being laid in Parliament for years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Anomaly in B.Ed. course

2014. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the universities are conducting B.Ed. course offering social studies stream with Hindi and one subject of social studies to the commerce graduates;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that almost all the organizations prescribe two specific papers of social studies excluding Hindi as essential eligibility criteria for recruiting TGTs (social studies) and do not consider Hindi as a paper of Social Science and thus such candidates holding B.Ed. degrees are not eligible to apply for TGT (Social Studies) any where; and

(c) the action Government propose to mitigate the harassment of such candidates?

Irregularities in recruitment in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2015. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had ordered an inquiry into the irregularities committed in the filling up of about 300 vacancies of Principals by way of deputation and direct recruitment in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) during the NDA regime;

(b) whether the inquiry has confirmed the irregularities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these appointments have been cancelled and disciplinary action has been taken against the then chairperson of KVS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Difficulties in getting educational loans

2016. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of difficulties in getting education loans from banks;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with the authorities for simplification of the process;

(c) whether it is proposed to start education loan insurance for easy availability of loans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Insurance for students

2017. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been framed to provide insurance for students to pursue studies even in unforeseen circumstances like physical disability due to road accidents or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation in Jawaharlal Nehru University

2018. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of seats available for admission to SCs/STs and OBCs students in Jawaharlal Nehru University, subject-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint about the violation of

stipulated guidelines with regard to the admission of SCs/STs and OBCs students in Jawaharlal Nehru University on reserved seat during this year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken by Government thereon?

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas under discretionary quota

2019. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students admitted in Kendriya Vidyalayas during the current academic session on his recommendations as well as on the recommendations of the Minister of State, Secretaries, other officers and Members of Parliament, separately;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the Member of Parliament quota from two to five; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

Development of Tamil language

2020. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the declaration of Tamil language as the classical language, it has not been taken over by his Ministry from the Ministry of Culture;

(b) if so, by when it would be taken over for the purpose of development and promotion which cannot be done by the Ministry of Culture and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the areas or the spheres of development pertaining to Tamil language in this context; and

(d) whether his Ministry has entrusted the Central Institute of Indian Languages for developing Tamil language in all spheres?

Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh

2021. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created any non-lapsable fund for financing elementary education called the "Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh" and made budgetary allocations for Rs. 12,532 crore in 2005-06 as compared to Rs. 8,000 crore in 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance proposed to be given by Government during 2005-06 in respect of Maharashtra and Punjab?

Special children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2022. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are plans to bring special children under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and his Ministry has done any survey to find out the approximate number of such children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has identified different categories of such children and the different educational requirements of such children; and

(d) whether his Ministry plans to open new teachers training institutions for teachers to teach such special children, if not, the reasons therefor?

Adhar Grihas under Swadhar Scheme

†2023. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Adhar Grihas' constructed under 'Swadhar' Scheme have since been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such 'Adhar Grihas' in the country, whether Government realize that their number is not sufficient;

(d) whether Government propose to construct more 'Adhar Grihas' in the rural areas;

(e) whether HIV positive women and mentally retarded women are kept together with all the other women in the "Adhar Grihas"; and

(f) whether Government feel that HIV positive women and mentally retarded women need special attention?

Making SSC exam optional

†2024. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from NCERT regarding making the examination of SSC optional;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government are considering to implement this proposal;

(c) whether Government are considering to make the existing examination for tenth class optional and make it mandatory for all States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

School drop-out rates

2025. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether school drop-out rate has considerably come down in Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh and different States and Union Territories during the last three years;

(b) if so, the comparative drop-out rates for boys and girls in different States and UTs during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the special Central aid, if any, given to the different States to achieve this object?

School enrolment in rural areas

2026. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a low school enrolment, especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof in rural areas especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds allocated for the primary and secondary schools in rural areas in Andhra Pradesh during the last one year;

(e) the funds utilized by the State Government; and

(f) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to improve the school enrolment in rural areas in the State?

Empowerment of women

†2027. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Indian tradition and

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culture wife is treated as all time companion of her husband, whether it is the state of happiness or sorrow;

(b) whether married women should be given equal legal right of sharing entire movable and immovable property of her husband;

(c) whether economic empowerment has significantly helped to salvage women from various exploitations and oppressions in the family; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to introduce any bill for protection of women from oppression and for women empowerment, if so by when it is likely to be introduced; if not, the reasons therefor?

Infrastructural shortage in Anganwadi centres

2028. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Anganwadi centres lack basic infrastructure like buildings, drinking water, toilets, weighing machines, tumblers and plates to feed children;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to provide necessary infrastructure;

(c) the funds allocated for Anganwadi centres and how the same is being utilized; and

(d) the manner in which Anganwadi centres are beneficial to the society?

Welfare scheme for widows

2029. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement any welfare scheme by involving State Governments for helpless poor widows so that, they can survive;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of education among Scheduled Caste girls

2030. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for promotion of education among the Scheduled Caste girls during the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the literacy rates of SC girls in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government to improve the literacy rates?

Expansion of FM radio

2031. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to expand FM radio to achieve about 50 per cent of the population coverage by 2006-07;

(b) the present coverage of FM radio;

(c) the areas in the country which are not covered by AIR; and

(d) the steps being taken to cover entire population by AIR?

Centres under Prasar Bharati

†2032. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1600
centres are working under Prasar Bharati
where about 45000 employees are working;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have identified
the centres registering more income than
expenditure; and

(d) if so, the number and locations
thereof?

**Recovery of arrears of
Prasar Bharati**

†2033. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar
Bharati could not recover its arrears due to
disputes;

(b) if so, the amount of such arrears till
the end of September, 2005;

(c) the details of the persons/bodies
from whom such amount is due alongwith
the amount thereof, separately; and

(d) the steps taken so far to recover the
dues;

Capital structure of Prasar Bharati

†2034. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether Government have decided
to formulate a scheme to reconstitute the
capital structure of Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the holdings of Prasar
Bharati as capital alongwith the value
thereof?

Terrestrial T.V.

2035. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether after FM radio, his Ministry
is considering recommendations of the
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India;

(b) if so, whether agreeing in principle
to allow terrestrial TV in private sector his
Ministry wants to start by trying it out in
a few areas;

(c) whether the region could include a
few metropolitan cities and towns with a
population of up to 10 lakh;

(d) whether the TRAI has recommended
that terrestrial TV be allowed on the pattern
of FM radio; and

(e) if so, by when his Ministry is likely
to implement the recommendations made
by TRAI?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Advertisements by DAVP

2036. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4884 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2005 and state:

(a) the amount allocated for DAVP for releasing advertisements during the last three years; and

(b) the amount actually utilized during that period?

Film Censor Board

†2037. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for appointment of the Chairman and members of the Film Censor Board;

(b) the authority competent to change the decisions taken for certification of screening of films; and

(c) the number of such changes effected during the last two years and the reasons therefor?

Programmes telecast from Sambhalpur, Orissa

†2038. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of programmes telecast daily from Sambhalpur Doordarshan Kendra in Orissa;

(b) whether one post of Director, two

posts of Producer, Transmission Executive and Floor Assistant and one post each of Stage-Manager and Make-up Man are lying vacant in Orissa Doordarshan Kendra;

(c) if so, since when and the reasons for not filling these posts so far;

(d) whether the above Kendra is on the verge of closure as a result of the vacancies; and;

(e) if so, the action being taken to prevent it from being closed?

Annual license for Radio and TV

2039. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned to revive the system of annual licences for Radio and TV, or a one-time tax to make Prasar Bharati Corporation financially viable;

(b) whether it is not a move to burden the common people making the scheme unpopular; and

(c) how much financial assistance the Prasar Bharati is getting annually from the Centre and whether it is at par with AIR and Doordarshan?

Foreign film personalities working in India

2040. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreign film personalities are working in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is a fact that Indian film personalities are prohibited from entering those very countries whose citizens are working profitably here; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to check such imbalance and discrimination?

Quality of Television Serials

2041. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TV serials are not entertaining and lack quality in respect of poor scripts, direction and other technical parameters and programming contents;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Doordarshan is taking to re-launch well-established TV serial makers who have been denied access to Doordarshan inspite of giving excellent programmes?

Trivialization of news media

2042. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the comments expressed at a Seminar on media ethics at Mumbai about the growing trivialization of the news media and developments such as sting operations, and the ethical compromises journalists at times have to make, etc. to collect specific types of news at the behest of editors; and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of making an in-depth study of this situation, especially when growth of resources for the print media are leading to a perceptible decline in the quality of practice, so that journalistic ethics are not diluted?

Urdu channel launch by Doordarshan

2043. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Urdu channel would be launched;

(b) the steps taken to make Urdu channel of Doordarshan a success;

(c) the number of persons recruited for the new Urdu channel;

(d) whether Doordarshan has held meetings with Urdu scholars, educationists, poets, writers, film personalities to make a success of this channel; and

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

Extra working days in Supreme Court and High Courts

2044. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble President has suggested to work on Saturdays and Sundays to reduce the pendency of cases in High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal before Government to make it mandatory for Supreme Court and High Courts to work on Saturdays and Sundays at least, till the pendency is cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant posts of notary public in Tamil Nadu

2045. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts of

Notary Public are lying vacant in various courts of Tamil Nadu as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill-up those vacancies?

Establishment of High Court Bench in Kerala

2046. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
PROF. P.J. KURIAN:

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

(a) whether any proposal of the Government of Kerala seeking permission of the Central Government to set up High Court Bench in Kerala is pending for sanction and whether Government require any specific and complete proposal from the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Jaswant Singh Commission laid down any stipulations for establishment of High Court Bench;

(d) if so, whether the State Government's proposal satisfies the principles and criteria laid down by the Jaswant Singh Commission; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Pending Public Interest Litigations

†2047. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Public Interest Litigations are pending in courts;

(b) if so, the number of Public Interest Litigations filed in various High Courts and the Supreme Court as on the 30th September 2003, 2004 and 2005, respectively;

(c) the number of the litigation adjudicated during the above period; and

(d) the average time taken for disposing off each litigation?

Modernization of Judicial system

2048. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the judicial system has gone hi-tech and video-conferencing is making justice available *via* tele-link;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) the number of jails that have since been connected under this system; and

(d) the position of the jails in Orissa and the time-frame within which these would also be covered?

New Law for registration of marriages

†2049. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a draft legislation for registration of marriages after amending the existing law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the purpose of enacting this law and what would be its impact on the common man?

Computerization of Judiciary

2050. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated plans to spend Rs. 1000 crore to computerize judiciary across the nation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the computerization programme?

Influence of relatives of judges

†2051. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that influence of the relatives of judges is increasing in the legal profession;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to make any law or code of conduct to curb this tendency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on election

†2052. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 2005 and state:

(a) the recommendation of the Election Commission which were considered by Government and Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) by when Government are likely to consider the remaining recommendations?

Image of democratic institutions

†2053. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned with improving the bad impression of the democratic institutions in the wake of cases filed or under consideration in the courts against the elected representatives of the people; and

(b) if so, whether Government plan to set up special courts on the lines of Fast Track Courts for speedy and timely disposal of such types of cases?

Establishment of new High Courts

2054. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of State Governments have requested the Central Government to set up separate High Courts for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases pending in the High Courts which are meant for two or more than two States; and

(d) the action/steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Status of Law Commission report

†2055. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accept the 114th report of the Law

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Commission constituted under the Chairmanship of Justice D.A. Desai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the village courts (Gram Nyayalayas) would be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of Law Colleges/Schools

2056. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Law Colleges and Law Schools in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to open new such colleges throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gold deposits in Andhra Pradesh

2057. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found any gold deposits in Andhra Pradesh recently; and

(b) if so, the estimated quantity in each case?

Import and production of asbestos

2058. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the chrysolite Asbestos imported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the chrysolite Asbestos production in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that chrysolite Asbestos mining has been banned in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(e) the permissible international norms for dust pollution in chrysolite Asbestos mining?

Industrial houses in mines sector

2059. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of industrial houses have shown interest in mines sector;

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

(c) the details of mines allotted in public sector/private sector during the last two years; and

(d) the total revenue earned by Government from this sector during the last two years?

Schemes for welfare of minorities

†2060. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any welfare schemes for the minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount spent by Government for implementation of the above schemes during last three years scheme-wise and year-wise?;

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Adoption laws

2061. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 12 million destitute children and much more foreign couples are keen to adopt them;

(b) whether such adoption is prevented by anomalous Indian statutes on adoption of children;

(c) whether the privilege of parenting an orphaned child presently rests with Hindus, Budhists, Sikhs and Jains under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956;

(d) whether the minority communities are governed by the Guardians and Wards Act (GWA) of the bygone era of 1890; and

(e) whether Government would consider framing a uniform law on adoption?

Implementation of protection of Civil Rights Act and SC/ST Act

2062. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

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

(a) whether Centre have instructed all the State Governments to implement protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) whether in addition Centre have also instructed identification of atrocities prone areas and prepared an action plan for taking necessary preventive steps to protect life and property of the members belonging to SCs/STs communities;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) by when implementation of the Civil Rights Act is likely to be considered?

District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in Punjab

2063. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of demand and supply of supporting equipment for handicapped in respect of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) in Punjab during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the measures taken to ensure supply of the equipments as per the demands; and

(c) the details of the camps organised to provide supporting equipment to handicapped in the State during the last three years, location-wise?

SCs/STs list

2064. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the dalit communities included in the SC/ST list for the benefit of reservation;

(b) the details of those who are not in the above list;

(c) whether there is demand for inclusion of the remaining communities; and

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

Care of old age dependants by Government employees

2065. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL

JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed all the Central Government Departments to issue instructions to all the Government employees under the Service Conduct Rules to take due care of the old and the aged dependent on them and to warn that action would be taken against those guilty of neglecting them; and

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued in this regard?

Reservation in private sector

†2066. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide reservation to SCs, STs and Other Backward Classes in Private companies also; and

(b) if so, whether the percentage and nature of this reservation have been determined; and

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

List of minorities

2067. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has called upon Government to keep the list of minorities at the barest minimum and ultimately to dispense with it completely;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Allotment of flats under Festival Housing Scheme, 2004

2068. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority have allotted flats at Nasirpur (Dwarka) in New Delhi under the Festival Housing Scheme, 2004;

(b) if so, whether possession of all the flats to successful candidates have been handed over by the DDA;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are aware that though these flats need extensive repairs, the DDA has not repaired these flats even though the possession in some cases have been given 4 or 5 months ago and the DDA has already collected the entire amount from the allottees;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether DDA has taken any action against the erring officers; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in reservation quota for disabled

†2069. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the reservation quota for disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this decision is likely to be implemented?

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Practice of untouchability

2070. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent study has revealed that there are 80 forms of "untouchability" practices reported against dalits;

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

(c) the steps contemplated to wipe off these practices?

Reservation in multinational & private companies

2071. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would insist on the multinational companies and other private institutions to follow the reservation policies in employment and promotions of jobs; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated to make reservation in such institutions?

Special teachers for mentally and physically challenged children

2072. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to meet the requirements of special teachers for the mentally and physically challenged children;

(b) the details of all such teacher's; training institutions run by his Ministry;

(c) the budget for these institutions; and

(d) the details of the NGO's involved in giving training to such teachers?

Adoption of children

2073. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently pronounced a judgement on inter-country adoption of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to enforce this Judgement?

Integrated Tribal Development Projects

†2074. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Integrated Tribal Development Projects being implemented in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

(b) the amount provided by the Central Government to each of these projects during the last three years and the amount actually spent thereon;

(c) the projects out of the above for which assessment of the utility and achievements of the expenditure has been made by the Central Government and when; and

(d) the details of the findings thereof ?

Protest by tribal people

†2075. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal people had staged any protest on the Independence Day all over the country; and

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(b) if so, the efforts being made to fulfil their demands?

Review of development schemes

2076. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Scheduled Tribes Commission recently held a review of the ongoing Government funded development projects at Belpahari block in West Bengal covering Amlasol and other villages;

(b) whether these villages had witnessed a large starvation deaths in the recent past;

(c) the details of the projects under implementation;

(d) whether the Commission has received several complaints from the targeted beneficiaries during its visit;

(e) the nature of complaints so received;

(f) whether the Commission has since submitted any reports;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the actions contemplated, if any, based on the Commission's report?

Hostels for tribals

2077. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels constructed for tribals/SC/ST boys and girls in the different parts of the country particularly in the North Eastern Region under the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) the number of tribals/SC/ST boys and girls benefited, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps for setting up of hostels for tribals/SC/ST boys and girls in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Delay charges by DDA

†2078. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the previous and the present cost of the category one and two flats constructed in Nagin Lake Apartments by D.D.A. under the self-financing scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to delay in construction work allottees have to pay delay charges at the rate of eight per cent but later charges were recovered from them at the rate of eighteen per cent; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to stop such undesirable recovery and return excess amount to the allottees?

Governance project for online payment of bills

2079. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry proposes to launch e-governance project to help the citizens of Delhi and other metros to get their water, power and other utility bills online;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's action plan to improve the overall culture and bring in transparency in local/civic bodies?

Funds for mega city project in A.P.

2080. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the

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Government of Andhra Pradesh was received by his Ministry for providing additional funds during the year 2004-05 under mega city project for Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the date of its receipt; and

(c) the action his Ministry has taken thereon?

Reduction in stamp duty and repeal of Land Ceiling Act

†2081. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering any proposal in which the State Governments would be asked to reduce the stamp duty to 5 per cent, to repeal the Urban Land Ceiling Act and to amend the Rent Control Act;

(b) the number of the States at present where stamp duty is more than 5 per cent, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have repealed the Land Ceiling Act; and

(d) the response of the other States in this regard?

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme

†2082. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government for this scheme during last three years?

Funds for development of cities

2083. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for development of cities in Gujarat and Karnataka during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) whether the allocated funds have been fully utilised by the State Governments; and

(c) if not, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

National Urban Renewal Mission

2084. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has prepared a note suggesting an aggregate Rs. 60,000 crores Central outlay for the National Urban Renewal Mission till the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether his Ministry has proposed the reforms linked eligibility criteria for selection of the projects under the mission;

(c) if so, whether under the mission the State would have to reform their policies on taxation of property, accounting system etc. to make themselves eligible for the funds and whether his Ministry has proposed the States to bear 25 per cent cost of urban renewal; and

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(d) if so, the number of the States that have agreed to bear its cost and by when it is likely to commence?

Financial assistance for development of cities in Tamil Nadu

2085. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for development of big cities in the state like Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore etc.;

(b) if so, by when this amount is likely to be released to the State; and

(c) the time limit specified for its implementation?

Narela sub-city project

2086. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there would be further delay to start Narela sub-city project;

(b) how many acres of land is being acquired for the purpose and in how many phases; and

(c) by when the acquisition proceedings are likely to be initiated for each phase?

Urban infrastructure schemes in Uttaranchal

2087. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include some cities under the Urban

Infrastructure Development Schemes for beautification and renovations in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allotted for this purpose?

Allotment of Government accomodation

†2088. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central Government flats in Delhi, location-wise;

(b) whether all the Central Government employees residing in Delhi have been provided with the flats;

(c) if so, the details of the allotted flats, type-wise; and

(d) by when it is proposed to allot flats to the employees in waiting list?

Modification in Government Quarters

†2089. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 791 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2005 and state:

(a) the reasons for not extending the facilities like tiles and kota stone free of cost in the Government quarters already occupied when the same are being provided in the vacant and newly constructed Government quarters;

(b) the reasons for this discriminatory and faulty policy;

(c) if so, the new policy to be adopted by Government for providing identical facilities in all types of flats; and

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(d) by when an appropriate action is likely to be taken in this regard?

Development of cities of pilgrimage

2090. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific scheme for development of the cities renowned for various places of pilgrimage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to formulate any such scheme?

Task force on rehabilitation colonies

2091. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of finalization of the report of the Task Force on Rehabilitation Colonies constituted by the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi in 2002;

(b) the details of the recommendations regarding enhanced FAR, additional dwelling units etc. being considered to tackle the problems being faced by the residents of these colonies; and

(c) in case the report has not been finalized so far the specific reasons for delay in finalization of the report despite a gap of more than two years and by when the report is likely to be finalized and implemented?

Development of capital complex at Agartala

2092. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any proposal from the State Government of Tripura for development of a capital complex at Agartala;

(b) if so, the details of the domestic and external help extended in this regard; and

(c) the financial assistances granted to develop other important towns of the State?

Sewage and sanitation projects in Orissa

2093. SHRI B.J. PANDA: MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has made a statement that the Centre would launch sanitation and sewage projects in four cities in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the outlay involved in the project;

(c) whether it is a 100 per cent Centrally sponsored project; and

(d) the time-frame within which the project would be taken up and completed?

Additional construction in rehabilitation colonies

2094. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/MCD have conducted any survey to assess the existing

additional dwelling units (third floors) in residential plots of various sizes in various rehabilitation colonies like Lajpat Nagar Rajinder Nagar etc. of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that lakhs of such units exist all over Delhi and no policy has been formulated by Government for their regularization;

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to regularize such dwelling units; and

(e) the provisions being incorporated in the new Master Plan for their regularization especially by allowing enhanced FAR and vertical construction norms?

Maintenance of parks by CPWD

†2095. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of the parks under the control of Horticulture Department of CPWD is not good;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the departmental and administrative negligence and indifferent attitude condition of the parks in Sarojini Nagar particularly in 'B' Block is most pitiable and concerned officers are not paying any attention;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the facilities of benches etc. would be provided in these parks so that the residents can make the optimum use thereof?

Electricity fitting in Government Quarters

†2096. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to

the reply to Unstarred Question 2800 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 2005 and state:

(a) whether Government are providing the facilities of electricity fittings etc. in such quarters also where the allottees are already living and have asked for it;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these facilities are being provided in Type-III quarters in Sarojini Nagar; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when these facilities would be made available?

Development of Mumbai and Lucknow

†2097. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the schemes for developing Mumbai and Lucknow on the lines of Shanghai and Munich respectively, if so, by when;

(b) the present status of the National Urban Renewal Mission and schemes formulated for providing infrastructure facilities in small and medium cities; and

(c) by when, the above schemes would be implemented?

Charitable hospitals

2098. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trusts and societies are allocated land and other infrastructure required for setting up of charitable hospitals at concessional rates for providing healthcare to the poor;

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(b) whether it is a fact that a number of corporate entities are taking over charitable hospitals to circumvent land lease terms and allotment;

(c) if so, the number of such charitable hospitals taken over by corporate entities during the last three years in metropolitan cities;

(d) whether such acquired hospitals have become inaccessible for the poor; and

(e) if so, the measures contemplated to prevent acquisition for profiteering?

Complaints received by CPWD

2099. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1890 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether all the written complaints regarding covering and flooring of balconies and also flooring of some area of ground floor adjoining the walls of some quarters of block number 67 at Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar have since been attended to and all types of work completed satisfactorily;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when all the work is likely to be completed?

Proposals submitted by Maharashtra

2100. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals, complete in all respects, been submitted by the Government of Maharashtra to his Ministry for obtaining loan from World Bank for various projects in the State;

(b) the details of each project and since when these are pending with Government; and

(c) the present position in respect of each of these proposals?

ADB loan for urban project in Kerala

2101. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought the permission to avail the ADB loans for the implementation of any urban projects through the corporations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether supervision of its implementation has been entrusted to the foreign agencies if any, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken a decision to constitute any consulting agency for implementation and supervision of the projects and if so, whether there is any proposal to appoint any foreign consulting agencies?

Plan to avert calamities and provision of civic amenities in cities

2102. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after heavy floods of Mumbai in July, 2005, Bangalore and Chennai in October, 2005 Government are considering an exhaustive plan to avert calamities for Metropolitan and big Urban cities;

(b) whether any plan has been drawn up by Government regarding the problems of drainage, housing, transport, water supply, fire and civil amenities of urbanised areas, big cities and metropolitan cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had declared a Rs. 100 crore grant for Mumbai, specially for the slum areas; and

(d) if so, the present status of improvement of slum areas and providing civil amenities in those areas?

Mass Rapid Transit System in Mumbai

2103. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has taken a decision to implement Mass Rapid Transit System along Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor in Mumbai with public private participation with the estimated cost of Rs. 1500 crores;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded the proposal to the Union Government to provide 15 per cent of equity and 50 per cent of viability gap funding and extend all necessary concessions for customs and excise duty on lines of Delhi Metro;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, Government response thereto, by indicating the latest stage where the matter stand; and

(e) the reasons for the delay?

Implementation of VAMBAY scheme in Maharashtra

2104. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL:
SHRI: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

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

(a) whether under the VAMBAY scheme central assistance of Rs. 100 crore per year is payable to the State Government if so, the amount claimed by Maharashtra Government, since its inception and the amount paid so far;

(b) the status of the sanction of 12,500 houses under VAMBAY scheme at Latur, Maharashtra;

(c) the schemes under VAMBAY pending with HUDCO for Government approval;

(d) how many of the above have been sanctioned and the cost thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not sanctioning the remaining schemes?

National Housing and Habitat Policy

2105. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of finalizing the National Housing and Habitat policy, with a special emphasis on role of housing cooperative societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of any other steps being contemplated by Government to improve efficiency and competitiveness of housing cooperative societies?

Enhancement of cost ceiling under VAMBAY

2106. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to enhance the cost ceiling for dwelling units under VAMBAY scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployed youths in Madhya Pradesh

2107. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the number of unemployed

youths in the urban areas of Madhya Pradesh and the steps taken to provide employment to them?

Survey of urban slums in Karnataka

2108. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered the Registrar General to conduct a survey about urban slums in all towns with population above 20,000 in Karnataka to get primary data on actual number of living in the slums; and

(b) if so, the present position thereof?

Rise in realty sector

2109. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the realty sector was estimated at \$ 12 billion and was stated to be growing at 30 per cent annually;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last year and the present year as on date;

(c) whether Government are proposing to institute a \$ 1.5 billion fund for 60 cities to encourage the States to take up urban development reform measures like repeal of the Urban Land Ceiling Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act

2110. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation/enforcement of the Employment of manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act 1993, in the country, as a whole, with State-wise break up;

(b) the details of the instructions issued for strict enforcement of the said Act in the States;

(c) whether any Central Grants have been sanctioned for construction of flush latrines in the States under the said Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the performance status, State-wise?

Loans sanctioned by HUDCO

2111. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loans sanctioned by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation in Rajasthan during the last three years, and 2005-06 till date; and

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

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