

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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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)

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Setting up Heritage Sites Commission

2732. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided
to set up a Heritage Sites Commission to
ensure conservation of the historical
monuments in the country;

(b) whether this Commission would
have statutory powers and its directions
would be binding on Government, private
groups and individuals;

(c) the number of the monuments in the
country;

(d) the number of monuments destroyed
so far; and

(e) the other objectives of this
Commission and by when it is likely to be
announced?

Submersion of land in Andaman Nicobar Islands

2733. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA
NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of
CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is initiating a
joint study with Departments of Science
and Technology and Ocean Development
on the Tsunami and its effect of
submersion of lands in Andaman Nicobar
Islands to find out the existence of extended
Tamil Nadu touching Jawa and Sumatra
having Tamil culture and submersion of
land in Ocean due to four Tsunami in
thousands of years ago; and

(b) if not, whether Government would
take up such study to bring cultural
richness of the Indian continent?

Construction of new museums

2734. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided

assistance to the State Governments for construction of new museums under the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the funds provided to Gujarat during the last three years; and

(c) the number of schemes for which these funds were provided alongwith the details of the progress of the schemes?

Development of world famous sites

2735. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for development of the world famous sites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and particularly Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(c) the amount expected to be incurred on each heritage site and by when the work is expected to be initiated; and

(d) whether the ticket charges would be increased to see the places and if so, to what extent and the facilities to be provided to the tourists?

National Library for ancient scripture and Vedic religions

2736. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Library for the ancient scripture and Vedic religions in Uttaranchal in view of its importance in Himalayan regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Ticket of Qutub Minar

2737. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of ticket for visiting Qutub Minar is Rs. 10/- for Indians and Rs. 500/- for foreigners; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Construction near Protected Heritage Monuments

2738. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASI norms prohibit any construction within 100 meters from any Protected Heritage Monuments;

(b) if so, whether any violation of this rule has been noticed by Government;

(c) whether Government are aware of the proposed construction of a bridge across Yamuna near Tuqlakabad in Delhi;

(d) if so, whether the construction is in full adherence to the rules;

(e) whether opinion of the ASI has been sought in this regard;

(f) if so, details thereof; and

(g) the details of the measures taken for safety of the protected monuments?

Memorial of Colonel William Lambton

2739. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the memorial to Colonel William Lambton, Surveyor

General of India from year 1799 till his death and the first cartographer of modern India is struggling for space;

(b) whether it is a fact that a sprawling slum completely dwarfs his forlorn tomb on Nagpur-Hyderabad highway, and there are no plaques, no boards even outside the structure; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to prevent the structure?

Fund for memorials

2740. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ensured that the memorials dedicated to the political leaders of yore are maintained well;

(b) if so, the funds granted for maintenance of each memorial for the current year;

(c) the funds utilized so far for each memorial;

(d) whether Government have also approved Rs. 3.25 crore to impart uniformity to the grandeur of these complexes;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government are spending Rs. 2 crore per annum to keep round the clock vigil on the monuments; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocation to Jaisalmer Fort

2741. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World

Monument Fund has contributed Rs. 599 lakh for work on the Jaisalmer Fort;

(b) if so, whether foreign funds have also been made available for restoration or maintenance of other prominent Indian historical sites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes sanctioned for Arunachal Pradesh

†2742. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the development schemes related to Arunachal Pradesh sanctioned by Ministry;

(b) whether the funds have been allotted for the sanctioned schemes; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes submitted by the State Government but not yet sanctioned and are under Government's consideration?

Projects sanctioned by NEC

2743. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the NEC projects sanctioned to the different North-Eastern States during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) in how many of these projects the works are in progress, the works have been completed, and the works not yet started;

(c) whether there is any State in the region for which no project has been selected by the NEC during these years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Committees for cases of sexual harassment

2744. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed to constitute committees to look into the cases of sexual harassment in both the Central and State Government departments;

(b) if so, the details of the Committees constituted so far, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have noticed any lapse by any departments in constituting such committees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pre-metric scholarship in Madhya Pradesh

†2745. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend economic assistance to Madhya Pradesh for awarding pre-metric scholarship;

(b) if so, by when such orders would be issued; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pay disadvantage to teaching community

2746. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a major cumulative career pay disadvantage for the teaching community in the higher education sector

as compared to group 'A' Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any specific proposals under Government's consideration to improve the pay scales and other incentives for the teachers in the higher education sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hindi medium in University of Delhi

†2747. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of students of the University of Delhi are studying through Hindi medium; if so, the number thereof;

(b) whether students studying through Hindi medium are not able to get all the text-books and reference materials in Hindi medium;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this problem would be addressed to?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Rajasthan

2748. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated annually for implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan since its inception, in Rajasthan;

(b) the unspent funds, if any, returned by the State, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for failure of the State?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Education for children above 14 years

‡2749. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for the children above 14 years of age on the line of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) Government's policy regarding those children aged above 14 years who abandon their studies midway?

Land requirement for engineering colleges

2750. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI BRINDA
KARAT:

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

(a) whether the minimum land requirement for establishment of the engineering colleges has been fixed at 3 acres;

(b) if so, whether this is comparable with the lands available with the existing Government engineering colleges and IITs; and

(c) if not, the reason for relaxation in land requirement for the new engineering colleges?

Distortion of history

2751. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any attempt being made by any authority or individuals in authority attempting to

distort history of the country through text books or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to prevent it; and

(c) whether any prosecutions under the laws of the country are taken or proposed to be taken against any of such authority or individual?

Promotion of Urdu

‡2752. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received some suggestions from the National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Shortfall in the target for Mid-Day Meal Scheme

2753. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's main objectives to increase the number of school going children and to provide them nutritional food under the Mid-Day Meal scheme have not achieved desired results throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the objectives?

Special children under SSA

2754. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent media reports highlighting special children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the number of children with special needs likely to be covered under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether the children with mild Cerebral Palsy will also be covered under this scheme; and

(d) the details of the facilities existing and proposed to be created for the education of the Cerebral Palsy (CP) affected children and mild Cerebral Palsy children, separately?

Participation of NGOs in SSA

†2755. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any participation of the Non-Government Organizations in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

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

(c) the details of the funds released during last three years to these Non-Government Organizations?

Benches in Universities

†2756. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to set up benches in each of the 10 universities in the name of Rajeev Gandhi;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) the details of this scheme?

Free education to girl child

†2757. SHRI K. CHANDRAN

PILLAI:

SHRIMATI KUM KUM

RAI:

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 165 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of free education to the girls would only be available to the girls studying in schools which are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education or the Central Schools and it would not be available to the girls studying in the schools affiliated to the State Boards and its institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would also provide the above benefit to such girls?

Requirement of secondary education

†2758. DR. MURLI MANOHAR

JOSHI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR

PRASAD:

SHRI C. PERUMAL:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more secondary schools would be needed during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the number of the schools to be opened and the funds required therefor?

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Languages of North-Eastern Region

2759. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) the steps taken to popularize the languages of the Eastern and the North Eastern Region;

(b) whether Government have assessed performance of the existing measures, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider including these languages and literature at primary and middle school levels; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expert Committee for KVs and NVs

2760. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an Expert Committee to suggest improvement in the management and working of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any recommendations have been made by this Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Education for challenged children

2761. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI :
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has allocated separate funds for education of the challenged children;

(b) if so, the amount thereof; and

(c) the manner in which his Ministry is planning to spend it; the areas of the education to which the priority would be given?

World Bank assistance for Anganwadi Centres

†2762. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
DR. CHHATRAPAL
SINGH LODHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has extended assistance to run 'Anganwadi Centres';

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year;

(c) the number of the Anganwadi Centres running at present; and

(d) the number of women and children being benefited from these Centres, State-wise?

Free education to girl child

2763. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

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

(a) the number of private sector schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education;

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(b) whether Government have started implementing free education policy to only girl child and whether the private managements have registered any protest against its viability and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any statistics is available regarding the number of girl students eligible for such benefits in the country and those from Kerala;

(d) whether the private school managements have demanded to reimburse such fee and if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the estimated costs to the schools and colleges for implementation of this project?

Unemployed engineers

2764. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 3 lakh engineering degree/diploma holders did not get employment by the end of 2004;

(b) if not, the exact figures thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that nearly 5 lakh students are expected to get engineering degree/diploma in the next 10 years; and

(d) if so, the action plan of AICTE or Government to bridge the gap between demand and supply of engineers?

Basic Education

†2765. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people are not getting basic education even after fifty years of independence;

(b) Government's reaction thereto and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to provide basic education?

Shortage of staff in engineering colleges

2766. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing huge shortage of qualified teaching staff in the existing engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the actual status specially in the private engineering colleges; and

(c) the steps taken by the AICTE in this regard to get qualified teachers (Professors/Asstt. Professors/Lecturers) to produce quality engineering manpower?

Rehabilitation of children of Devadasis

2767. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka State Mazurai Department has launched a Pilot Scheme in Athni (Belgaum District) to rehabilitate the children of Devadasis in the State;

(b) the number of Devadasis children identified under the scheme and what would be the cost of the project;

(c) whether any proposal is pending

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with the State Government to extend the scheme to the other regions where the Devadasis system was prevailing; and

(d) the number of Devadasis identified by Government and what are the various schemes undertaken by the State and Central Government towards their rehabilitation?

Shortage of staff in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2768. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of teaching as well as administrative staff in KVS for the last more than two years;

(b) if so, the exact number of the teachers and administrative staff required;

(c) whether to fill up the gap Government have appointed temporary staff; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies permanently?

Navodaya Vidyalayas

2769. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas, State-wise;

(b) the number of the students studying therein, State-wise;

(c) the annual expenditure incurred on each student; and

(d) the expenditure on the Navodaya Vidyalayas during the last three years, year-wise?

Corruption in AICTE

†2770. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to rampant corruption in AICTE quality of education in private engineering colleges has deteriorated and there is a nexus between the corrupt officers of AICTE and these colleges;

(b) the number of the complaints regarding corruption received by Government during last three years; and

(c) the number of the AICTE officers against whom action has been taken on the basis of these complaints?

Exodus of talents from Government managed institutes

2771. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is losing the talents produced by the Government managed institutions, medical colleges, engineering colleges and IITs to the foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to impose restrictions on the students getting their education from such institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government assessed the loss suffered by the country when an Indian talent goes out; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

UGC funding to State universities

2772. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 44 State universities have been denied UGC funding during the last financial year;

(b) if so, whether situation is likely to be same for 2005-06;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether under rule it is mandatory for the universities to submit the certificate for utilization of the funds before sanctioning further grants; and

(e) the States where these Universities are located and the action Government propose to take against them?

Financial assistance to Maharashtra Boards

2773. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to provide financial assistance to the State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards which are giving quality education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's response thereto; and

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

Vocational education and training

2774. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the

State Governments to send detailed proposal for financial assistance under the revised scheme of the Vocational Education and Training *vide* communication dated the 9th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the State Governments have since submitted their proposals for implementing the Centrally sponsored +2 level Vocational Education Scheme;

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

(e) whether these proposals have been approved; and

(f) if not, by when these are likely to be approved?

Adult education in Punjab

2775. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Adult Education Scheme is being implemented in Punjab;

(b) the amount spent under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of the persons benefited through this scheme, year-wise; and

(d) by when the last report in this regard was received from the State Government?

Sale of duplicate books

†2776. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether duplicate books are being sold on large scale in Delhi and Mumbai now like duplicate CDs;

(b) whether clonings of textbooks are resorted to like costly books of Harry Potter;

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(c) if so, the number of persons arrested so far in this connection; and

(d) whether Government would bring a stringent law in this regard?

Applications for B. Pharmacy colleges

2777. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE is still holding up the applications pending for B. Pharmacy colleges in some States for two years;

(b) the reasons for the lack of proper and immediate response by AICTE to the long pending applications;

(c) whether it is necessary for the AICTE to insist that applicants must come to Delhi and wait endlessly here for permissions, etc.;

(d) the number of specific applications from Andhra Pradesh pending for the last three years; and

(e) the details of such applications pending with the AICTE?

Replacement of old marksheets

2778. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBSE has announced that all the old marksheets would be destroyed;

(b) the details of the policy of the CBSE to maintain records and also fix a certain date to destroy all old school records;

(c) whether it is a fact that the CBSE could better maintain such records through use of computerization, etc.;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the CBSE has not been able to upgrade its system of issuing duplicate certificates to the students in an efficient manner; and

(e) the steps proposed to obtain advice on how to deal with such tasks of helping the students?

Centres of Indian Institutes of Science

†2779. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up centres of Indian Institute of Science;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent on setting up these centres?

Courses of deemed universities

2780. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC approved deemed universities can start any regular professional/traditional courses at his own campus without U.G.C.'s permission;

(b) whether Government have any control over the intake capacity of each course run/offered by the deemed university; and

(c) whether the University Grants Commission has power to derecognise deemed universities, if necessary?

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Jurisdiction of universities

2781. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Jurisdiction of the Central University, State University and deemed university;

(b) whether a State University can affiliate the college/institute situated in other States with the approval of UGC and the State Government where the college is situated;

(c) the name of the 'State Universities' who have given permission to give affiliation to the colleges situated in the other States; and

(d) the status of SNDT Womens' University, Mumbai in this regard?

Negative impact of free education to girls

2782. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that managements of the privately-run CBSE schools are worrying because of the decision taken by Government to provide free education to all the girl students who are "Single child" in their family;

(b) to avoid a financial crisis, such schools may discourage girl student's admission, which would lead to low literacy rate of women in future; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to monitor strictly and to ensure girl student's admissions?

Additional rice to Karnataka

2783. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested for release of additional quantity of rice at BPL rates for the additional 19.66 lakhs of children; and

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

Eligibility criteria for teachers in professional colleges

2784. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether educational qualification and experience have been prescribed for the posts of Readers and Professors in the professional colleges, including the engineering colleges;

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

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of teaching staff with requisite qualification and experience at the level of Readers and Professors;

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

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that the college authorities do not compromise on the quality of education for want of adequate teaching staff?

Appointment of teachers under SSA

2785. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned

with the slow pace of teachers' appointments in the States under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab and Rajasthan are among those States having made no headway in this direction; and

(c) whether at the national level only 41 per cent of teachers' requirements has been met under SSA?

UN Population Fund Report

2786. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has studied the recently released UN Population Fund Report on the State of World Population 2005 ranking India at a lowly four, preceded by Niger, Congo and Afghanistan in the matter of girls getting married before they turn 18;

(b) whether the report says that more than 50 per cent of the Indian girls are married before they turn 18;

(c) whether the report lays emphasis on the negative impact of child marriage on reproductive health; and

(d) whether these large number of child marriages are within the legal framework?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Jharkhand

2787. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether programmes/schemes under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have been under implementation in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the situation in the urban and rural areas, separately;

(c) whether any review of its progress, namely quality of implementation, reduction or otherwise of school dropout rate, enhancement of school infrastructure and teacher-student ratio etc., has been carried out in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps contemplated, if any, towards achieving the goals of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan especially to bring a larger number of children under school curriculum and minimize drop out rate in the State?

Opening of National Institute of Technology institutions

2788. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to open more National Institute of Technology institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to take over engineering colleges to convert into NITs?

Literacy rate

2789. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments are not paying the attention to raise literacy levels meaningfully;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there were serious issues of access curriculum and management of the educational institutions which deserved for greater attentions; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Improvement of engineering colleges

2790. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether AICTE has any plans to encourage the existing engineering colleges to improve their standards and also enhance their teaching staff;

(b) whether AICTE would assist the engineering colleges, which are located in rural areas of the country, to get better staff and teaching aids;

(c) whether AICTE would function in the same manner like the UGC and help the technical education;

(d) if so, the details of such plans and policies of AICTE; and

(e) the steps being taken at present in this regard and future plans of AICTE?

UGC Research Scientist Schemes

2791. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a four members C.N.R. Rao Committee to work out the introduction of the UGC Research Scientist Scheme;

(b) whether this Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) the extent to which UGC failed in creating a Scientific Hub in the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to encourage talented students to enter the science stream?

Educationally backward blocks in U.P. and Chhattisgarh

2792. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the educationally backward blocks identified in Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas opened in these States; and

(c) the criteria adopted by these States to open these Vidyalayas?

Literacy in rural areas

2793. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although Government had initiated various steps to improve the literacy rate in rural areas, the level of literacy in rural area has been far below as compared to the urban areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken further by Government to improve the literacy in the rural areas?

Infrastructure and funds for NCW

2794. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has assured the members of the National Commission for Women that Government would provide a building and other necessary infrastructure with required funds for smooth functioning of the Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under the new set up women can register complaints "online"; and

(d) if so, the extent to which this would help to address the issue of harassment of women?

Job reservation for women

†2795. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether women have reservation in Government jobs in each State;

(b) if so, the percentage thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether women are being given jobs as per the prescribed percentage in each State; and

(d) if not, the authority accountable for the same, and the reasons therefor?

Assistance under Balika Samridhi Yojana

2796. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the State Governments have requested Government to release assistance under the Balika Samridhi Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the assistance provided to the State Governments during the last three years, State-wise, and year-wise;

(d) the State Governments who have not utilized the sanctioned amount; and

(e) the steps taken in this direction?

Improvement in performance of IITs

2797. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken on the recommendations of Prof. P. Rama Rao Committee report on improving the performance of Indian Institutes of Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any specific budgetary provisions have been made to implement the action plan for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Basic scientific research in Universities

2798. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations of Prof. M.M. Sharma Task Force on basic scientific research in the universities have been acted upon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any budgetary provisions have been made for 2005-06 and 2006-07 for implementing the recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of schools

2799. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment was made on the quality education being imparted in

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the Government schools/Government aided schools and in the private schools;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the follow-up steps being taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education paid any attention to severely deteriorated quality of education in Government schools/Government aided schools;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps purposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Affairs of Mahila Shelter Houses

†2800. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2697 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2005 and state:

(a) the methodology being adopted by Government to seek information about the status of women residing in the shelter houses being run under the 'Mahila Swadhar' Yojana;

(b) the locations of five shelter houses since closed by the implementing agencies alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether no other remedy was possible; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to construct shelter houses for the disabled women residing these places and the manner in which these vacant shelter houses are being used at present?

Women and Child Development Schemes in Rajasthan

2801. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government, for Women and Child Welfare/Development schemes, during last three years, and year 2005-06 till date, to Rajasthan, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of utilization of the funds;

(c) whether any funds were also provided by the World Bank, UNESCO and other International Financial Institutions for this purpose to the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Women empowerment in Rajasthan

2802. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different schemes initiated by Government for upliftment and empowerment of rural women during the last three years in Rajasthan;

(b) the amount allocated for each scheme, each year;

(c) whether there is any criterion to specify the initiation of each of these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any evaluation has been undertaken to judge the impact/outcome of these schemes; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof?

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IIT status to Malviya Engineering College

†2803. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malviya Engineering college has been accorded the status of I.I.T. and made a national institute;

(b) whether there is any justification for existence of M.N.I.I.T. after the opening of L.N. Mittal Institute of Information Technology at Jaipur; and

(c) whether the matter of according status of I.I.T. to this institute would be re-considered?

Drop-out in West Bengal

2804. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average drop-out rate from primary school in West Bengal is much higher than the national rate;

(b) whether the elementary school drop-out rate in West Bengal is much higher than the national average of 52.8%; and

(c) whether it is a fact that out of 1.4 crore school children who drop-out every year in the country, ten lakh are from West Bengal which is highest?

Swadhar project at Kukatpally

2805. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Government to release second instalment to complete the

construction project of SWADHAR Home at Kukatpally (R.R. District);

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of infant milk substitutes

2806. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has violated Central legislation which prohibits promotion of infant milk substitutes;

(b) if so, Government's comments thereon;

(c) the number of MNCs found violating the said legislation so far;

(d) the action taken against them so far;

(e) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to stop showing such programmes that promote artificial feedings and also take action to reverse the damage done so far; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Broadcast of local advertising and non-political news

2807. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to allow broadcast of local advertising and non-political news in community radio; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Repeal of Prasar Bharati Act

2808. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to repeal the Prasar Bharati Act and restore the earlier status of Prasar Bharati and Doordarshan;

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

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

Compounding losses by Prasar Bharati

2809. SHRI RAASHID ALVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the directions from the Supreme Court, the Centre is close to finalising a solution to public broadcaster Prasar Bharati's compounding losses, now touching Rs. 5500 crore;

(b) if so, whether a Group of Ministers consisting of Home, Finance and External Affairs and other key departments has been set up to work out a plan to cut corporation out of red;

(c) whether formation of this Group was announced in September, 2005; and

(d) by when the Group is likely to submit its report and whether any interim report has been submitted by it?

Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867

2810. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed Government for changes in the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 which has a reflection of the "colonial mindset";

(b) whether according to the court, 138 year old Act, particularly section 5(2) needed to be changed as it required printer and publisher of a newspaper to appear in person or through an agent before a magistrate for declaration in respect of publication of newspaper;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the directive of Delhi High Court; and

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

New FM Radio and TV Stations

2811. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up new FM Radio and T.V. Transmitters/ Stations in the border areas of the States situated at Indo-Pak and Indo-Bangladesh during 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places selected for the purpose particularly in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

Video piracy

2812. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

video piracy has become a major threat to the Cinema Industry;

(b) if so, the steps considered to be taken by Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to bring amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Exhibition of Films on Television Screen Through Video Cassette Recorders (Regulation) Act, 1993;

(d) if so, whether Government have given its concurrence in the matter since it falls under the concurrent list;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Permission to foreign radio stations

2813. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ensured that while allowing foreign radio stations to pick up stakes in the private FM stations within the existing ceiling of 20 per cent of FDI, cultural ethos of the country is not allowed to be adversely diluted;

(b) if so, how this is proposed to be done as the ban imposed is only on non-broadcasting of news;

(c) whether any rules or regulations, guide the programme broadcast by the FM radios to ensure that contents are healthy and culturally acceptable norms are followed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Programmes in Kashir channel

2814. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to

state the guidelines followed for empanelling the producers for programmes in Kashir channel?

DTH coverage of Prasar Bharati

2815. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing free-to-air DTH coverage of the Prasar Bharati's across the country; and

(b) what is its future action plan to extend its coverage to more households?

National Legal Literacy Day

2816. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently celebrated the National Legal Literacy Day;

(b) if so, whether Government had set any new objectives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

International arbitration

2817. SHRI E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to have statutory support for the International Arbitration hub in the country in the context of globalization of economy and trade; and

(b) if so, whether institutional development of excellence in International arbitration is on the anvil?

Supervision of subordinate courts

†2818. 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 High Court only supervises the subordinate courts;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that High Court does not have financial and administrative rights pertaining to the subordinate courts; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and whether judicial system is adversely affected as a result thereof?

Government advocates

†2819. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued any guidelines regarding preparation of a list of such advocates who can plead for Government interests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that inspite of enlisting of many senior and experienced advocates junior and less experienced advocates are sent to the Supreme Court for pleading the case on behalf of Government and as a result thereof, Government have been facing failure in many cases; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this practice would be discontinued?

Implementation of work study

†2820. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

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

(a) whether shortage of structural and infrastructural facilities in the section in his Ministry dealing with the cases of the Supreme Court is affecting its functioning adversely;

(b) if so, whether the report submitted by the work study unit in the year 1996 has not been implemented so far; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when it's recommendations would be implemented?

Entry of foreign law firms

2821. SHRI SHANTARAM
LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign firms are going to be allowed to practice in Indian courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some firms have clandestinely opened their offices;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received representations opposing invasion of the foreign legal firms; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Permission to foreign lawyers

2822. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some lawyers from the

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foreign countries are seeking permission for entry into India, and set-up their base and practise law here;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any formal request to this effect from the Bar councils of any foreign country (countries); and

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

Remuneration and perks of judges

2823. DR. AKHILESH DAS:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the recommendations by the Chief Justice of India to increase remuneration and perks of judges joining the bench in the Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government are contemplating thereon; and

(c) if no action is being contemplated, the reasons therefor?

Cases pending in Allahabad High Court

†2824. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in Allahabad High Court for 5,10,15 and 20 years;

(b) the number of such cases which have been accepted for second appeal but are pending for 5,10 and 15 years due to non hearing in such cases; and

(c) the details of the steps Government

are taking to dispose of these pending cases and by when such cases would be disposed of?

Mining in Talcher and IB Valley

†2825. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the wizards caused due to indiscriminate and open cast mining in Talcher and IB Valley of Orissa and damage of upper fertile crust of soil, grass, herbs and continuous water sources as a result of dumping the waste material extracted from mining;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to protect the soil, vegetable, and environment cycle from damage and the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chrome export

2826. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that India accounts for just about 1 per cent of chrome ore reserves in the world but exports 33 per cent of the global trade in chrome ore and concentrates;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has been exporting nearly 1.2 million tonnes of chrome ore and concentrate annually while our output is 3 million tonnes;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the exports have led to artificial escalation of domestic prices of chrome ore by 70-80 percent; and

(d) if so, the remedial action proposed in this regard?

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Gold and diamond mining

2827. SHRI SU. THIRU-NAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state the number and locations of the places where gold and diamond mining is carried out in the country, both in public and private sector?

Growth rate of industries

†2828. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER

SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth rate of industries in metal sector has been 9 per cent while dividends have gone up by 14 per cent upto the month of September, 2005;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard and whether it is also a fact that prices of raw material required for industries have increased up to 17 per cent; and

(c) if not, the actual position in this regard and the reasons for increase in dividends despite increase in cost of production as compared to sale prices?

Gold production

2829. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of the indigenous production of gold per annum and the extent to which it meets the domestic requirement;

(b) the main sources of gold in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production?

New mines

2830. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had found new mines across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the revenue to be generated therefrom?

Grants to Voluntary Organisations

†2831. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the voluntary Organizations which have submitted their proposals to her Ministry during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the details of the organizations whose proposals were accepted/rejected/kept pending year-wise and organisation-wise; and

(c) the reasons for keeping proposals of the Voluntary Organization of the Central Wakf Council, Jamnagar House, Uttar Pradesh pending for years?

Status of proposal for welfare of disabled

†2832. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pertaining to the disabled people sent to the State Government of Chhattisgarh during January, 2002 to October, 2005 by the Commissioner, Disabled People Welfare,

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Government of India, to provide them right to equality after making settlement in these cases;

(b) the dates on which such cases were forwarded;

(c) the details of the cases out of the above which have been finally settled as on the 31st October, 2005; and

(d) the reasons for non-settlement of the rest of the cases and the officers responsible therefor?

Projects for weaker sections in NER

2833. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the projects running in the North-Eastern Region for the welfare of people belonging to SCs, STs, Backward Classes and other weaker sections of the society, State-wise;

(b) the number of the projects undertaken in the Region during the last three years and the amount spent thereon, State-wise; and

(c) the details of achievements made so far?

Percentage of SC/ST/OBC population

2834. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in different States according to the latest survey;

(b) the percentage of their literacy;

(c) the percentage of the service-holders belonging to SC, ST and OBC's in the

Central Government and State level government services;

(d) whether the reservation is maintained in the private sectors also; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take for clearing the backlog, if any, in the Central Government and State Governments services?

Recognition as OBC

2835. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the castes which have been recognized as Other Backward Classes in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether more castes of the State are proposed to be included in the OBC list ;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have received any request for including more castes in OBC list in Tamil Nadu; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Grant for protection and care of children

2836. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grant given to Government of Uttar Pradesh, local bodies, educational institutions and voluntary organizations in the State under Programmes for Care And Protection of Children during the three years ending on the 31 March, 2005, year-wise and institution-wise;

(b) the number of children who were benefited under the scheme, year-wise;

(c) whether the organisations/ institutions receiving Central Grant under the Scheme are also required to generate their own resources for the purpose, if so, to what extent; and

(d) the percentage of grant given to the State out of the total grant, year-wise?

Guidelines issued by Central Adoption Research Agency

2837. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued in 2004 by the Central Adoption Research Agency (CARA) regarding uniform procedure for adoptions in the country;

(b) the number of the orphaned and children in distress identified by CARA in the Tsunami hit areas who require rehabilitation;

(c) the number out of them who have been adopted in the country and by foreigners, separately; and

(d) the amount spent by CARA on rehabilitation of such children so far?

Harassment of dalits

†2838. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents regarding harassment of dalits have risen recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that laws related to prevention of harassment of dalits are proving ineffective; and

(d) if so, whether Government are

contemplating to enact any effective law in this regard?

Economic and social level of Primitive Tribal Groups

†2839. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the economic and social level of "Primitive Tribal Groups" which are more backward than the other tribals in general;

(b) the amount spent during the last two years for improvement of the life-style/level of such tribals;

(c) whether any practical investigation has been conducted to ascertain the extent of improvement in their living standard; and

(d) the ongoing projects for the improvement of their living standard?

Grant to voluntary organizations

†2840. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes for which grant is given to the voluntary organizations by his Ministry and the rules and norms for providing such grant;

(b) the details of such voluntary organizations which have submitted their proposals to his Ministry during the last five years and the details of their proposals alongwith the proposals accepted/rejected/ kept pending, year-wise; and

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(c) the details of the persons benefited by such organization getting grants, year-wise?

Amount provided for economic and social development of aboriginal tribes

†2841. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the aboriginal tribes in Chhattisgarh for whose economic and social development Government have provided funds during the last three years alongwith the amount spent out of it;

(b) the concept being adopted for development of each of these tribes;

(c) when the implementation of these schemes was examined and details of the facts found thereby;

(d) details of the aboriginal tribal families excluding the people who are employees which have come above the poverty line during the last five years; and

(e) name-wise and caste-wise details of these persons?

Programme for Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan

†2842. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of 'Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan' has been going on since Fifth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether any assessment of factors of its implementation has ever been made alongwith the results thereof;

(c) whether the families of Scheduled Tribes living below the poverty line have

not got benefit of strategy of regional development; and

(d) whether Government would consider on a family based development strategy instead of that the sub-plan?

Displacement of tribals due to Polavaram Project

2843. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to Polavaram project with the proposed design, 300 villages in 9 mandals in three districts in Andhra Pradesh would be submerged displacing more than 2 lakh tribal people and their livelihood; and

(b) whether the project area falls under Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India which guarantees protection to the tribes, if so, the reasons for sanctioning such project?

Covering of drains in Delhi

2844. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration, DDA, MCD and Delhi Cantonment board have drawn up plans to cover nallahs carrying sullage etc. flowing through Delhi to reduce pollution in the territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof relating to each unit, by when work on the projects is expected to start and by when all nallahs are expected to be fully covered; and

(c) if no final decision has been taken in the matter, reasons for the delay and by when the exercise is expected to be completed?

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Japan Bank funding for Traffic Projects

2845. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Japan Bank Investment Corporation (JBIC) is considering funding of Intelligent Traffic Management (ITM) for Bangalore to get rid of its traffic congestion;

(b) whether JBIC has submitted its report on India's transportation sector; and

(c) whether it is a fact that they are interested in funding the Bangalore Metro Rail Project and a Bus Rapid Transit System for Bangalore?

Draw held by DDA

2846. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.A. in the last draw did not impose the restriction of 'one individual-one application' which resulted in a scam and innumerable applications from an individual especially when the Nationalised Banks had permitted to finance the secured amount on a nominal interest;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the system foolproof?

Cancellation of lease agreement of Escorts hospital

2847. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has cancelled the lease agreement of Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre alleging violation of certain conditions of lease agreement;

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

(c) the present status thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that the Escorts Heart and Research Centre which stood on the disputed land has already been sold by the authorities of the Centre; and

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

Master Plan-2021

2848. SHRI DARA SINGH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposed dwelling units for plotted residential housing in Master Plan-2021 have been prepared without taking into account the ground reality of Delhi;

(b) whether no survey or study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) whether most of the plot sizes especially within 100 to 250 square metre already have four dwelling units all over Delhi;

(d) the rationale of proposing three dwelling units for such plot sizes till 2021 when the existing ground reality suggests completely otherwise; and

(e) the steps taken to increase the number of dwelling units to four in such plots to bring proposals of Master Plan in tune with reality?

Proposals submitted under AUWSP

2849. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns for which proposals have so far been sent by the Government of Maharashtra under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) and the number of towns eligible;

(b) the towns for which proposals have so far been sanctioned and the amount contributed/to be contributed under the scheme by the Centre/State Governments;

(c) the norms for eligibility of Central assistance under the original 1995 scene; and

(d) whether Government of Maharashtra and other States have requested for change in towns eligibility norms raising the population lined from 20,000 to 1,00,000 in view of the census figures for 2001; if so, details thereof and the Government's response thereto?

Development of cities of historical, tourist and religious importance

†2850. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for infrastructure development of 60 cities of historical, religious and tourist importance;

(b) if so, the names thereof;

(c) whether any city in Jharkhand is also amongst them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Redressal of complaints by CPWD

†2851. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all complaints regarding Government accommodation in Delhi are disposed of by CPWD in time;

(b) if so, the number of complaints disposed of and the number of those pending so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would construct a boundary wall or fencing around all ground floor flats;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Identification of dangerous houses in Mumbai

2852. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that a

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number of buildings have collapsed following the heavy rains this year in Mumbai, Government have asked the State Government of Maharashtra to undertake identification of "cessed" buildings, classified as dangerous in Mumbai and to have them vacated, pulled down and reconstructed;

(b) if so, whether Government of Maharashtra had sought Central aid for the project;

(c) if so, the aid sought, the number of dangerous houses so identified and classified, the number of persons and families displaced and the tenements evacuated and reconstructed; and

(d) Government's response thereto?

Survey for Metro Rail in Chennai

2853. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is conducting a survey at Chennai for Metro Rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the survey would be completed?

Board of Enquiry on Master Plan 2021

2854. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH:

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of members of the Board of Enquiry and Hearing which has been formed to consider objects/suggestions to the Master Plan-2021;

(b) the current status of their considerations/meetings and by when the new plan would be notified as it is already overdue by more than four years;

(c) the specific provisions in the Master Plan for enhanced FAR and height and for creation of additional dwelling units in existing properties in order to provide adequate housing for population which is envisaged to be more than 220 million by 2021; and

(d) the details of each of the proposals?

Subletting of Government accommodation

2855. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of subletting detected in the 231 inspections conducted during January to June, 2005 and the inspections held thereafter separately and the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether more effective method of inspections would be evolved in place of the non-effective existing system to curb the menace of ever-increasing subletting;

(c) by when the policy for taking action against the defaulting allottees in respect of unauthorised construction/encroachment would be formulated;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the unauthorised construction/encroachment in Government quarters as in Albert Square, Gole Market would be removed?

National Urban Transport Policy

†2856. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the growing traffic problems in the cities, Government have prepared a draft of National Urban Transport Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cities in which, Government are considering to operate Metro Rail, Sky Bus, Mono Rail and Battery-run buses;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have demanded reports from various State Governments regarding their requirements in different cities; and

(e) if so, whether the State Governments have submitted their reports and if so, the details thereof?

National Urban Renewal Mission

†2857. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn toward reports in the print media regarding lack of attention towards National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether an amount of 5500 crores has been utilised and if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the work would resume on this project alongwith the amount expected to be provided to the States (particularly to U.P.) and by when?

Funds for Mumbai under National Urban Renewal Mission

2858. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

announced setting up of National Urban Renewal Mission with a Rs. 5500 crore outlay in the year 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds that would go to Maharashtra for infrastructure projects which would be part of the Rs. 36,600 crore Mumbai Makeover Plan?

Vaitarana Dam Project for water supply to Mumbai

2859. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested for the financing Rs. 1200 crore Vaitarana Dam Project, which would make available 455 MLD water to Mumbai city for its growing population; and

(b) if so, the status thereof and by when it would be cleared?

Bio-medical waste units in Madhya Pradesh

†2860. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited proposal for setting up of bio-medical wastes units in two hospitals in each State;

(b) the basis of this parameter;

(c) whether in view of area and population of Madhya Pradesh it would be sufficient to sanction bio-medical wastes units for only two hospitals; and

(d) if so, the number of hospitals in the State where bio-medical wastes units would be set up and by when?

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Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant

†2861. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the machines costing seven hundred crores installed at the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant have got rusted and its filters have become the breeding ground for bacteria;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the justification for installing the plant before making prior arrangements of water required for running the plant; and

(d) the amount to be spent for restarting the said plant and by when it is likely to be restarted?

Issue of receipts for Security Money by DMRC

2862. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer court has pulled up the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation for not issuing receipts for the security money deposited by the commuters while purchasing smart cards; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken to correct the anomaly?

Concession for senior citizens etc. in Delhi Metro

2863. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is at present not extending any concession in its fares to

senior citizens, physically challenged persons, children below 12 years of age and students commuting in the Metro Rail; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of funds to NER

2864. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated to the States of North-Eastern Region under the National Urban Development Programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of the cities of the region developed and the activities undertaken in such cities during the said period?

RWAs in Vasant Kunj

2865. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Residents Welfare Associations registered in Vasant Kunj under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860;

(b) the year in which these Associations were registered, Association-wise;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether these Associations function as per the bye laws and they submit their reports to the Registrar annually; and

(e) whether their activities are checked by Government; if so, the details thereof?

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White washing of Government quarters

2866. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that external white washing of the blocks in Type-III Flats of CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has not been done since many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government would take appropriate action to white wash these blocks and carry out repair of the staircases of these blocks?

Change in Bangalore Metro Route

2867. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to change the proposed alignment for Bangalore Metro Rail Project where the residents and traders associations in the Bangalore have represented for a change of the proposed corridor from Ulsoor to Baiyapanahalli?

Bangalore Metro Rail Project

2868. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Investment Board has asked the Karnataka Government to consider a private-public partnership model to build Bangalore Metro Rail Project along the lines of the proposed Bangalore International Airport;

(b) if so, the Karnataka Government's reactions thereto; and

(c) by when PIB would accord its approval to the above project?

Contamination of water in INA Market

2869. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fish, poultry and meat shops exist in the INA Market, New Delhi;

(b) whether NDMC has received any complaint about contamination of drinking water supplied through underground pipelines by the dumping of waste and sewerage water in and around the premises (INA Market); and

(c) if so, the action taken by NDMC to prevent contamination of drinking water and to manage the waste and sewerage water generated by the fish, poultry and meat shops in INA Market?

Fixing of responsibility for unauthorised constructions

†2870. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of the concerned department of the respective area in whose tenure illegal construction was done, are equally as guilty as the builder therefor;

(b) whether while giving direction to demolish any such illegal construction it is not necessary to initiate the proceedings against such officials for removal from service in addition to imposition of penalty;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not,

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whether there is any proposal to formulate any such policy in future to check corruption?

Allotment for Andhra Pradesh

2871. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government *vide* communication dt: 24-1-2005 to increase the allocation to the State under National Slum Development Programme and requested for release of an additional amount of Rs. 50 crores in addition to existing allotment of Rs. 32.77 crores;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Removal of encroachments

2872. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4939 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2005 and state:

(a) the reasons for not clearing the encroachments by the concerned authorities *i.e.* CPWD/NDMC and Delhi Police till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that encroachments in Type-II & III quarters (Phase-I & II), B.K.S. Marge, New Delhi has been left out due to manipulations by JE/AE, CPWD and the same is causing health hazards and security threat to the allottees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when all the encroachments are

likely to be removed and the action taken against the officials responsible therefor?

Downsizing of staff in Delhi Metro

2873. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation would soon cut down the number of operational staff employed at the station and on the route;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DMRC has decided to run the Delhi Metro as per with the standards of other developed metros of the world; and

(d) if so, the action plan drawn up for this purpose?

Unauthorised construction and subletting in Kalibari Marg

2874. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation have been made by Government to check unauthorised construction/alterations and subletting of Government quarters and misuse of garages in H-Block, Type-II, Kalibari Marg, New Delhi;

(b) the name of persons along with quarter number of those who have been given notices by CPWD and Directorate of Estates in each locality separately till the 31st October, 2005; and

(c) the action taken by Government to curb the unscrupulous activities in these colonies and whether Government would charge penal licence fee from such allottees?

Visit of Italian delegation on waste disposal

2875. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high-level Italian delegation during a recent visit and evinced keen interest in sharing their know-how in the matters of waste disposal, water supply, urban transport and construction activities;

(b) if so, whether anything concrete has emerged out of the proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Metro rail in Hyderabad

2876. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 277 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 2005 and state:

(a) when any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for introduction of metro rail system in Hyderabad between Bijapur-Chaitanyapuri and Secunderabad-Falakhuma;

(b) whether there is any time/cost overrun of the project; and

(c) by when the project is going to be completed and becomes operational?

Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana

2877. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and the pattern of the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana;

(b) the details of the funds allocated to the States during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government would extend this scheme to the poor families not covered under BPL by increasing the allocation of funds?

Participation of women in construction activities

†2878. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to increase participation of women in construction activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any recommendations in this regard in National Urban Housing Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Task Force for street vendors

2879. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a Task Force to look into the problems of street vendors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Task Force has submitted its report in 2003; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Creation of employment opportunities in urban areas

†2880. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the increasing population in urban areas, there is a need to create the employment opportunities in these areas;

(b) if so, the average annual rate of increase in the urban population during the last one decade; and

(c) the annual average of percentage of increase in employment opportunities during the above period?

Establishment of industries for urban unemployed

†2881. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to formulate a scheme to set up small industries for urban unemployed or under employed persons living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government on this scheme?

Toilets for urban population

2882. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population and households in urban areas devoid of toilet facilities;

(b) the percentage of the population still devoid of drainage facilities; and

(c) the steps being taken and the Tenth Plan targets in regard to provisions for such facilities?

Funding for State sponsored schemes under National Urban Renewal Mission

2883. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up/ are considering to set up a National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Mission would part fund the State Government schemes, including "Rajiv Gruhakalpa" of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of houses

2884. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently

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there is shortage of 18 lakh houses in urban areas including Delhi whose shortage is 1 lakh houses;

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

(c) whether the new National Housing and Habitat Policy, 2005 would adequately take care of this shortage and fulfil it within a foreseeable future; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of Government or non-Government agencies to undertake this gigantic task, involving sizeable financial outlays coupled with modalities like acquisition of land, etc.?

Funds for development projects

2885. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned financial assistance to the State Governments under the National Self Development Scheme to undertake various developmental projects;

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

(c) whether any review of the progress of these projects has been done;

(d) if so, the details of the shortcoming noticed; and

(e) the remedial action/steps taken in this regard?

Private participation in housing

2886. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI

REDDY:

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

(a) whether a major policy shift to enhance private participation in housing Government plan to allow setting up of mutual funds through which individuals with spare cash can invest in housing and real estate;

(b) if so, whether draft policy has been forwarded to the States for their approval;

(c) whether at present only public sectors HFCs, HUDCO and LIC Housing Finance are allowed to tap low cost funds just like commercial banks;

(d) whether draft policy will also take care of the common man, private players to invest in project that serve all sections of urban society;

(e) if so, whether Government have received approval of the State Governments; and

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

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