

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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(Ministries: Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 155

#### Varanasi as heritage city

†2006. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to include Varanasi in heritage city category; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Renovation of temples and heritage sites in Orissa

2007. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to protect identity of Orissa State culture by way of renovation of its historical temples and other sites of heritage character; and

(b) if so, the details of such heritage centres that have been renovated and others that would be taken up in a phased manner?

#### Impact of Tsunami on historical monuments

†2008. SHRI T.S. BAJWA:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the historical monuments have lost their existence due to Tsunami and several precious relics have been unearthed;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to construct their replicate at those places;

(c) the number of monuments of historical importance that have been damaged as a result of Tsunami; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for their revival?

#### Conservation programme for monuments and heritage buildings

2009. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey

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of India has formulated any conservation programme for the protected monuments and heritage buildings in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any fund has been allocated for structural repairs/chemical conservation of these monuments and the utilisation thereof, monument-wise?

#### **Recognition to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai**

2010. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of recognition to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai as an 'Institution of National Importance' analogous to the Asiatic Society of Kolkata is pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since by when this proposal is pending;

(d) the reasons for delay in taking a decision in this regard; and

(e) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

#### **Irregularities in Rampur Raza Library**

†2011. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious irregularities in Rampur (U.P.) Raza Library operating under the authority of Rampur Raza Library Act, 1975;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any letters from Members of Parliament, Members of legislative Assembly and Public in this regard;

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

(e) whether Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly have been apprised of the position?

#### **Thefts of heritage items from National Museum**

†2012. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the precious heritage items such as Statue of Buddha, the Medal of Ravindra Nath Tagore and the Brass Medal meant for Indira Gandhi etc., have been stolen from the National Museum of the country;

(b) the persons responsible for the theft; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to recover the same?

#### **Old cultural traditions in Uttaranchal**

†2013. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that various old cultural traditions are existing and followed even today in Joansar Bhawar, Johar, Vyas, Darma and Choudas area of the Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken to protect and promote the above cultures?

#### **Qutub Complex**

2014. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 97 Kw. of power has been

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granted to illuminate the entire Qutub complex;

(b) if so, whether the building is capable of bearing such a massive load and possibilities of erupting huge fire in the entire complex; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for making the Qutub complex safe from fire and other such incidents in the high voltage zone?

#### **Indian cultural property**

2015. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of External Affairs to take steps to retrieve the Indian cultural property from other countries, especially from UK;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the items that his Ministry is trying to retrieve from other countries?

#### **Historical monuments and heritage sites**

2016. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of historical monuments and sites which are presently in great neglect and in a dilapidated condition and have been plundered and vandalised with impunity during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof with allocations made for protection of such historic and heritage sites and monuments and spent thereon during the last 5 years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up a special force for protection of monuments and historical sites;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Upgradation of Maheshwar Devi Ahilya Archaeological Museum**

†2017. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal received from Madhya Pradesh is pending with Government for upgradation of Maheshwar Devi Ahilya Archaeological Museum of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared by Government?

#### **Review of performance of CPSEs**

2018. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed performance of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs);

(b) if so, the period covered under the review and the performance during the last three years, CPSE-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the financial performance of the CPSEs?

#### **Establishment of public enterprises**

†2019. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has not been any

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increase in establishment of public enterprises each year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's action-plan for expansion of public enterprises?

#### **Non-payment of increments by PSU**

2020. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that regular annual increment have not been paid for three years in a row to the officers and staff including Technocrats of certain Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the names of such PSU's and the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take up; and

(d) the impact of this discriminatory treatment?

#### **PSUs in Tamil Nadu**

2021. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the PSUs functioning in Tamil Nadu;

(b) how many of them are making profits;

(c) the details of the production and fiscal performance of these units during the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve performance of these PSUs?

#### **Extension of power purchase preference policy**

2022. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend power purchase preference policy for products and services of the Central PSUs, which is done after expiry, for another two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to make PSUs cost-efficient and self-supportive?

#### **Heavy industries in Madhya Pradesh**

†2023. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public Sector heavy industries in Madhya Pradesh have achieved the production target during the year 2003-04;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rise in attrition in PSUs**

2024. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many CEO's and top level officers have opted for quitting lucrative position in PSUs and private sector during the last one year;

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

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(c) its consequential effect on efficiency of the companies and economy as a whole?

**Vehicles for physically challenged persons**

†2025. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the details of the number of the vehicles manufactured for use by the physically challenged people and sale thereof during the last three years, company-wise, and the facilities being provided for purchase and utilization thereof?

**Professionalisation of Public Sector Undertakings**

2026. DR. K. MALAISAMY : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is Government's policy to professionalise the management of the Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the criterion for doing so;

(c) the number of the PSUs which have been professionalised, so far;

(d) what is the time lag normally taken by Government to appoint Board of Directors and whether it is a fact that it takes a few years in certain cases;

(e) while proposing or implementing professionalisation of PSUs, whether it envisage and percolate down the line; and

(f) how it reflects comparing the performance before professionalisation and thereafter?

**Backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs**

2027. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of backlog of the vacancies reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs;

(b) the reasons for not filling up of these vacancies; and

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

**Settlement of dues of ex-employees**

2028. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that settlement of dues of the employees of various PSUs, who rendered jobless due to closure of the Units and/or VRS has been outstanding;

(b) the number of such employees alongwith the outstanding dues as on the 31st March, 2004 and on the 31st December, 2004, PSU-wise;

(c) the reason for non-settlement of legitimate dues of these ex-employees; and

(d) the time-frame if any, within which outstanding dues of all such ex-employees would be disbursed?

**Revival of HMT**

2029. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of turnaround plan of HMT approved by Government in 2002;

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(b) whether there is any new proposal to revive HMT;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the wage revision of HMT employees is under Government's consideration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bid by BHEL for power projects**

2030. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL had submitted its bid for 2000 MW power project at Subansiri in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether any letter of intent has been issued;

(c) if so, whether the contract has been awarded to BHEL; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vocational courses to Bachelor Degree students**

2031. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has suggested to diverse educational institutions by offering vocational courses to Bachelor Degree students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the specific steps taken by the UGC to go beyond issuing advisories and circulars on this matter;

(d) whether any financial incentives have been offered to the colleges who have introduced vocational courses alongwith their degree programmes; and

(e) the details thereof?

#### **Special package for SC/ST children**

2032. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCERT has discussed the problems of SC/ST children for attaining social justice in education, especially to control their higher dropout rate;

(b) if so, whether the Tata Institute of Social Sciences' National Curriculum Framework is considering the educational realities of SC/ST children; and

(c) if so, whether a similar study is also being conducted pertaining to tribal children or any special package is being prepared for them?

#### **NGOs engaged in basic and primary education for girls**

†2033. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in basic and primary education for girls in Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the funds granted to these organisations for this purpose during the last three years and the details of their activities?

#### **More seats in IIMs**

2034. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management) have agreed to increase the number of students as they took in the previous years;

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(b) the number of the courses undertaken by these institutions and the direction of their studies;

(c) the educational standard required to get admission in these institutions and whether the fee charged is within the reach of the students from average families; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Universalisation of elementary education**

2035. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:  
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

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

(a) with the universalisation of elementary education, how many students are to be accommodated in educational institutions this year;

(b) the number of schools not having their own buildings and the number of schools provided with buildings during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the details of the expenditure involved and the share of the Central and State Governments; and

(d) what is reaction of the Planning Commission in this regard?

#### **Technical Institutes in SC/ST dominated areas**

2036. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up technical institutes in the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes dominated areas in the country especially in Tamil Nadu during the next financial year; and

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

#### **Professional and Engg. institutions**

†2037. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of the Professional and Engineering institutions have been increased by Government during the last three years;

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

(c) the target fixed for establishment of such institutions in the different States during 2005-06?

#### **Saffronisation of school syllabus**

2038. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the controversy regarding saffronisation of school syllabus during the last regime;

(b) whether it has affected the curriculum in any manners; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government would rectify the same?

#### **Protection and rehabilitation of women/young girls in Madhya Pradesh**

†2039. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by the Madhya Pradesh Government up-to December, 2004 under the Central Government scheme to protect and rehabilitate the women/young girls; and

(b) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

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**Appointment of Psychologists to help students get rid of exam stress**

2040. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Board Examinations stress is taking a heavy toll on promising students every year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint expert psychologists to help the students appearing in Board Examinations to fight the stress and anxiety associated with Board Examinations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Financial assistance to S.S.C./H.S.C. Boards**

2041. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to give financial assistance for S.S.C./H.S.C. Boards who are giving quality education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Guidelines to establish a university**

2042. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority used to initiate any systematic check to ensure that various guidelines for establishment of a university were followed in letter and spirit;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken in respect of various private

universities during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of the private universities that found fit during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to ensure the quality of higher education in the universities?

**Objectives of IIMs**

2043. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Management propose to start new courses from this academic session;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the IIMs also propose to increase intake of students;

(d) if so, the number of students to be enrolled in IIMs;

(e) whether the IIMs have also taken some crucial decisions regarding fee structure, exemption from payment of fee for poor and bright students; and

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

**Uniform procedure for admission in Engg. Colleges**

2044. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is less demand for engineering course;

(b) whether the different and cumbersome procedures of different States have created hardship to the students to join colleges of their choice;



- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government would introduce a uniform procedure for admission in different States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Welfare schemes for women and children in Assam**

2045. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented for welfare of women and children in Assam;
- (b) whether Government are implementing the above schemes through NGOs;
- (c) if so, the details of the NGOs; and
- (d) the details of the amount allotted, released and actually spent on implementation of the above scheme in the State?

#### **Child marriage**

2046. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 10 per cent girls in the country get married before attaining the age of 14, according to studies conducted by Population Council of India;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to impose ban on such underage marriages by educating the parents through Government agencies/NGOs?

#### **Reservation for women in Government jobs**

†2047. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is reservation for women in Government jobs in every State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether women are being provided with employment in every State as per the prescribed percentage; if not, the persons responsible for it together with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Right to Education**

2048. SHRI R.K. ANAND:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

- (a) whether Government aim to achieve the goal of the Right to Education, as per article 45 of the Directive Principles on State Policy, which were to be achieved in 1960 and remain unrealized despite Supreme Court judgement in the case of Unnikrishna J.P. *versus* State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether any alternative measures, such as vocational training, are being implemented for the non-academically inclined students, so as to ensure that they can earn a livelihood; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Curriculum reforms in Education Bill**

2049. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether experts have pointed out that curriculum reforms must be included in the new Education Bill that is being considered at present;

(b) if so, whether Committee constituted by the Central Advisory Board of Education is currently revising the proposed Bill;

(c) whether it has also been reported that a million children especially in Rajasthan, Bihar, U.P., M.P. and Orissa did not complete three to four years of schooling every year;

(d) whether his Ministry gives 75 per cent funds for elementary education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision for introducing the legislation is likely to be considered?

**Examination stress**

2050. SHRIMATI SUKHBUN KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the examination stress continues to take a heavy toll of life of students, year after year, despite implementation of the recommendations of the Examination Reforms Commission;

(b) if so, the number of suicides committed by students in Delhi and other States so far during the examinations this year and the comparative figures for the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to ease such stress further?

**Shortage of schools and teachers**

†2051. SHRI N.R. GOVIND-

RAJAR:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether there is a shortage of primary and secondary schools and teachers in the country; if so, the anticipated shortage in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government have allotted any funds to these States to make up the shortage during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the extent of funds allotted, year-wise, to these States?

**Residential schools in tribal belts**

2052. 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 Government propose to set up 662 residential schools mostly in tribal belts for girls from backward communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schools that would be set up in Orissa under this Centrally sponsored project?

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**Separate ministry/department for children**

2053. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the departments of various ministries are undertaking various welfare measures and the measures pertaining to children;

(b) if so, whether his ministry is thinking of having one single department or separate ministry to look into the various aspects pertaining to children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Expenditure on education**

†2054. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision to spend 6 per cent of GDP on education was taken as per the National Education Policy, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that till the year 2005-06, the said expenditure of 6 per cent of GDP has never been spent in any year ever since the announcement of the aforesaid education policy;

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

(e) Government's future plans in this regard?

**Primary schools**

†2055. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of primary schools is decreasing continuously;

(b) if not, the number of such schools in 2001-02 and 2003-04; and

(c) the number of students registered in these schools during the above period?

**Shortage of secondary schools**

†2056. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of secondary schools;

(b) if so, the assessment of this shortage;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to increase the number of such schools, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount spent during 2002-03 and 2003-04 in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for less expenditure in 2005-06 as compared to the previous years?

**Efforts by UNICEF for Tsunami affected children**

†2057. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United

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Nations Children Emergency Fund is considering to make efforts at world level to save the children from being mentally affected, who have been separated from their parents during Tsunami disaster;

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

#### **Compensation for Tsunami affected students**

†2058. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to take special steps to compensate the interruption caused in the studies of the children in Tsunami affected areas;
- (b) whether he is having information about the damage to the schools;
- (c) if so, the action taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether any assessment has been made about the number of students affected by Tsunami?

#### **Suicides due to Ragging**

2059. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that junior students in colleges are committing suicides due to ragging by senior students; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by Government to prevent such suicides in future?

#### **Elimination of gender disparity**

2060. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO,

among other nations, has called upon India to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education by 2005;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UNESCO proposes to extend financial help for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Curriculum on human development**

2061. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to introduce a course curriculum on human development in higher education;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the United Nations Development Programme in association with the Institute of Human Development and the Human Development Research Centre has formulated a course curriculum on human development; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scholarships for school dropouts**

2062. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT is considering to launch scholarship programmes to woo dropouts; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Entry and operation of Foreign Universities/Institutes**

2063. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council for Technical Education has issued a notification in April, 2003 to regulate entry

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and operations of Foreign Universities/ Institutions;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines; and

(c) the specific sectors in which FDI has been allowed in Education under authorise route without sectoral cap?

#### **Mid-Day Meal Scheme**

2064. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deficiencies in implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in different parts of the country;

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

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government to bring about improvement in implementation of the above scheme?

#### **Streamlining of different syllabi and curriculum**

2065. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in different States, the different syllabi and curriculum are being followed at school and university level; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to streamline the syllabi and curriculum based on the consensus of Education Ministers of the States, students and teachers' representatives?

#### **Inspection by UGC**

2066. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has undertaken inspection visits of AMITY University;

(b) if so, how many such inspection visits were undertaken by the UGC;

(c) what were the findings;

(d) whether there has been hostility between the UGC and some new private universities; and

(e) what steps the UGC would take to create a more positive and constructive atmosphere in dealing with the private educational institutions?

#### **Clusters of institutions**

2067. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has evolved plans to form clusters of institutions so that infrastructure may be shared;

(b) if so, the details of the cluster formations amongst the universities being advocated by the University Grants Commission;

(c) whether the UGC would also formulate a scheme to fund such cluster formation;

(d) the details of the participation of UGC in this proposal;

(e) whether all universities have agreed to this idea; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Deemed University Status in Karnataka**

2068. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many institutions from

Karnataka have applied for Deemed University Status;

(b) which institutions in Karnataka have received No Objection Certificate from the State Government for the Deemed University Status; and

(c) what is the present status of these applications?

#### **Renovation of buildings of rural schools**

2069. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the Government run schools especially in villages are being run in very poorly maintained and potentially dangerous buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to renovate these buildings?

#### **Universalisation of secondary education**

2070. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken various steps for universalisation of secondary education by providing compulsory 10 years schooling to all the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any meeting with the State Government has been held and the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Functioning of AICTE**

2071. SHRIPENUMALLIMADHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring functioning of "AICTE" and what are the recommendations of the committee, constituted to look into the functioning of "AICTE";

(b) what are the actions initiated based on those recommendations; and

(c) whether there is any contingency plan to ensure planned growth in technical institutions?

#### **Expenditure on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

2072. SHRIPENUMALLIMADHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and spent so far for the "SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN"; and

(b) how many inhabitations are still without a school and how many additional posts of primary teachers are still vacant including those reserved for SCs/STs?

#### **Development of vocational and professional training institutes**

2073. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for expansion and development of vocational and professional training institutes;

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

(c) whether Government are implementing this plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Training centres for women**

2074. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up of various types of training centres exclusively for women in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reactions thereto; and

(d) the details of the other schemes formulated for the upliftment of women in the State?

### **Scheme for teaching through satellites**

†2075. SHRI BALAVANTALIAS BALAPTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Teachers Training Institute has formulated a scheme for teaching through satellite in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States selected for this purpose in the first phase; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on this plan?

### **Irregularities in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

†2076. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the famous educational organisation of the country, is within grip of grove of irregularities now-a-days;

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

(c) whether Government are considering to get these irregularities enquired into, so that restrictions may be imposed on purchase of goods; and

(d) if so, by when the enquiry would be conducted?

### **Course on M.A. (Punjabi)**

2077. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start M.A. (Punjabi) in Aligarh Muslim University from the ensuring academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the guidelines laid down for starting such a course?

### **Legislation for self financing colleges**

2078. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider to introduce a Central legislation to streamline the self financing colleges in the country;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are in receipt of a proposal from the Government of Kerala to include "Kerala Self Financing Collges Act 2004" in the 9th schedule to the Constitution of India; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon and Government's reaction thereto?

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### **Kendriya Vidyalayas in AP**

2079. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Compulsory schooling for children**

2080. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that UNICEF report "State of the World's Children-2005" has concluded that 33 million children in India have never been to schools;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether Government have drawn any plan to ensure that all children of five years of age and above are provided compulsory schooling;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Anganwadi Centres**

2081. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with a view to providing employment to women hailing from poorer sections of the society in rural areas, Government had created anganwadis;
- (b) if so, the number of anganwadis created in each State during the last five

years and the funds allocated for the purpose, year-wise and State-wise;

- (c) whether it is a fact that in a number of States no appointments have been made to fill up the vacancies of anganwadi workers; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to ensure that all the vacancies are filled up in a time-bound manner?

### **Upgradation of TV/AIR Stations**

2082. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposal received from Gujarat for setting up and upgradation of TV Station/AIR stations during the current financial year, location-wise; and
- (b) by when it would be cleared and the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

### **FM Radio Policy**

2083. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

- (a) whether a blueprint is ready to air FM radio policy;
- (b) whether with the recommendations from TRAI and Amit Mitra panel, his Ministry has worked out a policy that will ensure that teething problems never crop up again;
- (c) whether in the meeting between the Government officials, broadcasters, content providers and consumer groups it has been agreed for autonomous and quasi-judicial regulatory body to receive and dispose of



grievances and complaints regarding contents; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be announced and what are its features?

#### **Advertisement industry**

†2084. 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 an increase in the advertising industry has been assessed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the turn over of the industry during 2001-02 and 2003-04;

(c) the share of electronic and print media in this industry, separately;

(d) whether Government have any plan for development of this industry in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Industry status to cable TV network**

2085. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move in his Ministry to recommend to Government to give "industry" status to cable TV network;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **FDI for FM radio service**

2086. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the existing practice, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted in F.M. radio service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering any proposal to increase F.D.I. limits in F.M. radio;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if answer to part (a) be in negative, whether any instance has come to Government's notice regarding violation of FDI provision by any company in regard to FM radio;

(f) whether any action has been taken against any errant company;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Broadcasting and distribution of TV channels**

2087. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has submitted its recommendations on the matters relating to broadcasting and distribution of TV channels;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

#### **Access to undesirable channels under DTH**

2088. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the given security

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scenario and the coming terrorists threats in what manner Government plan to regulate access to the undesirable channels under the DTH mode; and

(b) what are Government's plans to prevent the potentially dangerous growth of unorganised market in the manufacturing of smart cards for the purpose?

#### **Modernisation of Prasar Bharati**

2089. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has sought World Bank assistance in its modernisation efforts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the assistance sought from the World Bank?

#### **Arrears of publications with DAVP**

2090. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge amounts of arrears of, publications are pending for payment with DAVP;

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

(c) by when these payments are expected to be cleared and who is responsible for such a state of affairs; and

(d) what effective steps Government propose to take to avoid recurrence of such a situation?

#### **Radio and TV coverage in Uttaranchal**

†2091. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population and area in Uttaranchal having access to Radio and Television;

(b) whether his Ministry is working on a scheme to enlarge the coverage of Radio and Television in the current Five Year Plan keeping in view sensitivity of the State; and

(c) if so, the percentage of population which is expected to have access to both the medium at the end of current Five Year Plan alongwith the details of the steps being taken in this regard?

#### **Shifting of Telugu News**

2092. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift Telugu News in All India Radio from Delhi to Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, by when?

#### **Pirated CDs and DVDs**

2093. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pirated CDs and DVDs are easily accessible in the open market which are ruining the music and film industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check this menace?

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**Ban on advertisements of tobacco products**

†2094. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban has been imposed on advertisements of all the tobacco products;

(b) if so, whether it has been ensured that the pan masalas shown in the advertisements telecast on TV are without tobacco; and

(c) the procedure adopted to ensure this?

**Strength of Judges in Guwahati High Court**

2095. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the actual number of Judges in Guwahati High Court Permanent Bench, Kohima is very less as against the sanctioned strength;

(b) whether the Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court, Chief Minister and Governor of Nagaland have recommended names of Naga persons to fill up the vacancies of Judges in the above Bench;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not recommending names of the Naga persons?

**Appointment of judges in High Courts**

2096. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

(a) the details of the vacancies in different High Courts, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have taken steps to recruit 300 judges in various High Courts;

(c) whether Government also propose to refer the recommendations for appointment of judges to various commissions;

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

(e) whether any time-frame has been fixed by when these vacancies are going to be filled up; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Basic facilities in judicial system**

†2097. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases seeking provision of basic facilities in the judicial system are pending in Supreme Court of India;

(b) if so, the number of such cases till December, 2004;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court had decided a number of such cases during the last five years;

(d) if so, the number of the cases decided so far; and

(e) the number of the decisions executed till December, 2004?

**Directives issued by Supreme Court**

2098. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court

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of India has issued a set of directives to Government in the All India Judges Association case, 2002;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of directives implemented so far and the details thereof;
- (d) the number of directives not fulfilled and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when the remaining directives would be implemented?

#### **Review of outdated laws**

2099. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to review the Indian Penal Code and other outdated laws considering that many laws have no relevance in the present context;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Lok Adalats**

†2100. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the places where Lok Adalats were held by the Hon'ble High Courts during the last three years, date-wise;
- (b) the number of cases taken up for disposal and the number of cases disposed of;
- (c) whether the High Courts are making permanent arrangements to hold such Lok Adalats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gender equitable legislative regime**

2101. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has directed his Ministry to ensure gender equitable legislative regime;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has started a process of cleaning laws which are gender biased;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the National Commission for Women has been demanding for changes in 42 Laws, including Cr. P.C., IPC Evidence Act, etc.; and
- (d) if so, the steps his Ministry has taken in this regard?

#### **Pending cases in Delhi Courts**

2102. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several lakh criminal and civil cases are pending in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on the 1st January, 2005;
- (c) what is the existing strength of Judicial Officers in Delhi and whether it is sufficient to cope with the existing pending cases and if not, whether Government propose to increase the strength of Judicial Officers; and
- (d) if so, by when?

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**Pending cases in various Courts**

2103. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY:  
Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for more than 20/10/5 years in each of the High Courts as well as the Supreme Court;

(b) the steps being taken to clear the backlog of the pending cases for such a long period of time; and

(c) the steps being taken to computerize the complete judiciary across the country for faster disposal of the pending cases?

**Strike by advocates**

†2104. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:  
Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the advocates went on strike on the 11th February, 2005 to oppose Government's decision to set up courts in every district of NCR of Delhi;

(b) if not, the reasons for the strike by the advocates; and

(c) the demands made by the advocates and the action taken to prevent the strike?

**Transfer Policy for Judges**

†2105. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL  
APTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN  
PANY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to formulate a new transfer policy for the judges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice has advocated the role of Government in appointment and

transfer of Judges;

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

(d) whether Government have received any suggestions in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Annual Reports of courts**

2106. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR  
SANGHI  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the long pending demand for enhancement of transparency in the functioning of the courts, the judiciary has finally agreed for introduction of a system for publication of annual reports of various courts across the country;

(b) if so, whether this decision was taken during the recent conference held with Chief Minister and Chief Justice of India;

(c) if so, whether this decision would help in revealing judicial statistics;

(d) if so, to what extent the annual reports would be helpful for smooth functioning of judiciary; and

(e) by when such reports would be published?

**Mineral exploration in Kerala**

2107. SHRI N.K. PREMA-  
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of  
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study or exploration has been undertaken in Kerala for possibilities of the mining of any ore metals or minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending for mining of Beach sand minerals in private sector in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Inspection of mines**

2108. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) had inspected mines during the second and third quarter of 2004-05 and pointed out a large number of cases of violations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many cases of violations, compliance has been detected;

(d) whether any prosecutions have also been launched on serious violations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the guidelines issued to ensure that such violations do not recur?

### **Value addition to minerals**

2109. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the provisions in the MMRD Act are encouraging unscientific mining practices and export of minerals, instead of value addition within the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to give priority to the industries adding value substantially to the minerals by suitable amendment in the law; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Minerals exploration and production**

2110. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in 2003 which would practically stop any new mineral

exploration and production in the Scheduled Areas;

(b) whether Government are aware that substantial portion of the country's minerals reserves are in the Scheduled Areas; and

(c) if so, the measures taken or contemplated to remedy the situation?

### **Illegal mining**

†2111. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal mining at hills and rivers has been going on in the various States despite a ban imposed thereon; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government have taken to check such illegal mining in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana etc.?

### **Minerals in continental shelf/territorial waters**

2112. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of mineral resources are available in the continental shelf/territorial water;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to assess the potential; and

(c) the steps being taken to exploit these mineral resources?

### **Minerals exploration by Geological Survey of India**

†2113. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Chhattisgarh where mineral exploration has been carried out by the Geological Survey of India during the

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last three years stating names of the minerals explored in each area;

(b) the number of units of the Geological Survey of India engaged in exploration of minerals in the State;

(c) whether the number of employees working in the State is sufficient where minerals are in abundance, in comparison with other States; and

(d) whether Government would consider to increase the staff strength of GSI engaged in Chhattisgarh and to increase budget provision for GSI?

#### **All India Whips' Conference**

2114. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of All India Whips' conference held so far;

(b) how many of them have been implemented and how many are pending and since when;

(c) the effective mechanism available to take follow up action;

(d) whether it would be considered adequate; and

(e) if not, how an effective device can be conceived and carried out?

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

2115. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:  
DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH  
LODHA:

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

(a) the reasons for non adoption of Government's proposals of reservation for SC/ST by the private sector;

(b) the action taken on the orders issued by her Ministry on the 18th November, 2004 in this regard and whether they have highlighted the plea that such reservation is the cause of sickness of public sectors; and

(c) Government's reactions thereto and the steps being taken to pursue the corporate sector to comply with the orders?

#### **Reports of UN Drug Control Programme**

2116. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of UN Drug Control Programme on Drugs and Crimes, in Delhi 44.7 per cent of treatment seekers were heroin addicts, while alcohol accounted for 26.4 per cent;

(b) whether the report prepared in collaboration with her ministry further indicated that most addicts are initiated into the drugs by age of 24 years;

(c) whether around 15 million people could become addicts by 2004 end, if drug abuse is not effectively controlled; and

(d) if so, Government's action plan to control this rising trend?

#### **Rehabilitation of Disabled persons**

2117. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disabled persons are most neglected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Chief Commission for Persons with Disabilities

have spent only Rs. 1.45 crore out of sanctioned outlay of Rs. 7.44 crore so far;

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

(d) the steps Government propose to take for the rehabilitation of disabled persons in employment?

#### **Inclusion in OBC/SC/ST list**

2118. SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) the number of pending cases of requests for inclusion in the OBC/SC/ST list received from Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Punjab, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal etc.;

(b) the reasons for delay in consideration and finalization of these cases; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

#### **Dr. Ambedkar International Award**

2119. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA-IAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar International Award for social change has been kept in abeyance by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation since the year 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Ambedkar National Award for upliftment of the weaker sections has been kept in abeyance by the Foundation since the year 1999; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amendment of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order**

2120. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Order with a view to provide that a person who has been treated as a Scheduled Caste in a State would belong to a Scheduled Caste throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

#### **Destitute female children**

2121. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lakhs of female children are now roaming in urban areas without a place to stay and without guardians;

(b) whether it is a fact that such girls are loitering around railway stations and public places without any help or protection;

(c) whether Government have any scheme or plan to attend to this dire social requirement of the society;

(d) Government's plan to find and take care of girls without any guardians in the cities;

(e) whether any hotline has been established to encourage information on such destitute girls in the cities; and

(f) the details of such plans by Government?



**Social Security programme for senior citizens**

†2122. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any social security programme for the senior citizens has been worked out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to frame any law in this regard;

(d) if so, by when the same is likely to be finalized; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Schemes for backward classes**

2123. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes introduced by Government for Welfare of the backward classes and weaker section of the society;

(b) the details of the financial assistance granted to the States, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have evaluated the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

**Relief measures for socially backward people in Tsunami hit areas**

2124. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) the relief and rehabilitation measures taken by her ministry for the socially backward persons in the Tsunami hit areas; and

(b) the details of the measures undertaken and implemented particularly in Tamil Nadu and other affected areas?

**Implementation of Bodo Accord, 2003**

2125. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not implementing clause 8 of the 2nd Bodo Accord, 2003 regarding the inclusion of Boro Kocharis of Karbi-Anglong, Assam into the ST (Hills) list; and

(b) the stipulated time, if any, by when the bill in this connection is likely to be brought in the Parliament?

**Diversion of funds in Assam**

2126. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that huge amount of funds, out of the funds released as grants under the provision of Article 275(1) for Assam in 2003-04 have been diverted to some areas other than tribal sub-plan and belt block areas;

(b) if so, the details of the funds and their diversions, Scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

**Tribal population in Tamil Nadu**

2127. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal population in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last five years for welfare of the tribals in Tamil Nadu;

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(c) how many Integrated Tribal Development Agencies are functioning in the State; and

(d) the responsibilities/tasks of these agencies for development of the tribal community?

**National Policy for Empowering the Tribals**

2128. SHRI NAND KISHORE

YADAV:

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have emphasized on a time bound action programme for formulation of a National Policy for Empowering the Tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made during the year 2003-04 as against the target fixed, State-wise;

(d) the number of tribal benefited by the action programme, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to complete the action programme within the time scheduled?

**Schemes for tribals in urban areas**

2129. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to help tribals living in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals have been received by Government, for such help; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Upgradation scheme for SC students in Madhya Pradesh**

†2130. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of awards fixed for class 9 to class 12 under the talent upgradation scheme for the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of such awards in view of the Scheduled Tribes' population in the State?

**Development of villages along metropolitan cities**

†2131. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a plan for development of the villages along the borders of the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to provide proper facilities in these villages?

**Sky Bus Project**

2132. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI C. RAMACHANDR-  
AIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for Sky Bus Project in four metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether any proposals have been received by Government on this project from foreign companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

#### **Mumbai sewage disposal project**

2133. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded a proposal for grant/loan from World Bank for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage II;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

#### **Desalination plant for Visakhapatnam**

2134. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a desalination project plant near Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has identified 12 other places for setting up these plants to overcome drinking water problems;

(c) whether Orissa has also identified their towns for setting up such plants to address their drinking water problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these plants would be set up in these towns?

#### **Water crises in NCT of Delhi**

2135. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA  
NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge water crises is looming large on the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to fight this crises?

#### **Problem of underground drainage**

2136. SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the magnitude of the problem of coverage of underground drainage in urban and metropolitan cities; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Constitution of Standing Finance Commission**

2137. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTER-  
JEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have so far constituted the Standing Finance Commission which is a constitutional mandate; and

(b) if so, what action have been taken so far by Government to implement the provision?

### **Central assistance for development of cities**

‡2138. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals/schemes submitted by the Government of Chhattisgarh seeking central assistance for development of various cities;

(b) the cities proposed for development under each of the proposal/scheme; and

(c) by when the pending proposals/schemes are likely to be cleared by Government and the reasons for the delay in this regard?

### **Civic facilities in Aravali and Mandakni Enclave**

2139. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had promised to construct a community centre, barat ghar and senior citizens' club on a plot of land in-between Aravali and Mandakni Enclave in Alaknanda for the residents of fifteen welfare associations living in that area for past two decades;

(b) whether his ministry had collected initial payment towards the cost of small plot of land from the ministry of Health & Welfare for CGHS dispensary (No. 75) on the aforesaid plot;

(c) what steps have been taken on both the points for tackling the genuine problems of the residents; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Unauthorised construction in Kalkaji**

2140. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a vast, illegal and unauthorised construction on Government land has come out in Block No. 36 & 37 DDA Janta Flats at Kalkaji and these residential flats have since been converted into shops and business establishments;

(b) whether the area opposite DTC bus stop (490 & 480) has been congested too much;

(c) whether DDA land has been grabbed by the allottees of Block Nos. 36/37 and it has resulted in traffic jam;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by DDA to get the land vacated and unauthorised construction demolished; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Demolition of Bungalow in Delhi**

2141. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bungalows in Delhi's Lutyens Bungalow Zone which have already been demolished and the number of those proposed to be demolished and razed, on which new smaller bungalows are to be constructed;

(b) the number of new bungalows and the type thereof that would be constructed, during the years 2005 and 2006, year-wise; and

(c) by when the new bungalows would be ready for allotment?

### **Impact of Master Plan of Delhi on Water Bodies**

2142. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Master Plan of Delhi prepared by the Delhi Development Authority has not been able

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to preserve the water bodies in its jurisdiction;

(b) if so, whether it would adversely affect the availability of water in the future; and

(c) what is the anticipated demand of water in the NCT of Delhi for the next ten year and the steps taken to ensure that requisite quantity of drinking water is available?

#### **Funds for sewage disposal project in Tamil Nadu**

2143. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any assistance for sewage disposal projects in Tamil Nadu during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

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

#### **Master Plan for Delhi**

2144. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of new Master Plan for Delhi;

(b) whether proposals to allow more vertical construction and higher FAR are being included in the Master Plan keeping in view the reality of lakhs of houses having third and additional floors;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to allow any special development including vertical construction within 500 metres on both sides of the Metro route;

(d) whether this special development will allow for high rise buildings within this area; and

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

#### **Green belt in Anand Vihar**

2145. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether plan to develop a green belt near Anand Vihar DDA flats has since been shelved and DDA has handed over the land to some other authority to construct an approach road for the proposed Anand Vihar Terminal;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) by when, the proposed activity, either green belt or road, would be started;

(d) whether DDA would allocate another piece of land for green belt there;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacant accommodation for tenure pool officers**

2146. DR. (SMT.) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate of Estates has been keeping type IV, DII, and DI accommodation vacant for tenure pool officers which is restricted only for the All India Service officers, whereas the officers who come on posting are required to be accommodated in transit accommodation first;

(b) whether Government are aware that vacant accommodation in the name of tenure pool denies other Central Government officers of accommodation as

per their entitlements and also causes loss to revenues;

(c) if so, whether Government would adopt uniform policy of allotment on the basis of pay scales; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Encroachment on DDA land**

†2147. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the DDA land under illegal occupation and the locations thereof;

(b) the officials responsible for the illegal occupation; and

(c) the action Government have taken to vacate the same?

#### **Water supply in Delhi**

2148. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that areas adjoining Delhi are not getting purified drinking water;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

#### **Expenditure on construction of houses**

†2149. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure incurred on the construction of houses has been constantly increasing for the past few years;

(b) if so, to what extent the expenditure on construction has increased during 2005-06 in comparison to 2001-02;

(c) the reasons for this increase; and

(d) the contribution of various factors on this increase?

#### **Migration of people to urban areas**

2150. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uneducated and unskilled migrants from rural areas face difficulties in getting adequate employment opportunity in the cities and towns;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide them guidance to save them from exploitation and misery; and

(c) whether Government would set up a separate cells for registering such entrants in the cities/towns and organise meetings/informative sessions to inform them of the available opportunities and their rights?

#### **Stamp duty on reality transaction**

2151. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously thinking of slashing stamp duty on reality transactions to 4-6% from the next fiscal to curb generation of black money;

(b) whether under this proposal the Centre is set to consider paying compensation to the States on revenue losses if they agree to lower stamp duty rates within the proposed band; and

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(c) whether Maharashtra and Delhi have shown promising results by generating more revenue by lowering stamp duty thereby curbing circulation of black money in realty deals?

#### **Problems of Jhuggis**

†2152. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to tackle the problem of increasing Jhuggis in the cities; and

(b) the population inhabited in Jhuggis?

#### **Foreign investment in housing**

†2153. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned foreign investment in the house construction industry;

(b) the details of the basis on which sanction for foreign investment has been accorded;

(c) whether any assessment has been done before according sanction regarding average annual foreign direct investment for coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assessment of benefit which metropolitan cities, cities and towns are expected to get as a result thereof?

#### **Shortage of houses in urban areas**

†2154. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding shortage of housing units in urban areas;

(b) if so, the shortage so assessed at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the projected shortage by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the number of houses proposed to be constructed during the Tenth Five Year Plan period in Government and private sector?

#### **UNDP Project for poverty alleviation**

2155. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) is taking up a pilot project in the country for poverty alleviation; and

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

#### **Housing Schemes for weaker sections and slum dwellers**

†2156. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Government schemes for providing houses to those slum dwellers of weaker sections who do not have suitable houses and are living below the poverty line in the cities of various States;

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(b) the details thereof and whether any proposal in this regard has been received from Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the amount provided so far in the form of financial assistance as per the proposal and the amount yet to be provided; and

(d) by when the remaining amount would be released?

**Development of Urban slums/  
clusters**

2157. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban slums/clusters, developed under the National Slum Development Programme since its inception, State-wise;

(b) the funds released under the scheme since its inception;

(c) the amount earmarked for development of Urban slums during the financial year *i.e.* 2004-05;

(d) whether Government have conducted any appraisal study of the scheme in order to streamline it for effective functioning; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Affairs of HUDCO**

2158. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there had been misappropriation and irregularities in sanctioning of loans and

waiving of loan by HUDCO during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Rs. 550 crores of loans of a company were waived off without valid reasons;

(d) whether Government are also aware that on a single day more than Rs. 5000 crores were sanctioned to 35 companies by HUDCO violating the rules and regulations; and

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

**Rise in urban unemployment**

†2159. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that urban unemployment has grown steadily inspite of launching Swarna Jayanti Urban Employment scheme, for the last few years;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to create more employment opportunities;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to meet these challenges keeping in view the unemployment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Low cost housing to middle class and  
poor people**

2160. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

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chalk out any action plan for providing low-cost housing for middle class and poor people by bringing new innovative technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government's recent decision of 100 per cent FDI in construction sector would benefit for low-cost housing in the country?

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