

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

Conservation of World Heritage sites

2659. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNESCO has expressed concern over conservation of the World Heritage Sites (WHS) in the country;

(b) if so, whether UNESCO has called for greater ASI role in maintenance of WHS;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the ASI in this regard;

(d) whether any team of UNESCO has visited the country recently to inspect the WHS;

(e) if so, the details of the report submitted by the said team; and

(f) the steps taken by Government thereon?

Survey for restoration of manuscripts

2660. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conducting any survey to conserve and restore manuscripts;

(b) if so, whether Government had set up any committee for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details of such survey taking place in the States/UTs;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are facing problem in tracking down experienced practitioners of traditional conservation methods who live in far-flung areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Government are taking preservation feedback from the traditional Sri Lankan experts;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the expenditure incurred thereon?

Renovation of Mahaprasad Market of Jagannath Temple

2661. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa has asked the Archaeological Survey of India to expedite renovation of Mahaprasad Market of the holy Jagannath Temple, popularly known as Anand Bazar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in execution of the renovation work; and

(d) by when, it would be completed?

Language policy of NSD

2662. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the language policy of NSD especially after grant of deemed University status;

(b) the number of plays staged by NSD repertory and students, language-wise, during the last two years, indicating Director's name and cost of production including remuneration paid to each Director;

(c) the achievements of Regional Resource-cum-Research Centre so far;

(d) the details of the proposals to open new Regional Centres;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the activities undertaken by Sanskaar Rang Toli during the last two years?

Maintenance of monuments

2663. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the monuments/sites under maintenance of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), State-wise;

(b) the monuments/sites proposed to be taken over for maintenance, by ASI, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years?

Protected monuments

2664. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the monuments being protected by the Archaeological Survey of India as on date, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent by Government during the last three years;

(c) the efforts made by Government to develop the above as places of tourists;

(d) whether certain monuments are in a dilapidated condition and are on the verge of collapse;

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

(f) the steps being taken by Government for protection of such monuments?

One hundred fiftieth anniversary of 1857

2665. DR. CHANDAN MITRA:
SHRIMATISYEDA
ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry

has earmarked a sum of Rs. 100 crore for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the events of 1857, also known as the first war of Indian Independence;

(b) whether sponsorship of an official history of the uprising of 1857, part of the proposed celebrations;

(c) if so, the historian who have been commissioned to write this volume(s);

(d) the basis on which historians have identified for the project, or if they are yet to be selected on what criteria they shall be chosen for this project; and

(e) whether both the Pakistan and Bangladesh have agreed to join in these celebrations and if so, the details thereof?

Observation of UNESCO on World Heritage Sites

2666. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any delegation of UNESCO has recently visited to examine the three World Heritage Sites in Agra-Taj, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri; Hampi in Karnataka and Bodhgaya in Bihar;

(b) if so, their observations on these World Heritage Sites and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have requested to add more sites/places in the list of World Heritage Sites; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of pollution and earthquake on Heritage symbol

2667. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union has selected Delhi's towering heritage symbol—Qutub Minar—as the Indian site to carry out seismic resistance tests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the European Union has also been monitoring the impact of pollution and earthquake on some other heritages symbols in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether they have sought Government's permission for such monitoring and if so, the details thereof?

Historic buildings in New Delhi

2668. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are historic buildings in New Delhi that even officials of the ASI were unaware of until recently; and

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

Plan for development of NER

2669. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a comprehensive plan for the infrastructure development in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects undertaken for execution in the region during the last three years alongwith the funds allocated, released and utilised so far, project-wise?

Proposals pending with NEC

2670. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of proposals which have either been returned or lying pending with NEC for more than one year;

(b) if so, the names of the projects; and

(c) the measures to have a considered view on those proposals and to sanction them?

Transportation problems in NER

2671. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the people of the North-Eastern Region are facing transportation problem;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to alleviate their problems; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Vision documents for development of NER

2672. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 'Vision Document' has been prepared by the NEC as an initiative for integrated development of North-Eastern Region;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the projects included in the above mentioned 'Vision Document' would be externally aided; and

(c) if so, the project-wise/State-wise details of such projects?

PSUs under one umbrella

2673. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring all Central PSUs under one single Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises

2674. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI SANTOSH

BAGRODIA:

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

(a) the number of meetings of BRPSE held since its establishment;

(b) the cases of how many PSUs have been considered by it so far, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases out of the above which have been finally decided, the details thereof;

(d) the number of such decisions that have been concurred by the Cabinet, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any of the recommended cases have not been accepted by the Cabinet if so, the details thereof?

**New public enterprises in
Chhattisgarh**

†2675. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES
AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased
to state:

- (a) the public undertakings established
in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;
- (b) the locations and the cost thereof;
- (c) the annual production and
manufacturing capacity of these
undertakings; and
- (d) the sanctioned posts of employees/
officers?

Share holders of BHEL

†2676. SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the
names of such institutions, person and
companies who hold three per cent or more
shares in the share capital of BHEL?

Revival of CPSUs in West Bengal

2677. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

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

- (a) the names of the Central PSUs
located in West Bengal, which have been
referred to BIFR;
- (b) the status of revival of these units;
and
- (c) the tentative time schedule for revival
of each units?

**Modernization of power plants by
BHEL**

2678. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the
Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to
state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the BHEL is
taking steps to modernize the existing
power plants and introducing new
technology for power generation projects;
- (b) if so, whether the BHEL is entering
into any collaboration with any foreign
power firms; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Revitalization of sick PSUs

2679. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA
TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY
INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sick PSUs
are going to be closed or sold;
- (b) if so, the number of sick PSUs and
the steps being taken to revitalize all the
loss making PSUs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Closure of PSUs

2680. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC
ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public sector units
recommended for closure by the CAG, the
details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the aggregate loss sustained by those
companies and the consecutive years of
each company which led the negative
growth; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the number of companies in Kerala on the verge of liquidation due to the aggregate loss which exceeded the paid-up share capital and the number of companies which began to attain profit after continuous loss for years together?

Revival of PSEs

2681. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Advisory Council (NAC) has made any recommendations to Government with regard to revival/restructuring of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs);

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in respect of restructuring of PSEs with details of the funds for the mission?

Purchase preference policy

2682. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRICHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

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

(a) whether a recent Cabinet decision on Price Preference Policy (PPP) for products and services of CPSEs has been restricted to the value of Rs. 100 crore:

(b) if so, the impact of the same on BHEL; and

(c) how Government are compensating the social cost borne by PSUs like BHEL, after restricting PPP?

Surplus and reserves of CPSEs

2683. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRICHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

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

(a) the reserve and surplus of CPSEs as on the 31st March 2005;

(b) the reserve and surplus of top ten CPSEs;

(c) the investible surplus; and

(d) the investment planned for the next three years from the surplus and the investments made during the last three years out of this surplus?

National Education and Assessment Council

†2684. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives for constituting the National Education and Assessment Council;

(b) the names of its existing members; and

(c) the manner of funding thereof?

Redressal committee in KVS and NVS

2685. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalayas Samiti have set up redressal committee to deal with the complaints of sexual harassment

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

at work place as per the direction of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of complaint received and disposed and the action taken based on the disposal during the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of the action taken on the complaints of sexual harassment of women employees of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas of Rajasthan and Kerala during the year 2004-05?

Scrutiny of text books

2686. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government introduced any arrangement to evaluate and scrutinize the School Readers and Text Books of various standards being followed by the Government and private educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not whether Government propose to introduce any such arrangement;

(c) whether any faults or irregular aspects have been brought to Government's notice in any Text Books prescribed by the private educational institutions in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the NCERT or any other agencies recommended any qualitative changes in the existing Text Books in Kerala and whether any suggestions to delete any portion thereof?

Allahabad Agriculture Institute

2687. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Allahabad Agriculture Institute in Uttar Pradesh has been given the status of a Deemed University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Duplicate books

†2688. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that duplicate books are being sold on a large scale and edition of duplicate books are also circulated in the market within few days of releasing of the original edition;

(b) whether Government have formulated any concrete plan to stop sale of the duplicate books; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

MP's discretionary quota for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2689. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase discretionary quota of Member of Parliament for admission to Kendriya Vidyalayas from present number of two;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Nutritive diet under ICDS

2690. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Corn Soya Blend (CSB), which is a high nutritive diet for children, being supplied under ICDS scheme has recently been discontinued;

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

(c) whether the decision is being reviewed; and

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

Leakage of question papers of Technical Entrance Exams

2691. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that papers of various entrance examination for technical courses had been leaked;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years alongwith the action taken to curb it; and

(c) whether there is any national body assigned with the task of ensuring that the prestigious examinations are conducted in a fair manner?

Accommodation of students

2692. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court in its judgement has held that schools will have to accommodate their own students in a stream if the latter's choice of seats are available;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that students of a particular school are forced to take other subjects instead of subjects of their choice lying vacant;

(c) if so, the position in regard to the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya;

(d) whether Government propose to issue directions in view of the court's decision; and

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

Allahabad Agricultural Institute

2693. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH
KHAN AZMI:
SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:

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

(a) whether Allahabad Agricultural Institute (Deemed University) is running the course of Bachelor of physiotherapy through its study centres spread all over the country since 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the locations and the number of students and whether AAI obtained approval of UGC and the Distance Education Council before starting this course;

(c) whether the fee paid by the students would be returned alongwith interest and penalty in the event of approval not being given by the UGC;

(d) what is the mechanism to check such courses being run by the different

Universities/Institutes which do not have approval of the UGC; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to protect interest of the students who are pursuing this course and are in the final year?

Improvements in Government schools

†2694. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

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

(a) whether children of 71 per cent of families in urban areas and children of 77 per cent of families in rural areas get admissions in the Government schools;

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

(c) whether these Government schools need a considerable improvement;

(d) if so, whether such improvements have been identified by Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the manner in which these improvements would be effected by Government?

Rape and dowry death

2695. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 44 women are alleged to be raped every day in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 18 dowry deaths are reported every day in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with the measures to ensure empowerment of women?

Education loans

2696. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board for Education has made a strong plea to the commercial banks offering loans for education, as it observed that the beneficiaries of the existing loan system are from rich-affluent families; and

(b) whether the CABE has urged Government to set up a Higher Education Finance Corporation, on the lines of Swaminathan Committee recommendations, to ensure disbursement of loans only to the needy and deserving students?

Shelter houses under Mahila Swadhar scheme

†2697. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the number of shelter house opened under 'Mahila Swadhar' programme and the locations thereof, State-wise;

(b) the capacity of each of the shelter houses to keep destitute women;

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(c) whether Government are aware that condition of the women residing in these shelter houses is worse;

(d) the amount of fund allotted, State-wise and year-wise under 'Mahila Swadhar' programme during the last few years and how much amount was spent out of this; and

(e) the number of shelter houses closed/proposed to be closed so far out of the above and the reasons therefor?

Amendments to Dowry prohibition Act

2698. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code enacted to prevent harassment to women for dowry is being misused by women to harass their in-laws;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to amend the Dowry Prohibition Act so as to avoid its misuse;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that complaints against the in-laws and their family members are registered in the police stations even after lapse of ten or more years of the marriage and if so, the reasons therefor?

Bill for protection of women from domestic violence

†2699. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

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

(a) by when the Bill giving legal protection to women against domestic violence be introduced;

(b) whether there have been any provisions to crack down on physical, sexual, verbal and economic abuse on women;

(c) whether the Bill covers harassment by way of unlawful dowry demands; and

(d) the provisions made under the new legislation to give women rights to share household properties?

Grants to voluntary institutions

†2700. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH
LODHA:

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

(a) the schemes under which grants are being given to the voluntary institutions;

(b) the details of the rules and procedure being followed to sanction the grant; and

(c) the amount sanctioned during the last three years, State-wise and the details of the beneficiary institutions, State-wise?

Withdrawal of books from syllabus

†2701. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some books have been withdrawn from the syllabus of the NCERT and the National open University;

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

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(c) whether Government have received any memorandum or letters etc. regarding removal of the said books; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fake universities

2702. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C.
RAMACHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) whether U.G.C. has recently published a list of some fake universities operating in the country to sensitize the general public that these are not recognized by U.G.C. nor competent to issue any degree or diplomas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that a private Delhi-based Management Institute which is neither recognized nor its course contents approved by Government is freely operating and drawing a large response from the gullible public; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken to sensitize and caution people about the institute?

Proposals on Education Cess

2703. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider proposals made by the Committee of the Central Advisory Board on Education Cess;

(b) whether the Committee has expressed the view that Government have

to bear most of the financial burden of the States;

(c) whether this would mean that one has to continue to pay education cess at least up to 2011-12;

(d) whether CAGE Committee has also suggested to a Centrally sponsored scheme on a secondary education;

(e) the proposals made by the Committee; and

(f) whether these schemes would remain upto the completion of Tenth Five Year Plan?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in UP

†2704. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's policy is to open Kendriya Vidyalayas at district level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts in UP where Kendriya Vidyalaya have not been opened till date and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in the above said districts?

Child and women welfare in Andhra Pradesh

2705. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Andhra Pradesh for child and women welfare during the years 1999 to 2002, year-wise;

(b) the voluntary organisations of the State alongwith the Central Government

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funds received by them, organisation-wise and scheme-wise during the above period;

(c) whether Government found any misappropriation, fraud or serious financial irregularities during the above period;

(d) if so, the periods involved therein;

(e) the action taken so far by the State/ Central Government in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Educational schemes for Chhattisgarh

†2706. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/proposals relating to school education for Chhattisgarh which are pending with his Ministry and since when;

(b) the reasons for the delay in according approval; and

(c) by when the sanction would be accorded?

DEC's book on distance education

2707. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the book 'Information base on Distance Higher Education in India' published by Distance Education Council (DEC) during December, 2004;

(b) whether courses/programmes run by the various Universities mentioned in the above book are as per UGC/DEC Norms/ Instructions;

(c) whether Degree awarded by the Universities mentioned in the above book are valid for Government job; and

(d) the proposal of Government to

publish this book every year to give proper information to the students/professionals about the programmes/courses run by the various Universities through distance education?

Textbooks under SSA

†2708. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been started for providing free Textbooks to the SC/ST students under the 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan';

(b) whether it is also a fact that this scheme has not been implemented completely in all the States;

(c) the details of the textbooks distributed in Maharashtra and other States during the last educational year 2004-05, the number of the Students, State-wise in this educational year and the number of students to whom textbooks have been provided; and

(d) the arrangements that Government propose to make so that the book could be provided to all the students?

Recognised Engineering Colleges

2709. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engineering colleges which have been recognized by AICTE, State-wise;

(b) the number of seats available in such colleges, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of engineering colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Transfer Policy in Norad Swadhar and DOWCD

†2710. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH
LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) the details of the transfer policy under Norad, Swadhar and the Department of Woman and Child Development;

(b) whether it is a fact that the officers who recommend the institutions and those who release the funds are continuously working on the same seat for the last seven years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Self-financing engineering colleges in Kerala

2711. PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with AICTE for sanctioning of new self-financing engineering colleges and also for sanctioning additional seats in the existing colleges in Kerala;

(b) the reasons for pendency; and

(c) the action being taken by AICTE in this regard?

Financial assistance under Swawlamban (Norad) Scheme

2712. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for financial assistance under the Swawlamban (Norad) Scheme received from NGO's of U.P. since

2002 alongwith the details of assistance extended to them;

(b) the details of the proposals still pending with his Ministry despite being submitted through Steering Committee alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the proposals which have been forwarded to the Central Social Welfare Board and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government are aware that several proposals are pending for clearance with the Central Social Welfare Board; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and by when all the proposals would be cleared?

Primary Schools in Chhattisgarh

†2713. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of formal and informal primary schools running in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of the villages of the State where such primary schools do not exist;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for opening primary schools in each and every village of the States; and

(d) the caste-wise and sex-wise literacy after the census of 2001?

Performance of States under SSA

2714. DR. M. A. M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States which have shown good results in the case of implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the details of the States whose performance has not been found satisfactory; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of these States?

Status of Children

2715. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grim scenario regarding status of children in the country mentioned in the United Nations report on the "State of World Children 2005";

(b) the basic amenities/rights which a child in a Civil society is entitled to (namely, access to proper shelter, clean drinking water, food, toilet immunization, nutrition, education) and the status regarding these parameters in India; and

(c) the steps Government intend to take to improve the lot of children?

Establishment of Kendriya Vidyalayas

2716. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set up more Central schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposals from the State Governments to open Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Tamil

2717. 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 set aside Rs. 3.3 crores over the next years to implement a scheme for the development of Tamil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to set up a centre of Excellence for the development of Tamil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Literacy rate

†2718. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is quantitative as well as qualitative increase in literacy as a result of primary education and informal education;

(b) the basis of this assessment and whether any evaluation has been made thereof; and

(c) if so, the details of the findings thereof, State-wise?

Regulations and control of AICTE

2719. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the regulations and control of AICTE is supposed to exercise over various technical universities and private/ Government colleges thereunder;

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(b) the regulations and control exercised by AICTE on Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and the private engineering colleges there under during the past three years;

(c) the findings of AICTE;

(d) the remedial action suggested; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

Exploitation of children

2720. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2721. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds are provided annually to the State Governments and UT Administrations for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) the basis of determining the sizes of funding to be so provided to the respective State/UT;

(c) the details of the items and curriculum which are eligible to be covered under the scheme;

(d) whether instances of diversion of funds allocated under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and/or under-utilisation of the allocated funds have been noticed in the last four years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Gogoi Sub-Committee

†2722. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gogoi Sub-Committee set up by Government for providing free education to the girls upto the age of 18 years has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have studied the report and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Open and Distance Learning System

2723. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Conventional/Deemed Universities having Open and Distance Learning (ODL) System in the country;

(b) whether the Programme/Courses run by the above Universities are with the consent/approval of the Distance Education Council (DEC); and

(c) if not, the details of the action Government propose to take against the defaulting universities?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Technical and paramedical
programmes under Allahabad
Agricultures Institute**

2724. SHRI S. S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Allahabad Agriculture Institute (Deemed University) in Uttar Pradesh has been conducting various technical and Para-medical Programmes under distance education system claiming that these are recognised by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Deemed Universities in Karnataka

2725. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals recommended by the Karnataka Government for the grant of Deemed University status in the State; and

(b) the present status thereof?

Control over professional education

2726. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Students Federation of India for enactment of a Central legislation to ensure social control over the professional education sector; and

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

**Facilities under Sarva Shiksha
Abhiyan**

2727. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities being given to the students under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan at present;

(b) whether Government propose to review the distribution of free text books to all the students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Stenography specialists as Professors

†2728. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provisions for appointment of specialists in stenography as visiting lecturers or professors in polytechnics;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the All India Technical Education Council is not responsible for under valuing this subject; and

(c) the reasons for not giving recognition to the specialists of this subject?

**Hindi Stenography in Mahatma
Gandhi International Hindi
University**

†2729. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University has received a proposal to include Hindi stenography in its curriculum; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the date on which this proposal was received and the action taken by the University?

Book of Shorthand and Typing in NIOS

2730. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NIOS feels that the single book prepared for the subjects of Shorthand and Typewriting is sufficient to achieve the target at Senior Secondary Level;

(b) if not, the reason for which the books approved by the CBSE/NCERT etc. submitted to the NOIS, have not been recommended to the students or NIOS affiliated vocational institutions; and

(c) the steps NIOS would take to help the students in this regard?

Glorification of Sati

2731. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government had brought out a book on the Glorification of Sati violating the provisions of the Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987; and

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

Education cess for primary education

2732. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been specifically set apart from out of the education cess fund for financing primary education during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to utilize the education cess fund for the secondary education sector also; and

(d) if so, whether the basic objective of improving the quality and spread of primary education would suffer for want of finances?

Increment of NTT teachers

2733. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for Nursery Teachers, who possess Nursery Teachers Training (NTT) to do B.Ed for the purpose of getting Assured Career Progression in Delhi;

(b) if so, since when this policy has been adopted; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which such Nursery Teachers have been denied the benefit of Assured Career Progression?

Percentage of illiterate youth

2734. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of illiterate youths is till very high;

(b) if so, the percentage and the ratio of such girls and boys;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such ratio is higher in Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes than any other communities; and

(d) if so, Government's measures to eliminate the problem?

National Bal Bhavan

2735. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bal Bhavan Board is authorized/competent to decide the staff structure recruitment, promotion, creation of new posts, abolition of posts etc., in the National Bal Bhawan;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the relevant rules/notification etc.; if not, the competent authority to decide and the role of his Ministry in this regard;

(c) whether before accepting the recommendations of the SIU regarding staff structure of NBB, the NBB Board/competent authority were consulted, if so, their recommendations/comments/views thereon; and

(d) the details of the posts abolished on the basis of SIU recommendations?

Change in education system

†2736. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bring comprehensive change in the present education system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Rates for pay channels

2737. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a right to fix rates chargeable by the Cable operators for pay channels;

(b) if so, whether Government have fixed the rates; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cable operators in TV transmissions

2738. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether TV transmissions still continues to be through the cable;

(b) the extent to which DTH has been able to replace cable television;

(c) whether the Internet connections are also finding place through the cable; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to free the public from the monopolistic functioning of the local cable operators in the field of TV transmission/internet connections?

Co-production treaty by film industries

2739. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Italy and Indian film industries have signed a co-production treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this treaty would also cover television content generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Telecast by private TV channels
through DTH**

2740. SHRIS. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Doordarshan has allowed private TV channels to telecast through its DTH basket free of cost;

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

(c) whether such practice would augur well for the public broadcasters particularly when it is already incurring losses; and

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

Media Commission

2741. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Media Commission;

(b) whether it is due to the rise in the number of TV channels; and

(c) if so, the role of this Media Commission?

FDI in news channels

2742. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have referred the issue of foreign investment in news channels and their uplinking to a Group of Ministers to take a view;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry's proposals include the nature of investment entities;

(c) if so, by when the Group of Ministers is likely to submit its recommendations; and

(d) what are the other issues that has been referred to this Group of Ministers?

Studio centres

2743. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of studio centres in the country and how many of them have complete digitalization and partial digitalization;

(b) the details of the studio centres earmarked for complete digitalization and partial digitalization during 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on each centre covered under (b) above?

Punjabi language in DD/AIR

2744. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjabi is one of the National languages and it is second language in Haryana and Delhi;

(b) how much time is devoted on Punjabi language in Doordarshan and All India Radio Stations in Haryana and Delhi;

(c) whether news in Punjabi is broadcasted on TV and Radio Stations in Haryana, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) whether any special programmes in Punjabi language are produced in these States?

Reporting in Media

2745. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of substantive reporting and in-depth analysis in the media had deteriorated; and

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

DD Kendra, Goa

2746. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a full-fledged Doordarshan Kendra at Panaji, Goa;

(b) if so, the details as regards commencement and completion of the work; and

(c) whether Government also propose to give status of 'Regional Centre' to the present Programme Generating Facility Centre, pending the completion of construction of a full-fledged Kendra?

Election for Members of Rajya Sabha

2747. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the issue of election some Members of Rajya Sabha, who were elected earlier from the States to which they neither belong nor reside, a lot of uproar and noise were created and adversely

reacted by certain major political party functionaries;

(b) whether the very same pattern has been followed again in electing the MPs (RS) by the very same reactionaries; and

(c) if so, what is the standard that can be conceived and followed in future?

Allocation for enforcement of laws

2748. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has issued any directive to Government to make some budgetary allocation everytime a Bill is passed by Parliament to enable the judiciary to meet the cost of its enforcement;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its implications; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

Free and fair elections

2749. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the illiteracy and ignorance among the communities Government would take up a scheme to regularly educate the society in the matter of fair, free and fearless elections which is considered to be a very important area in upholding the democracy; and

(b) whether any strict measures would be adopted to prevent rigging, intimidation, booth capturing etc., during elections?

Fatwas issued by religious institutions

2750. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what procedures are followed by the jurisdictional courts when Fatwas are issued by the Islamic institutions or even local panchayats in criminal cases at variance with the existing criminal laws;

(b) whether there are any specific guidelines or instructions relating to dealing with such cases or it is left to the discretion of the local courts; and

(c) the steps Government propose to ensure that ends of justice are adequately met particularly in respect of the victims of major crimes perpetrated on them?

Administration of criminal justice

2751. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of disposal of criminal cases under Indian Penal Code specially local laws over the last several years has highly dismal;

(b) the steps Government have taken for expeditious disposal of the criminal cases during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendation of Malimath Committee regarding reduction of long vacations in the High Courts and Supreme Court, which might go a long way on the early disposal of the pending cases both in High Courts and Supreme Court, and if so, the details thereof?

Pending cases

2752. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of civil, criminal and service matter cases are pending with the Supreme Court and various High Courts for more than five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof separately, category-wise, court-wise; and

(c) the effective steps proposed to be taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the long pending cases?

Statutorisation of laws laid by Supreme Court

2753. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to statutorise the laws laid down by the Supreme Court of India, from time to time;

(b) whether any exercise has been undertaken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

New law for judiciary

†2754. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate new laws for judiciary;

(b) if so, the details of the basic facilities provided by Government to the judiciary;

(c) whether any comprehensive plan has been made to expedite hearings of the civil cases; and

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(d) Government's view on the present system of incurring minimum expenditure or incurring no expenditure?

Leasing out of iron ore mines

†2755. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information or figures regarding leasing out of iron ore mines for mining purposes in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof?

Loopholes in functioning of mines

2756. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inquiry report of mines has pointed out various loopholes in functioning of the mines like lack of uniformity in conducting safety audits, contradictory practices in installation of rescue equipments, outdated methods in preparation and updation of mine maps and shortage of surveyors; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of mines?

Indo-Australian cooperation in mining and exploration

2757. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Australia are all set to expand cooperation in the field of mining and exploration;

(b) whether CII, in cooperation with the Australian Trade Commission has monitored a high level 15-Member delegation to Australia from June 28 to July 7 to explore opportunities for Indian companies in the mining sector in Australia;

(c) if so, to what extent visit of the Indian delegation has helped to cooperate with Australian Government in mining;

(d) what are the agreements signed between these two; and

(e) to what extent Australia has agreed to help and assist India in mining?

Non-clearance of mining leases

2758. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government's effort to mop up resources by involving investors in mineral based industries is getting delayed because of non-clearance of mining leases by Government;

(b) whether according to the Jharkhand Mines and Geology Department claims that 24 proposals worth Rs. 12,000 crores are awaiting Government's nod; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in clearing these projects and by when a final decision by Government would be taken to implement the proposals of Rs. 12,000 crores by the State?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Disinvestment of NALCO

†2759. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for disinvestment of the National Aluminium Co. (NALCO) has been submitted to his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and his Ministry's response thereto?

Demand for a share from the income of bauxite mining

2760. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tribals of Visakha and East Godavari agency areas have demanded a rightful share of the income to be accrued from bauxite mining;

(b) if so, the demands made by the tribals and whether Government have considered these suggestions; and

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

Central aid to destitutes

†2761. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing full amount as additional Central aid to all those destitute beneficiaries who are of 65 years and above and getting pension; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of Government funds by NGOs

2762. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had come to know that many NGOs, who were receiving grants, are utilising the funds for different purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to blacklist these organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Wakf properties

2763. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

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

(a) the details of the properties which are Wakf by user:

(b) the details of such properties with the Archaeological Survey of India;

(c) the efforts made by her Ministry to get those properties restored to Wakf Boards;

(d) the results achieved so far; and

(e) what further strategies Government propose to devise to get back those properties from the Archaeological Survey of India?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Committee on status of Muslims

2764. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 768 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2005 and state:

(a) the names of the members and the terms of reference of the Committee constituted to report on the status of the Muslims;

(b) the purpose of this Committee; and

(c) the progress made till date?

Imrana case

2765. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that the *fatwa* issued in Imrana rape case amounted to denying a wronged woman the restoration of her dignity and basic human rights;

(b) whether the Constitution sanctions such edicts by clergy or caste panchayats in supercession of the laws of the land; and

(c) whether Government feel that personal laws of all the religious denominations should be in consonance with the constitutional guarantees of equality and dignity for women?

Reservation for disabled persons

2766. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open all non-technical group A&B civil services posts to the disabled;

(b) whether the persons with disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, guarantees 3 per cent reservation at all levels of employment in Government and in public sector undertakings;

(c) if so, whether according to the survey of the National Centre for Promotion of Employment of disabled people less than 1 per cent of employable disabled population is engaged in income generating work;

(d) the details of the disabled employed in Government and public sector undertakings, State-wise; and

(e) the number of disabled persons in the country, State-wise?

Post metric scholarships to Scheduled Caste students in U.P.

†2767. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide post matriculation scholarships to the students of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a draft proposal demanding Rs. 23662.811 lakhs has been received for approval from the Government of Uttar Pradesh under this scheme;

(d) if so, the amount released so far to the State Government under the said scheme; and

(e) by when the remaining amount is likely to be allocated?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Abuse of minors in remand homes

2768. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the incidents of abuse of minors in the remand homes in Delhi and other States; and

(b) if so, the action taken to make such homes safe from juvenile offenders?

Centres for mentally retarded persons

2769. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres for mentally retarded persons in the country as on date;

(b) whether this number is sufficient to meet the requirements of the mentally retarded persons; and

(c) if not, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Prohibition of Beggary

†2770. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Beggary Abolition Act has been in force only in Mumbai and Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering to repeal it because this act oppressing the people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for tribals in Andaman and Nicobar

†2771. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to provide basic facilities like health care, education and accommodation to the tribal people living in Andaman and Nicobar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of fund allotted and released by Government alongwith the amount spent in this regard during the last three years?

Eviction of tribals

2772. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the eviction of a large number of tribals from their traditional habitats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make certain changes in the tribal policy/law with a view to prevent eviction of tribal people;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has been consulted in this regard; and

(f) if so, their response thereto?

Hostels for STs students

†2773. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for Rs. 724.00

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

lakhs are pending with Government for construction of hostels for Scheduled Tribes boys/girls; and

(b) if so, by when this amount would be sanctioned?

ST status to certain communities of Assam

2774. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a proposal listing out the names of certain communities from Assam has been sent by the State Government of Assam for restoring them the Scheduled Tribes status, if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(b) the unspent amount surrendered during 2004-05 under the Tribal Affairs Department; and

(c) whether the unspent amount could be earmarked against the schemes available with his Ministry for the schemes sent by the State Governments outside normal allocation?

Safe drinking water for Delhi

2775. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Delhi and other places in NCR have been receiving dirty water from taps;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to provide pure and safe drinking water to the people?

Extension of Metro to Qutub Minar

2776. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO has conveyed its reservations on the proposed extension of Metro to Qutub Minar—a world heritage monument; and

(b) if so, the details of the UNESCO's concerns?

Waiting list of DDA housing schemes

‡2777. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the registration had been made by the Delhi Development Authority in the past years for providing houses to the people;

(b) the number of those registered people till the end of March, 2005 who have not been allotted houses so far; and

(c) by when Government propose to provide houses to these people?

Unauthorised construction in DDA colonies

2778. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in DDA Residential Colonies construction is going on by unauthorized/inexperienced private house builders;

(b) whether despite orders of the Supreme Court, 3/4 storeyed flats are being

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extended up to 5/6 storeyed with the nexus of MCD Officers and connivance of Police Officers;

(c) whether such construction are going on unchecked in Munirka particularly in BC Street phase-I which has become health hazard on account of narrow streets; and

(d) if so, what legal action Government propose to take against the guilty officers/ owners of the flats, violating the building laws?

Unauthorised shops/taxi stands near schools

2779. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have turned a blind eye to unauthorised Shops/Taxi stands near Chinmaya Vidyalaya two Government Schools, and in and around CBI colony and CPWD colony, Vasant Vihar which are sprouting like mushrooms in connivance with Delhi Police and MCD officials and CPWD staff;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the officials to save the school children of these three schools who are exposed to traffic hazards;

(c) the steps proposed to find alternate route for water tankers meant for Kusumpur village; and

(d) by when Government would initiate action against the unauthorised shops/taxi stands and erring officials for the safety of school children?

Maintenance of buildings by CPWD

2780. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is poor maintenance of the buildings by the Central Public Works Department;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to ensure proper maintenance by CPWD?

Allotment of land to organisations

†2781. SHRI JANARDAN

DWIVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private hospitals/ dispensaries/educational and voluntary organizations to which DDA has allotted land till date;

(b) the time frame by which the allottees are required to complete the construction work;

(c) the details of the hospitals/ dispensaries/individuals/institutions which have not carried out the construction so far; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by Government against such allottees?

Funds for urban development

2782. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has urged his Ministry and submitted a proposal to provide Rs. 1210 crore for clearing Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project and whether this would cover five municipal corporations and other municipalities;

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(b) if so, whether money is proposed to be spent on roads, water supply (rehabilitation and new schemes);

(c) if so, whether other States have also urged Government for providing funds for such projects; and

(d) to what extent Government have agreed to provide funds for Urban Development in Kerala and other States?

Use of broad gauge lines by Delhi Metro

†2783. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to lay the broad gauge line for Delhi Metro instead of the standard gauge lines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Metro administration had suggested the standard gauge lines for metro; and

(c) if so, the reasons for converting the same into broad gauge?

Demolitions in Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi

2784. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the massive demolition in residential houses in Ramesh Nagar area of West Delhi which is a rehabilitation colony like Lajpat Nagar, Rajinder Nagar etc. in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Task Force on Rehabilitation Colonies set up in 2002 after the Lajpat Nagar demolitions is examining the issue and has still not submitted its report despite a gap of three years while it was to submit its report within two months; and

(d) the relief proposed for the harassed residents through the Task Force and the new Master Plan?

Development of construction sector

2785. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction sector has good potential to grow 7 to 8 per cent annually; and

(b) if so, Government's action plan to develop this sector and also the urban transport and civil infrastructure in the urban sector to boost economy?

Conversion of flats into freehold

2786. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the enormous difficulties faced by the residents of DDA flats and housing societies in getting their residential units converted into freehold;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of allottees of Himalaya Apartments, Plot No. 61, I.P. Extension Delhi have been facing harassment at the hands of DDA officials in getting their freehold papers despite completion of all formalities;

(c) the action being taken against the officials responsible for the delay;

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(d) the time-frame within which the pending applications are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the steps being taken to remove corruption and make the system transparent?

Development of towns in UP

†2787. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes submitted by Uttar Pradesh for getting Central assistance for development of towns during the last three years;

(b) the approximate costs involved and names of the towns proposed to be developed under each of these schemes along with other details; and

(c) by when, a decision would be taken on these schemes by Government and the reasons for delaying such a decision?

Compensation for land acquisition

2788. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy, procedure and practice being adopted for making payment of compensation to the land owners whose land is acquired;

(b) whether compensation is paid through Addl. District Judge or land Acquisition Collector directly;

(c) the number of appealable and non-appealable cases in which payment of compensation has been made directly by the land Acquisition Collector, South Delhi to land owners during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether any payment in respect of non-appealable case has been sent to Addl. District Judge for disbursement alongwith names and award numbers?

Additional work in Government quarters

2789. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD takes 10 per cent contribution from the allottees of the Government quarters for completion of certain works like water tank installation, slab installations in kitchen, wash basins and electrical work etc.;

(b) if so, the number of persons who opted for these works in the Central Government quarters, Colony-wise in Delhi during the last one year;

(c) the details of the pending works in E-Block, Netaji Nagar and Sec.-12 R.K. Puram, New Delhi and by when these works would be completed;

(d) whether after lapse of six months of depositing amount for various works, the works have not been started; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Issue of tax free bonds by Municipal bodies

2790. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Municipal bodies which were allowed to issue tax free bonds during 2004-05; and

(b) the amount which each Municipal body was allowed to raise through the issue of the said bonds, the period thereof and the rate of interest payable to the investors?

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Safe drinking water supply

2791. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission in its report for Tenth Five Year Plan, has estimated that 70 to 80 per cent of diseases are water borne;

(b) if so, the details of Government's plans to supply germ free potable water to every house; and

(c) whether Government endorse the action of State Government of Delhi in privatization of water supply?

Website for allotment of government accommodation

2792. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2774 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th April, 2005 and state:

(a) the route/directory/heading, subheading where the names of Government servants alongwith their allotted Government accommodation and official addresses are available on the website of his Ministry; and

(b) since when these details are being maintained on website?

Shifting of economic activities outside Delhi

2793. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to shift the economic activities from Delhi to NCR cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name and number of NCR cities where the economic activities are likely to be shifted;

(d) whether Government propose to make Delhi more convenient for commuters of NCR cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Raw water for Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant

†2794. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached to provide raw water for the Sonia Vihar Water Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, raw water is likely to be provided for the said project; and

(d) whether this quantity of water would conform with the installed capacity of the project, if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance for Development of infrastructure in Mumbai

2795. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought more financial assistance from Government to develop needed infrastructure in Mumbai which has badly been ruined due to heavy unexpected monsoon rains.

(b) if so, the financial assistance sought during the year 2005 and the amount sanctioned/released till date; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to

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develop Mumbai to the required standard?

**Encroachment and subletting of
Government quarters**

2796. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special drive is being contemplated to ascertain the extent of unauthorized construction/encroachment of premises of Government quarters and subletting in Delhi, keeping in view the long waiting list for allotment of Government quarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when Government would launch such a drive to ascertain the wide spread unauthorized construction in Government quarters in Albert Square, Gole Market etc.;

(d) the measures being contemplated to dissuade occupants from such unauthorized constructions; and

(e) the measures taken to increase the availability of Government quarters particularly in type-IV and below, allotment of which is decided by the date of entry in service and not by a prescribed scale of pay?

Use of VSNL land

2797. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land of VSNL complex in Chhatarpur, New Delhi has been earmarked for institutional use as per Government notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the use to which the VSNL land is being put to presently;

(d) whether it has come to Government's notice that the land is not being used for proper institutional purpose as required by Government's guidelines; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the concerned party?

**Monitoring of contract works by
CPWD**

2798. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the
Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no or poor monitoring of contract works by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how much money has been lost due to poor monitoring by CPWD; and

(d) the action taken to ensure proper monitoring of contract works by CPWD?

**Condition of Government quarters in
BKS Marg**

†2799. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN
SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government buildings under the control of CPWD specially Government quarters located at Baba Kharag Singh Marg phase-I are in dilapidated condition due to lack of funds;

(b) whether it is also a fact that owing to departmental carelessness and gross negligence balconies etc. are falling since years and the department is not paying due attention towards the same;

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(c) if so, the facts in this regard and reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken against the departmental officers for this carelessness and negligence; and

(d) the details of the scheme for carrying out the repair work of outer walls and balconies etc. in this colony neglected since long and by when the same would be completed?

Discrimination by CPWD in electrical works

†2800. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a discrimination in providing facilities to the quarters of the same category by the electrical department of CPWD;

(b) whether extra fans etc. are being installed in some of the type-III quarters of Sarojini Nagar area whereas the same facility do not being proposed to the other type-III quarters;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this discrimination would be done away with and the same facility would be proposed for all the quarters of the same category?

Privatisation of CPWD

†2801. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to privatize CPWD;

(b) if so, the grounds therefor;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to bring improvement

in working of CPWD; and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have prepared any action plan to bring improvement in maintenance work of CPWD and to make it free from corruption; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Provision of kitchen in Government quarters, Aaram Bagh

†2802. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Central Government Employees Residents' Welfare Association (Block No.54-97) Aaram Bagh for providing kitchens in the Central Government residential quarters of Block No. 63 to 80, Aaram Bagh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a provision has been made for an additional room in the Government flats at Raja Bazar, New Delhi; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to make a provision for kitchens in the above flats?

Ceilings of balconies in quarters in Kali Bari

†2803. SHRI FAQIR CHAND MULLANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that balconies of 'H' and 'J' blocks of Type-2 quarters of Kali Bari are provided with cement sheets;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the residents have to face problem as these

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cement sheets are in worn out condition, leading to leakage during rains and the residents have been continuously intimating the concerned officers about it;

(c) whether Government propose to provide cement lintel;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Urban Transport Policy

2804. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of all the States have met in the capital on June 29 to discuss and finalise the National Urban Transport Policy keeping in view the worsening transport situation in the country;

(b) if so, whether the objective of the policy is to ensure safe, affordable, comfortable, quick reliable and sustainable access to residents of the cities seeking jobs, education, recreation, etc.;

(c) if so, to what extent this transport policy was accepted by the Chief Ministers; and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented?

Safe drinking water supply in Assam

2805. SHRI URKHAO GWRA
BRAHMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan/ programme of providing safe drinking water supply to all the district towns of Assam;

(b) whether such schemes have already been provided in some towns of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Subletting of Government accommodation

2806. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received during the last six months against the CPWD employees for subletting Government accommodation allotted to them in Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them in the matter?

Levy of property tax

2807. SHRIMATI MOHSINA
KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MCD has since implemented the unit area method for levy of property tax on properties in Delhi; if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the NDMC and the Delhi Cantonment Board are still continuing with their existing assessment procedures; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would issue necessary instructions to the NDMC and the Delhi Cantonment Board for adopting the unit area method of assessment for the sake of uniformity in assessment in the city and also in public interest?

Ban on human scavenging

2808. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a strong criticism by the court against non-implementation of ban on human scavenging;

(b) whether any high-level inquiry has been ordered to ascertain whether manual scavenging is still being practiced;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose any time bound action plan to abolish scavenging; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of toilets and bathrooms in slums in Delhi

†2809. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under Government's consideration to construct toilets and bathrooms for the poor people particularly women living in the slums in Delhi metro city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Projects for urban slums

†2810. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects being run with the help of World Bank and other International Financial Institutions for

improvement of environment in urban slums specially in small and big cities in the country;

(b) the amount provided by the said institutions in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) the amount utilized for the said purpose so far, State-wise?

Unemployment among minorities in urban areas

2811. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unemployed or semi-employed people in urban areas belong to the minority community;

(b) whether any survey has been done to see whether the scheme made by her Ministry reaches these section; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the NGOs, minority institutions and media are involved in propagating these schemes among the most deprived sections of the minorities?

National Policy on Hawkers

2812. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has asked Government to submit a blueprint of its proposed National Policy on Hawkers; and

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

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Statistical data on Housing

2813. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN
EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY
ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether housing is one of the
important indicator of economic health of
the country;

(b) if so, whether a reliable and verifiable
housing statistics is available in the country;
and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether
it is proposed to put in place an agency
for preparing and monitoring such
statistics?

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