

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the April 25, 2005/Vaisakha 5, 1927 (Saka)*

(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

Condition of art museums

3246. SHRIMATI VANGA

GEETHA:

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA

SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that art museums run by Government present a pathetic picture as reported in the print media;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to improve condition of the art museums?

Preservation of sites in Maharashtra

†3247. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of religious places, tourists sites and temples being preserved

by the Archaeological Survey of India in Maharashtra;

(b) whether his Ministry proposes any scheme pertaining to preservation, providing facilities and development of these sites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the annual expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon?

Upkeep of buildings of historical interest

†3248. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals from the foreign countries for the upkeep of buildings/places of historical importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the number of countries with whom talks have been held in this regard?

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

Leaning towers of the Taj Mahal

3249. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the leaning towers of the Taj Mahal at Agra;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to prevent any mishap or collapse of the towers and to make the Taj more tourist friendly; and

(c) the steps taken so far to cleanse the environment around the Taj and to protect the monument against dense chemical fumes emitted by the metal casting factories and other air polluting units?

Development of ancient cultures

3250. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes implemented by Government for developing and preserving the ancient cultures of the country;

(b) whether Government have launched any scheme/project for promotion of the culture of the minorities living in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of National Monuments

3251. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy for conservation of National Monuments;

Tilting of Qutab Minar

3252. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that study has been carried out to find out if Qutab Minar in Delhi has tilted;

(b) if so, the details thereof such as extent of tilt, its effect on safety of Minar and its surroundings etc; and

(c) what precautionary measures are being taken to prevent any mishap?

Study on minarets of Taj Mahal

3253. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Survey of India is getting a study conducted to examine the Taj's four minarets to check for a possible tilt;

(b) if so, whether Archaeological Survey of India has also asked the School of Planning and Architecture to prepare a common master plan for the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri at Agra; and

(c) whether these study reports are likely to be made available?

Strengthening of regions attracting tourists

3254. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had hardly paid any attention to the States

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who had contributed significantly to the country's culture as they attract a large number of tourists;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to strengthen these regions?

Establishment of digital library

†3255. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish a digital library in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the objective behind establishment of such library; and

(d) by when it would be established?

Scheme for development of tribal culture

†3256. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for protection and development of tribal culture is under consideration of his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the nature, details and provisions thereof?

Development of NER

3257. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn

up a national agenda for development of the NE Region;

(b) if so, Government's action plan to secure speedy development of the region, specially for development of rural infrastructure and generation of employment;

(c) whether any help from the foreign agencies has also been sought in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for NER from non-lapsable pool

3258. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of allocation of funds to the North-Eastern States from the non-lapsable pool of resources;

(b) the amount sanctioned to the different States of NER from NLCPR in the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) whether the States have spent the sanctioned funds and submitted utilisation certificates in time; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to mobilise more funds for the States in the year 2005-06 under the head NLCPR?

Development of Sikkim

†3259. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the development proposal pending with Government submitted by the State Government of Sikkim; and

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(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the details of the action taken by Government on these proposals and the reasons for their pendency, proposal-wise?

Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) Ltd.

3260. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd. (HMT) was established on nearly 212 acres of land gifted by the Government of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether HMT in turn had allotted small portion of land to its former employees to set up ancillary units;

(d) if so, whether there is a demand for transferring the ownership of the portion of the HMT land on which the ancillary units have been set up, to the respective owners of the units at below the market price; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with Government's reaction thereto?

Identification of sick PSUs

†3261. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether Government, during the mid-term review of the Tenth Five Year Plan, have identified those Public Sector Undertakings which have become sick;

(b) if so, the names of these sick undertakings and the loss incurred by them as on March, 2005; and

(c) the outstanding debts of these industries borrowed from the domestic and foreign financial institutions?

Contribution of PSUs in GDP

†3262. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the contribution being made by the Public Sector Undertakings to the GDP of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years, year-wise?

Performance of PSUs

†3263. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Tenth-Five Year Plan the percentage of production of the Public Sector Undertakings in the Gross Domestic Production has not been satisfactory;

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

(c) whether Government have fixed any targets to increase the above percentage during the remaining two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan, and if so, the details thereof?

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**Unshackling of PSUs from
Government control**

3264. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had made a statement that Government would take steps to bolster the PSUs and provide modernized technology to the farmers who will in turn, provide a fast track to the economic development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to unshackle the PSUs from Government controls with a view to providing them a free hand to operate independently?

Functioning of BRPSE

3265. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) and how it is different from BIFR;

(b) the details of the cases referred to BRPSE so far;

(c) whether Government have referred the cases of Hindustan Cables, B.O.G. Ltd. etc. to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Unutilised rail wagon manufacturing
capacity**

3266. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial manufacturing capacity in the rail wagon manufacturing units both in public sector and private sector in the country have been lying unutilized;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps contemplated, if any, for facilitating enhanced utilization of the installed capacity of these units?

Task Force for UGC

3267. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a task force to oversee functioning of the UGC;

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to examine the role of the UGC which is harassing various educational institutions;

(c) whether there is any plan to make the UGC functioning transparent;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to rectify the errors of management and culture in the UGC; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have also asked the University Grants Commission to review women's studies in all universities?

Hasslefree environment for women at work place

3268. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has prescribed certain guidelines and norms for all employers to ensure good and hassle free environment for women at work places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to create an awareness of these norms amongst the employers and to motivate them to take appropriate action in this regard; and

(d) if answer to the part (c) above is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Villages with vocational training facilities

†3269. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of villages where facilities for vocational training are available in the schools and colleges; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government till date to increase the vocational courses in such schools and colleges?

Representation of women in print and electronic media

3270. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States that have set up Advisory committee to assist the enforcement

machinery under the Indecent Representation of Women Act, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that indecent representation of women in print and electronic media violates one of the fundamental duties of the constitution and also leading to increase the violence against women; and

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

Percentage of science students

†3271. 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 according to the report of the University Grants Commission average percentage of science students is decreasing;

(b) if so, the percentage in the beginning of 90's alongwith the estimated percentage at the end of the decade;

(c) whether there is a need to make science education more attractive keeping in view the changing scenario; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the future plan in this regard?

Children affected by HIV/AIDS

3272. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring out a scheme to protect, care and support children affected by HIV/AIDS;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to join hands with U.N. agencies to take care of the orphans and vulnerable children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Education cess

†3273. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two per cent of cess for education was levied on direct and indirect taxes by Government with effect from the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the amount collected in this head till December, 2004;

(c) whether a sum out of the said amount was allocated to a few States for human resource development; and

(d) if so, the names of such States and amount allocated to these States?

The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987

3274. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating changes in the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987;

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

(c) by when a bill in this regard is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

Free text books under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†3275. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether text books are distributed free of cost to the students from Class I to VIII under "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan";

(b) if so, whether text books are not being provided free of cost to the general category students from class VIth to VIIIth; and

(c) if so, whether such discrimination is conforming to the spirit of the Constitution?

Lack of nutritional food

†3276. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 70 per cent of poor children, women and girls have been found anaemic due to lack of nutritional elements in food in rural areas in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken in this regard despite confirmation of the same in all the surveys conducted by Government; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take keeping in view the seriousness of the situation?

Adult literacy

3277. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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had started adult literacy drive to educate illiterate people and if so the amount spent on the drive and how many illiterates, have become literate, State-wise; and

(b) whether Bihar and Jharkhand are still one of the most illiterate States and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remove illiteracy in these States?

National Curriculum Framework for School Education

3278. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

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

(a) whether some time back, Government appointed a panel to review the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether recommendations of the Panel have since been considered by Government; and

(f) if so, by when an appropriate decision based on the Panel's recommendations is likely to be taken and implemented?

Infrastructure and facilities in Anganwadi Centres

3279. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Commission of Applied Economic Research has recently conducted a survey to look into the infrastructure and other facilities of the Anganwadis; and

(c) if so, the major findings thereof?

Committee for improvement of education

3280. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government have appointed another Committee to aid the cause of education in the country;

(b) if so, whether this Committee is headed by the Prime Minister;

(c) whether the Committee would revive all the existing programmes for universal elementary education and literacy;

(d) if so, the decisions taken at its first meeting; and

(e) whether any concrete programme of action has been planned by this Committee to improve education?

Legislation to prevent exploitation of students

3281. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether a recent court judgment has suggested to the Centre to enact a legislation to prevent exploitation of students as there is lack of regulation to

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check mushrooming private educational boards conducting all India tests;

(b) if so, whether any judgment sounded warning that situation was grave and required urgent steps by Centre to stop exploitation of students;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering the suggestion; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to enact a legislation to curb exploitation, as pointed out by the court?

Primary Schools

†3282. 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 most of the primary schools are having just a single room;

(b) if so, the number of such primary schools that are having one, two, three, four or five rooms, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have fixed any time limit to build at least five rooms in all the primary schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when?

Scheme for encouraging secondary education

3283. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL
APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:

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

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had suggested a scheme for encouraging Secondary Education through SSC boards by instituting Scholarships, Olympiads in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Astronomy, representing the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's decision thereon?

Women self-help groups

3284. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any information regarding functions of women self-help groups in various States;

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

(c) the efforts being made/proposed to be made by Government to further strengthen the system of women self-help groups?

School Drop-outs

†3285. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of girl drop-outs is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

UGC regulations

3286. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants

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Commission has initiated steps to examine the proper implementation of the UGC regulation framed for establishment and maintenance of standards in the private universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of inspections done during the last two years, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise and the action taken or to be taken based on the above inspections; and

(c) the number of private universities for the last three years, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise and as on date?

Unregistered computer training centres

3287. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of unregistered computer training centres are functioning without proper facilities to impart training;

(b) the number of such centres functioning in the capital;

(c) whether Government are also aware that some of such training centres have been closed down without completing courses after collecting huge amount from students;

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

(e) whether any punitive steps are being considered against those who are running such training centres?

Policy for women's rights

3288. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have framed a National Policy with the

objective of ensuring women their rightful place by empowering them as agents of the socio-economic changes and developments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Central University status to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University

‡3289. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to accord Central University status to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University engaged in the development of Sanskrit language; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Suspension of recognition of I.I.Ts.

‡3290. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suspended the recognition granted to the I.I.T. at Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya alongwith the I.I.Ts of other five institutions; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Macaulay Education System

‡3291. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the structure of Macaulay Education System was based on inequality;

(b) if so, the structure of education system in the present situation; and

(c) Government's action plan to bring uniformity in the Indian education system?

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Infant maternal mortality rate

3292. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the infant and maternal mortality rate in the world including India and China as per the latest report;

(b) the percentage of under-nourished children in the world including India and China;

(c) what is the improvement in IMR, MMR and percentage of under-nourished children in the country after introduction of mid-day-meal schemes with specific data; and

(d) Government's plan to attain optimum improvement in the matters ?

Private Universities

†3293. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private universities operating in the country;

(b) whether UGC provisions are applicable on such universities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana

3294. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi workers and helpers covered under the Anganwadi Karyakartri Bima Yojana, as on the 31st March, 2005; and

(b) whether Government would agree to extend the last date for joining the Yojana?

Anganwadi centres in Karnataka

3295. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi centres functioning in Karnataka;

(b) the number of children covered under ICDS in Karnataka;

(c) whether the State Government has requested to sanction additional Anganwadi centres to meet the demand;

(d) if so, the number of new Anganwadi centres proposed by the State Government; and

(e) the steps, if any, taken so far by Government in this regard?

UGC grants to Madhya Pradesh

†3296. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities and Colleges in Madhya Pradesh which have received U.G.C. grants during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the criterion for receiving such grant; and

(c) the number of the colleges which are not getting any grant from the University Grants Commission?

Grant of Central University Status

†3297. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have rejected the proposal with regard to according the

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status of Central University to Sagar and Reeva Universities submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Mushrooming of private universities

3298. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed by the University Grants Commission to stem the mushrooming of the private universities, which in many cases endanger the academic careers of a large number of students enrolled these in;

(b) the names of the private universities approved by the U.G.C. during the last three years ending the 31st March, 2005; and

(c) the number of cases for approval of private universities pending with the U.G.C. as on the 1st April, 2005 and by when these are likely to be cleared?

Anganwadi workers training centres in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†3299. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi workers training centres in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh during last three years;

(b) the number of training centres out of the above ordered for closure;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the decision taken for the future of the employees of the closed centres?

National Children Board

3300. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Children Board is going to be reconstituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the activities undertaken by the Board;

(d) what are the aims and objectives of the Board; and

(e) whether the Board protects rights and privileges of the children?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Karnataka

3301. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the Karnataka Government to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when this demand was made;

(c) Government's response in this regard;

(d) the new Kendriya Vidyalayas opened by Government during the last three years; State-wise, District-wise and year-wise;

(e) the details of the request for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas pending with Government; and

(f) Government's response in this regard?

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Primary schools in Orissa

3302. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of primary schools in Orissa both formal and non-formal;

(b) the enrollment in the age groups of 6-11 and 11-14 in the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 in the State; and

(c) the literacy rate in the State after 2001 census, Caste-wise and Sex-wise?

Allocation for school and mass educational programme

3303. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Orissa for the School and mass educational programme under the Centrally Sponsored Plan and the Central Plan during the Tenth Plan; and

(b) the funds released so far out of the Tenth Plan Allocation to the State?

Fake overseas universities

3304. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of the quality checks and mechanism to probe and verify bonafides, is helping the fake overseas universities to operate from India without any hindrance or regulation;

(b) whether the State of Hawaii in the US, has recently served a caveat on the University Grants Commission to look out for a fake university operating in India under the name 'American University of Hawaii';

(c) whether this 'American Hawaii University' was barred from operating in

Hawaii and fined heavily as it was found to be a one-man teaching shop; and

(d) whether UGC has put such alerts in its website to alert Indian students?

Central Universities with Tamil Department

3305. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities having a separate Tamil Department;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Tamil in all the Central universities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

UGC assistance for women's hostels

3306. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has a scheme to fund and finance women's hostels and other facilities so as to encourage women to obtain university education;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released by UGC in 2004-05 to finance women's hostels;

(c) the details of the funds given to the universities and colleges in Andhra Pradesh in 2004-05 for the specific purpose of funding women's hostels; and

(d) the steps proposed by Government to increase funding for construction of women's hostels?

Standing Committee for women studies

3307. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a Standing Committee to go into the studies dealing with women in the universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this Standing Committee would be a permanent body with a definite tenure;

(c) if so, whether its Members and Chairperson would get salaries, housing facilities, etc. for a fixed tenure;

(d) the details of the expenditure which would be incurred on this Committee;

(e) whether any cost-benefit study been done about the utility of this Committee; and

(f) if so, steps proposed to review the need of this Committee?

Minorities and Backward Area Development Scheme and Area Intensive Programme

3308. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Minorities and Backward Areas Development Scheme and the Area Intensive Programme for establishment of schools, with funds allocated under the two Schemes during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether allocation of funds to the States under the above two schemes is pending consideration of Government since 2001-2002; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard, with special reference to Karnataka?

Allocation of funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme with the funds released to the States under the programme since its inception, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that requests from some of the State Governments for release of funds under the programme in respect of Madarsa and Sanskrit schools are pending consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard, with special reference to Karnataka?

Computer literacy and studies in Government schools

3310. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored scheme for computer literacy and studies in Government schools;

(b) the details of the funds released for this purpose during the last three years and till date, State-wise; and

(c) by when all Government schools are likely to be covered under the above scheme?

Review of National Curriculum

3311. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five-yearly review of the National Curriculum Framework is being undertaken by NCERT and recommendations of about twenty-one National Focus Groups, comprising eminent personalities, are awaited for the purpose;

(b) if so, by when these recommendations are expected to be received; and

(c) what is the time-frame for completing this exercise?

Allocation for education

†3312. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budgetary allocation earmarked for education under various schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the allocation made for this purpose has not been used by some of the States; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Policy for development of higher education

†3313. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are

contemplating to declare a separate policy for the development of higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that development of higher education has come to a halt during the past several years in the absence of education policy; and

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

Modernization of Madarsas

3314. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount Government have allocated for modernization of Madarsas during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what facilities are being provided to the Madarsas under this scheme;

(c) how much salaries are being provided to the teachers appointed therein; and

(d) whether any assessment has been made about the impact of this scheme on Madarsa education and its modernization?

Funds and future plans for women and child development

3315. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds earmarked for women and child development schemes during the last two years;

(b) the details of these funds utilized by various States; and

(c) the details of the projects likely to be undertaken during the next two years

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for development of women and child development?

Welfare of adolescent children

3316. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plans to provide shelter, health care and education to adolescent children;

(b) whether Government have set up Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) throughout the country for welfare of these adolescent children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Commission for Children's Right

3317. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of formulating a legislation to set up a National Commission for Children's Right in keeping with the UN convention on the issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what exactly is the UN convention on the children's rights?

Sexual abuse of children

3318. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an alarming rise in sexual abuse of children in the country, particularly in Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases of sexual abuse of children registered across the country during the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent sexual abuse of children and protect their rights?

Amount released and spent on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†3319. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds were allocated to State Governments in the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 under education to all campaign;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to each of the State during the above years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the amount of money used by each of the State Government; and

(d) the details of the amount to be spent and medium through which it would be spent by each of the State?

Rashtriya Mahila Kosh

3320. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for promotion and support of women undertaken by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the target for loans set by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the last three years; year-wise;

(c) whether his Ministry has observed

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that there is a need to review the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh; and

(d) if so, whether any committee has been constituted to look into the entire gamut of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh?

Telecast of India-Bangladesh Cricket Test Match

3321. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan did not telecast full coverage of India-Bangladesh Cricket Test Match from the 10th to 13th December, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure full telecast of such events of mass public interest in future?

Serials on Indian classical literature

3322. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has given up the plan to produce serials on Indian classical literature and great story writers;

(b) if so, the details of the serials which were proposed to be produced based on the Indian classical literature; and

(c) the reasons for giving up the plan?

International Film Festival in Goa

†3323. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether previous Government had decided to hold International Film Festival permanently in Goa;

(b) if so, whether that decision has been changed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Community radio centres

3324. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the response to the community radio centres;

(b) how many community radio centres are presently in operation;

(c) how much foreign direct investment is allowed in the FM radio segment under the existing norms;

(d) if not, whether Government are planning to liberalise the policies to enable foreign investment to come in to the sector; and

(e) if so, by when and the details thereof?

Modernisation and upgradation of National Channels

3325. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reach of National Channels;

(b) whether there is any policy to modernise and upgrade the facilities in the National Channels to compete with other private channels and that of BBC, CNBC, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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DTH transmission proposal

3326. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Direct-to-Home transmission proposal has been well received in the industry;

(b) the number of applications received by Government for the Direct-to-Home transmission proposal as on date;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had rejected some proposal for Direct-to-Home services;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the applications for Direct-to-Home services which are under Government's consideration?

Obscenity crime and violence on TV channels

3327. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growing obscenity, crime and violence so often depicted/ displayed on the small screen through various channels, especially private ones, has seized Government's attention;

(b) if so, the number of cases booked against different channels during 2004, and 2005, so far; and

(c) what effective steps are taken to prevent and screen out such display and representation on TV having impact on the mind and psyche of the future generation and the people?

DD Kendras in tribal districts

†3328. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to open Doordarshan Kendras in tribal districts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme for tribal districts of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh?

Registration of publications in Tamil Nadu

3329. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of titles registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India as daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc. in Tamil Nadu, category-wise;

(b) whether all these titles are in circulation currently;

(c) whether these titles are kept confidential; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Crime based programmes on TV channels

†3330. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crime-related programmes based on the true incidents telecast on various TV channels;

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(b) whether Government are contemplating to take action against the said organisation/offices and anti-social elements shown in the above programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Discussion on the eradication of piracy

3331. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to discuss the issue of eradication of piracy with the State Governments';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposal from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Publication of foreign newspapers

†3332. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering not to allow publication of foreign newspapers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Recovery of outstanding dues

†3333. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Film Development Corporation, his Ministry's undertaking, is suffering huge financial losses due to non-realization of dues amounting crores of rupees from the advertisement agents appointed by above corporation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken for recovery of the dues?

FM coverage in Karnataka

3334. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of FM coverage in Karnataka;

(b) the places so far covered in the State by FM channel;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by AIR and FM channels to cover various parts of the State;

(d) whether Repeaters would be set up in the State to enable transmission over a greater range; and

(e) if so, the place identified for this purpose?

Digital captive earth stations and down linking facilities to AIR stations

3335. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether digital captive earth stations and down link facilities have been provided to certain All India Radio stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the remaining stations would be provided with the facility?

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**Conference on piracy in
entertainment industry**

3336. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether in a recent conference of
entertainment industry which was attended
by him, the industry voiced its serious
concern about the piracy which is harming
the industry badly;

(b) if so, the other issues voiced by the
industry; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to
stop piracy and help the entertainment
industry come out of the crisis?

**Telecast of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha
DD-Channels**

3337. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the
Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cable
operators in R.K. Puram, New Delhi are
not showing DD-Lok Sabha and DD-Rajya
Sabha free-to-air channels despite
subscribers demand;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken
against the cable operators; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that all
cable operators in Delhi should telecast
these channels?

Uniform Entertainment Tax

†3338. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of

the Ministers of Information and
Broadcasting of the Centre and the States
is going to be held in Delhi on 17-18 April,
2005, in which apart from other matters
discussion would be held on levying
uniform entertainment tax; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

AIR stations in Orissa

3339. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India
Radio (AIR) stations in Orissa are
technically ready for commissioning for the
last three years and awaiting clearance from
Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-
commissioning of the AIR stations has
caused blockage of capital assets of large
value; and

(c) whether the commissioning has been
held up due to non sanction of the required
staff to run them on a day-to-day basis?

Channel in United Kingdom

3340. SHRITARIQ ANWAR: Will the
Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati
is likely to launch channel in United
Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have
earmarked any funds for the channel?

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Pending court cases in Punjab

3341. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases, pertaining to Punjab, are pending for disposal in the Punjab and Haryana High Courts and other civil/criminal cases in the courts of the State;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which are pending for more than 10 years, 15 years and 20 years; and

(c) the steps taken for their early disposal?

Appointment of Notary Public

3342. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Notary Public appointed during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the number of Posts of Notary Public lying vacant in Tamil Nadu?

National Legal Services Authority scheme

3343. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to meagre allocation of funds for the National Legal Services Authority scheme, the purpose of providing free legal aid to weaker sections of the society has been defeated;

(b) the amount released by Government to various State Legal Services Authorities

under sub-section (2) of section 15 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987; and

(c) the number of people benefited from this scheme since its inception, State-wise?

Reservation in appointment of law officers

3344. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are following the reservation policy in the appointments of Attorney General, Additional Attorney General, Solicitor General and Additional Solicitor General and other law officers for various High Courts and Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, their ratio according to the population?

Lokpal for Judiciary

3345. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning some institution like Lokpal for the Judiciary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Legal Aid Scheme

3346. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited from the Legal Aid Scheme since its inception, State-wise;

(b) the income limit prescribed to get assistance from Legal Aid Scheme;

(c) whether there is any move to raise the income limit for providing legal aid to the poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

High Court benches

3347. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the benches of High Courts, State-wise;

(b) the authority under which these were set up;

(c) whether the benches of High Courts, have in any way affected the judicial functions of the High Courts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-implementation of court orders

3348. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1108 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th December, 2004 and state:

(a) the status of the writ petition including the reasons for its non-implementation;

(b) whether Government are aware that the petitioners are almost on their death bed due to old age and sickness and are not in a position to go through the exhaustive legal remedies;

(c) what action has been taken against the officials responsible for this sorry state of affairs;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when relief is likely to be granted to the petitioners?

Permanent Lok Adalats

3349. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States/UTs have not established permanent Lok Adalats; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to make available speedy, inexpensive and substantial justice to common man?

Illegal mining in Panna

3350. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that over 90 per cent of the diamonds (worth approximately Rs 12 crore) mined in placer deposits (shallow mines) and conglomerates spread over two dozen villages are sold illegally or smuggled out of Panna (M.P.) to polishing units in Mumbai and Surat;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are over 3,000 illegal mines in villages in Panna district; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curtail the illegal mining in Panna?

Exploration of mineral deposits in A.P.

3351. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had given approval for sanctioning of reconnaissance permit to Andhra Pradesh Government for exploring mineral deposits in Kurnul, Anantpur, Prakasam, Cuddapah, Chittar, Nellore, Mehaboobnagar, Rangareddy, Guntur and Bukkapattnam districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of proposals received from the State Government, the number of proposals sanctioned and the proposals still pending with Centre;

(c) the amount released by Centre to the State Government for these mineral deposit exploration operation; and

(d) the details of the achievement made so far under these operations?

Schemes for handicapped children and women

3352. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for handicapped children and women formulated and being implemented by Government in the country particularly in Assam;

(b) the amount spent by Government for implementation of these schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any new schemes in this respect; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds to fake NGOs

3353. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds meant for disabled are released to the NGOs which are fake and non-performing;

(b) the methodology being adopted by Government for granting such funds to the NGOs;

(c) whether any misuse of funds meant for disabled have been reported to Government during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against those NGOs?

Report on drug addiction

†3354. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national report on drug addiction has been released;

(b) if so, whether any detailed action plan has been formulated for its implementation;

(c) the number of centres being run in Uttaranchal to deal with the problem of drug addiction along with the number of centres proposed to be set up;

(d) whether some allegations of charging money for treatment have been levelled against the above organisations which are receiving grant; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of old age home network

3355. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old age homes supported by Government in different States;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to expand the old age home network all over the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate funds have not been earmarked for this activity;

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(d) whether it is also a fact that a large amount of funds has been siphoned off by some NGOs during the last three years; and

(e) the steps proposed to select and support NGOs to widen the network of the old age homes all over the country?

Schemes for handicapped persons

3356. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any new programmes/schemes for welfare of the handicapped persons during the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved/proposed to be achieved therefrom; and

(c) if not, the achievements made by the existing central schemes/programmes for welfare of the handicapped persons during the last year?

Adoption of Tsunami affected children

3357. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a large number of requests for adoption of children orphaned due to the Tsunami by the Indian National and foreign organizations; and

(b) the guidelines issued by the central and concerned State agencies on adoption of such children and the conditions for qualifying as adoption agencies and institutions?

Street children below poverty line

3358. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any census on the number of street children/below poverty line children;

(b) if so, the latest figures thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps are proposed to be taken by Government to provide them all the facilities that are enjoyed by the fortunate children and make them responsible citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Schemes for welfare of minorities

3359. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for welfare of minorities in Bihar;

(b) the details of the actual benefits that have accrued to the minorities in the State as a result thereof;

(c) the details of the complaints/suggestions received so far in respect of such schemes; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to improve the situation?

Facilities given to physically handicapped

†3360. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities available to

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the disabled persons for journey by Rail, Air and Road;

(b) the changes effected in respect of these facilities during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the proposals under consideration for further increase/reduction in the facilities?

Division of Scheduled Castes

3361. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward a Constitution Amendment Bill seeking to divide Scheduled Castes in Andhra Pradesh into four categories viz., A, B, C & D, to ensure equitable and just distribution of reservation benefits; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed Bill would be introduced in the Parliament?

High Level Committee for Muslims

3362. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any High Level Committee to study living conditions of Muslims;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has held its meeting recently;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions held there at;

(d) whether Government have prepared any draft report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Elderly persons

3363. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of elderly persons;

(b) whether most of these elderly persons have been neglected by their families and the State Governments, and have no place to live in and are living below poverty line;

(c) the details of the old-age homes, State-wise;

(d) whether Government provide any assistance to these old-age homes;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to set up some more Government-run old-age homes to give better living conditions and health care facilities to elderly persons; and

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

Camps for disabled

3364. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent findings of the CAG's Audit Report reveal that there was a shortfall of 69 per cent in achievement of target set for organising camps for distribution of aids to the disabled; and

(b) if so, the reasons for failure in implementing the welfare schemes meant for the disabled?

Indian Tribal Co-operative Marketing Circle, Gujarat

3365. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities of the Indian Tribal Co-operative Marketing Circle in Gujarat during the last two years and those proposed for the current year; and

(b) the extent to which it has helped the tribal population of the State?

Package for tribals of forest areas

†3366. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any scheme to grant benefit of rehabilitation package to the tribes in the forest regions of various States;

(b) if so, the States where such tribals would be benefited; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated under this scheme, State-wise?

Recognition to traditional rights of forest dwelling tribes

3367. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give legal recognition to the traditional rights of the forest dwelling tribes and to provide long term incentives to the tribal population to conserve forest;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to implement the above proposal as on date, State-wise;

(c) the number of such forest dwelling tribes who have been benefited or to be benefited as a result thereof as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the legal recognition given to the traditional rights of the tribes during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise?

Post-matric scholarship to ST students

3368. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal submitted by the Government of Karnataka for sanction of post-matric scholarship to the ST students with 100 per cent Central share; and

(b) by when the funds are likely to be released to the State Government?

Employment to tribal people

3369. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide meaningful employment to the tribal people to wean them away from the distillation of illicit liquor; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Compliance of safety norms

3370. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are thousands of buildings in Delhi and

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Mumbai which have not complied with the safety norms;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against such building owners?

Special purpose organisation

3371. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create special purpose organisation like DMRC to address the complicated issue of road congestion, providing people an option of living in the satellite townships and commuting to work comfortably by suburban rail services, Metro rail network and well co-ordinated feeder road links;

(b) if so, whether any progress has been made in this direction and by when the proposed 'Special purpose-Organisations; fully professionally manned, would start functioning; and

(c) whether it would ensure that the existing Railway/Metro/Roads infrastructure would be put to optimum use to keep the operating cost at the minimum?

Improvement of transport facilities in NCT of Delhi

†3372. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's plan to improve the transport facilities in the National Capital territory of Delhi in view of the Commonwealth Games;

(b) whether the metro rail service in the Capital territory would be expanded to the entire city area by 2007, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far for expansion of Metro Rail Service in the city area of Delhi and the expenditure likely to be incurred till its completion?

Infrastructure development in mega cities

3373. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a scheme for Infrastructure Development in the Mega Cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the cities covered under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) the number of works sanctioned and completed under the scheme, State-wise, as on the 31st December, 2004; and

(e) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

Planting of saplings by DDA

†3374. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA had fixed a target of planting two and a half lakh of saplings last year and payment was also made therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only ten thousand saplings were actually planted and which were not properly taken care of;

(c) whether it is also a fact that earlier also payments were made by the DDA for planting of saplings without making any enquiry; and

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(d) if so, the officials found responsible for the same and the action taken against them?

Policy for allotment of land to private hospitals

†3375. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that private hospitals are not implementing the existing conditions regarding free treatment to the poor as agreed upon while getting allotment of land from Government at concessional rates;

(b) if so, whether Government have now chalked out a policy for allotment of Government land to the hospitals and other charitable institutions;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) by when the new policy would be implemented; and

(e) the penalty, if any, imposed on the private hospitals who were allotted Government land and are violating the land allotment conditions?

Regularisation of colonies in NCT of Delhi

3376. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA
NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to regularize the unauthorized colonies of the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the cut-off date therefor; and

(c) what shall be the guidelines for the same?

Allotment of Government accommodation to Non-Government Employees

3377. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Government's policy regarding allotment of Government accommodation to those other than Government employees; and

(b) the details of the persons to whom Government accommodation has been allotted during the last three years indicating the locations thereof and the reasons therefor?

Allotment of land for Gosadan

3378. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large area of Gram Sabha land was allotted to certain institutions for Gosadan and whether the Lt. Governor of Delhi has since ordered for vacation of those land; and

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

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Status of Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant

3379. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant Project launched some months back;

(b) the names of various areas and Zones supposed to be catered to by the plant;

(c) whether Dwaraka Sub-city which is reeling under serious water crisis is a direct beneficiary of the proposed plant and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be fully operational?

Wastage of drinking water

†3380. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a wastage of about 40 per cent of drinking water has been estimated in Delhi;

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

(c) whether Government have prepared any plan to prevent this wastage of drinking water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time schedule fixed for the purpose?

Heritage character of the Lutyen's Delhi

3381. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new master-plan involves new housing activity in a big way in the capital;

(b) whether this would not disturb the heritage character of the Lutyen's zone; and

(c) if so, Government's action plan to protect this heritage character of the capital?

Delhi Rent Control Legislation

3382. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which implementation of the Rent Control Act for Delhi has been delayed for years;

(b) the specific steps taken by Government to resolve the issues involved;

(c) whether Government have an assessment of the residential and commercial property lying vacant in Delhi at present;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether absence of a balanced rent control law is one of the reasons for such heavy vacancy; and

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

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Ban on playing in parks

3383. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA parks in most of the trans Yamuna areas such as Bishwas Nagar, Vivek Vihar, Mayur Vihar and IP extension prohibit playing of games by children as reported in the media recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is coming in the way of development of children through sports;

(c) whether Government propose to review DDA's decision and instruct suitably in the interest and welfare of the children; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chairman of Delhi Urban Arts Commission

†3384. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an architect of international fame has been appointed by his Ministry as Chairman of 'Delhi Urban Arts Commission' which remained almost non-functional for the last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for making the said Commission effective?

Progress of Metro Rail

3385. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress registered by the Metro Rail Corporation towards completion of Connaught Place-Dwarka corridor; and

(b) by when Metro Rail would be extended to Gurgaon and NOIDA?

Task Force for rehabilitation colonies

3386. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Task Force to look into the problems being faced by residents of rehabilitation colonies in the wake of demolitions in Lajpat Nagar, Delhi in 2002;

(b) whether the Task Force was to submit its report in two months but the same has not been submitted till date resulting in demolitions continuing in various rehabilitation colonies of Delhi;

(c) by when the Task Force would submit its report; and

(d) whether the proposals of Influence Zone in the metro corridors and relaxed height and FAR norms as in Master Plan 2021 have been considered for incorporation in the report?

Stray animals

†3387. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that common people are unsafe in the cities due to stray animals on roads;

(b) the action Government have taken to tackle the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to frame some stringent law beside penalty so as to deal with the situation;

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

Special package for Mumbai

3388. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give 'Special Economic Package' to Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Urban development in Bihar

3389. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented for urban development in Bihar;
- (b) the allocations made for each scheme;
- (c) the details of the cities and towns included in the scheme; and
- (d) the targets set in respect of each scheme?

Irregularities in DDA

3390. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether DDA has recently suspended an assistant for sleeping over a case, as a result thereof a DDA plot in a prime location in South Delhi was grabbed by a builder, flats constructed thereon and sold, after plan was approved by MCD;
- (b) if so, the action taken against the concerned higher officers;

(c) if no action has been taken so far the reasons therefor;

(d) the level at which such complaints are monitored in DDA; and

(e) whether any action has been initiated against MCD Officers for approving plan on a grabbed plot, if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance for development of Mumbai and Chennai

3391. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to provide financial assistance for integrated development of Mumbai to bring it at par with the standard of Shanghai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a similar proposal is under consideration for rapid development of Chennai;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Land allotment to Vishwayatan Yogashram

3392. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had allotted lands in New Delhi as well as in Jammu to the Vishwayatan Yogasharam founded by Late Dharendra Brahmachari;
- (b) the details thereof and terms of the allotment;
- (c) the details of the persons in management of the Yogasharam at the relevant time;

(d) the rules and procedure adhered to, if any, for the said allotments;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the said allotments have been cancelled at a latter date; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter?

Draft Master Plan 2021

3393. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA had announced the Draft Master Plan 2021 on March 18, 2005 and put it on the internet to elicit public response within a period of 90 days;

(b) if so, whether it is mandatory for DDA to make printed copies of the Draft Master Plan available for the public and all civic authorities, RWAs and societies;

(c) whether these copies have been made available to the public;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether 90 days period for public to send their suggestions and objections would begin after public notice is issued?

Assistance for low cost housing schemes

3394. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

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

(a) whether Government are considering to help the States on low cost housing schemes;

(b) whether Government propose to

provide additional Central assistance to the States for which her Ministry would be nodal agency;

(c) if so, whether her Ministry would disburse and monitor the Housing for All schemes targeted for the economically weaker sections and the lower income group;

(d) whether her Ministry estimates that around 22.4 million houses would be needed to keep up with the PM's "Shanghai vision" for 35 metros; and

(e) if so, the other steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Employment opportunities for tribals and women

3395. SHRI V. HANUMANTHARAO: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific schemes have been formulated by Government to create employment opportunities in the Urban areas for the tribals and women;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not focused on the stark unemployment and under-employment situation prevailing in the cities;

(c) whether there is anything specific which could be offered to various cities to create employment opportunities;

(d) the details of such plans proposed by Government; and

(e) the funds spent on this aspect by Government during the year 2004-05?

Loans sanctioned by HUDCO

†3396. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loans sanctioned

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by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

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

Families benefited by SJSRY

3397. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) the percentage of people living below poverty line;

(b) the percentage of families have so far been assisted under SJSRY; and

(c) the number of such families who could actually be brought above poverty level?

National mission on basic services for urban slums

3398. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a national mission on basic services to provide housing and basic infrastructure for the urban slums;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose implement a national urban renewal mission programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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World Mayors' Conference

3399. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kochi declaration adopted at the World Mayors' Conference held recently resolved to strive for poverty alleviation etc.;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the conference had also decided to allocate resources for implementation of city targets focusing on slums and other vulnerable groups; and

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

New poverty alleviation schemes

3400. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any new schemes for poverty alleviation in urban areas;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof including the amount allocated and utilised, scheme-wise;

(c) whether any achievements were made under the schemes;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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