RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the July 25, 2005/Sravana 3, 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 —98

Preservation of art objects

- 1. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has in his Audit Report ending the 31st March, 2004 (no-4 of 2005) has adversely commented on the lack of any proper standard or norms for acquiring, collecting and preserving art objects in the Indian Museum, Victoria Memorial and Asiatic Society in Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that security system in these institutions is inadequate and leaves much to be desired; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to address these shortcomings?

Buddhist stupas in Orissa

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the recent excavations in Orissa, ASI has discovered Buddhist stupas;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time-period to which these stupas belong to and whether such structural plans are similar to ones seen at Sarnath, bihar?

World Heritage Site

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

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bhubaneswar is proposed to be declared a World Heritage City;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the ASI to the UNESCO for award of such status;
- (c) whether the ASI has also recommended other sites for WHS status in the State; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Deterioration of Konark Temple

4. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI: SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the structure of Konark Temple and its magnificent celestial chariot and stone sculpture is fast turning into a colossal ruin;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that 25 per cent of its sculptural embellishment etched on inert stones, have been defaced by erosion and lost forever;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for neglecting maintenance of the temple; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to preserve the heritage of this temple?

Seepage in Mahabodhi Temple

- 5. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether water seepage damaged even the flagship Mahabodhi Temple;
- (b) if so, whether condition of Mahabodhi Temple and its complex needs superficial repairs;
- (c) whether maintenance of this temple has been neglected by ASI/Nagar Panchayat/Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee/HUDCO;
- (d) whether a plan was prepared by HUDCO to revamp the temple;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons for the delay; and
- (f) the steps taken by Government to maintain the temple properly?

Heritages of the world

- †6. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some places of historical and cultural importance have been included in the list of hundred world heritages, of the world which are on the verge of ruin for 2006 by World Monument Fund;
- (b) whether Government are taking any initiatives in cooperation with the World Monument Fund for maintenance, protection and management for these heritages;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether these heritages can be renovated and given a new look with Government's assistance?

Encroachments in World Heritage Sites

- †7. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the World Heritage Sites in the country which are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment; and
- (b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to stop and remove such encroachments from the surroundings of these sites or monuments?

National Library for Ancient Scriptures

- 8. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to set up a National Library for the Ancient Scriptures and Vedic Religion at Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu in view of its importance;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be set up?

National Heritage Sites Commission

- 9. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether his Ministry proposes to form a National Heritage Sites Commission to preserve the heritage sites in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the mandate proposed to be given to the Commission?

Central Public Sector Undertakings

- 10. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of the Central Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of his Ministry functioning at present in the various States alongwith the location and headquarters thereof:
- (b) the details of the investment made by Government in each undertaking;
- (c) the details of such undertakings which are running in profit, losses/sick etc.; and
 - (d) Government's reaction thereto?

Bharat Wagon and Engineering Co. Ltd.

†11. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that two units of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Co. Ltd. situated at Bihar have resumed functioning on receiving order from Railways to make wagons;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking for smooth functioning of both the units?

Pension/Gratuity to employees of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti

- 12. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Pension-cum-Gratuity Scheme for employees of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken so far;
 - (c) if not, the reason therefor; and
- (d) the action, if any, taken for introduction of gratuity for the teachers, Vice-Principals and Principals of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti?

Non-implementation of quota norms for underprivileged

- 13. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that public schools, to whom DDA had provided land, are not abiding by the quota norms of providing 25 per cent seats to underprivileged;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action has been initiated against those public schools, which had been served with show cause notices?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Appointments of Vice-Chancellors

- 14. SHRI C.
 RAMACHANDRAIAH:
 SHRI MANOJ
 BHATTACHARYA:
 Will the Minister of HUMAN
 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
 pleased to state:
- (a) whether of late there has been a perceptible decline in quality of the incumbents appointed as Vice-Chancellors in the Universities including the Central Universities;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure selection of the best persons with distinction and eminence so as to create public confidence in the academic standards of the universities?

Misuse of Delhi University logo

- 15. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi University logo is being used frequently on various items at sale in the Delhi University's utility centre;
- (b) whether use of the logo is illegal as per the Delhi University Act; and
- (c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Private National Curriculum Framework, 2005

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

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

- (a) whether the Private National Curriculum Framework, 2005 seeks to draw out creativity, eliminate airtight compartmentalization of subject, make education more relevant and provide avenues for greater participation of Panchayati Raj institutions and civil society groups in making it a tool for social change;
- (b) if so, whether there is a renewed attempt also to implement three language formula, recognizing mother tongue including tribal languages, as best medium of instruction;
- (c) if so, whether all these suggestions have been recommended to Government;
- (d) what are the steps being taken to implement them?

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Yojna

- 17. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of schools opened under the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Yojna for girls belonging to SC/ST/OBC and minorities, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government had approved opening of 720 new schools under this scheme in 2004-05;
- (c) if so, the number of schools Government have been able to open during 2004-05, State-wise and district-wise with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the number of schools Government are going to open during the current year?

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

- †18. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
 SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
 Will the Minister of HUMAN
 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
 pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development has suggested that more and more Kendriya Vidyalayas should be opened and their infrastructural structure should be improved along with development and improvement in their quality;
- $\mbox{(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;} \\ \mbox{and} \\$
- (c) by when Government would take a final decision in this regard?

Cost of higher education

- †19. 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 a suggestion has been given by the Planning Commission to make higher education more expensive;
 - (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) the rationale given for making the education more expensive; and
- (d) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†20. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' had been started in 1999 for providing education to near about 192 million children who were not going to schools;
- (b) if so, the amount allocated under this campaign till the year 2004-05;
- (c) the amount out of the above which has been utilised till March, 2005; and
- (d) the States where utilisation is less than 50 per cent of the allocated amount during above period?

Mass Education till Class XII

- 21. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any plan to treat education upto class XII as mass education:
- (b) if so, the work-plan to turn it account; and
- (c) if not, what else is the status of mass education in the future target?

Facilities in Government schools

- 22. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken any steps to provide better educational facilities particularly in the Government schools where most of the students belong to the families which are unable to afford expenses of education;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Massive shortfall of teachers

- 23. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there would be a massive shortfall of teachers against the increasing demand of teachers in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to meet the situation; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken to accelerate teachers training programmes both for the domestic and international purposes?

Recounting and revaluation of answer sheets by CBSE

- 24. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether only recounting of marks, and not revaluation of answer sheets of the candidates appearing in CBSE Board examinations is allowed;
- (b) whether, for the sake of transparency and as proof of there being no error in the course of evaluation and computation of marks in the answer sheets, data entry and issue of marks cards, etc., certain State School Boards furnish photo copies of the answer sheets to the students after undertaking revaluation at their request;
- (c) if so, whether CBSE would also adopt the same practice; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons

Monitoring of textbooks

- 25. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the schools run by the religious and social institutions contain communal propaganda material;
- (b) whether there is any national body to monitor textbook materials produced across the country; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Kendriya Vidyalayas

- †26. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of the KendriyaVidyalayas permitted to be opened byGovernment during the last three years;
- (b) the number of the Vidyalayas out of the above which have started operations;
- (c) by when the remaining Vidyalayas would became operational;
- (d) whether it is a fact that several Vidyalayas have been closed during last three years; and
 - (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of computer education

- 27. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) Government's policy for introduction of computer education in all the government schools particularly in the States of NER; and
- (b) the details of the financial assistance granted by Government for the purpose during the last three years and till date, State-wise?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Recommendations of CABE

- 28. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to implement the recommendation made by a committee of the Central Advisory Board on Education about universalizing the secondary education;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the burden likely to be put on the States as a result thereof;
- (d) the ratio in which the recurring and non-recurring expenditure of universalizing the secondary education is to be shared by the Centre and the States; and
- (e) whether the State Governments shall be consulted before taking a final decision in this regard?

Hike in college fees

- 29. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal to hike college fees substantially;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) the reasons therefor?

Autonomy in higher education

- 30. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the committee, set up by Government to suggest measures for enhancing the autonomy in the higher education and institutionalize regulatory provisions for promoting autonomy and accountability of higher educational institutions, has submitted its report;

- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations and observations contained therein; and
 - (c) Government's reaction thereto?

Admissions in colleges

- 31. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the cut-off list for admission to various colleges have gone up by 2-4 per cent meaning thereby that a large number of senior secondary pass out would not be able to get admission in the colleges;
- (b) if so, whether Government are also aware of the difficulties being faced by the students on account higher marks secured in the school leaving examinations; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that all the students desirous of studying further are not denied chances of higher studies?

Vocational education

- 32. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the centrally sponsored schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented for spreading the vocational education among the unemployed youths; and
- (b) the number of the unemployed youths targeted to be benefited under the above schemes, State-wise?

Fear psychosis due to examination

- 33. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that the number

- of students suffering from traumatic disaster relating to fear of examinations is on the rise:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the exam-related stress is, sometimes, leading to suicides:
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard;
- (d) whether it is a fact that a meeting of experts was held; and
- (e) if so, what are the suggestions/recommendations made by the experts?

Training to Anganwadi workers

- 34. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any financial assistance from the World Bank for imparting training to the Anganwadi workers under the ICDS
- (b) if so, the amount received during each of the last three years;
- (c) the amount allocated/released to the States out of the above funds. State-wise:
- (d) whether the World Bank has decided to discontinue the said assistance:
- (e) if so, whether the Union Government is formulating any other scheme to bear the cost of expenditure to be incurred on these training programmes; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Fund utilization under women development schemes

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated by his Ministry meant for the women development schemes in the Central Budget has almost not been utilized during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of the amount allocated and utilized, year-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for not spending the entire amount and the steps being taken to spent the allocated amount during the coming years?

Universalization of computer literacy

- 36. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recently a new initiative has been taken to launch the "Information and Communication Technology in Schools Scheme" aimed at universalization of the computer literacy percolating down to the students in small towns and mufussil India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the funds earmarked for the purpose, modalities formalized for its implementation and its present status; and
- (c) the extent to which the new scheme is an improvement on the existing two schemes nick-named "CLASS" and "revised-CLASS" and would enable the students to acquire necessary skills needed for both the higher education and gainful employment?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Block grant scheme for IITs/IIMs

37. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently a proposal has been formulated to replace the hitherto prevalent formula-linked grants to certain institutes of higher learning, like the IITs, IIMs etc. by a modified block grant scheme, with a view to ensuring their greater financial and functional autonomy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation;
- (c) the details of any fresh guidelines laid down for a review of the pattern of funding; and
- (d) whether any stipulation has been put, say if the corpus reached to a certain level, the scheme would be withdrawn from that particular IIT or IIM?

Funds for educational schemes in Assam

- 38. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have granted any funds to Assam under the various educational schemes and the programmes during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof schemewise; and
- (c) the details of the achievements made so far in this regard?

Affairs of Gandhi Bhawan

- 39. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that Gandhi Bhawan located in the north campus of the Delhi University is being used more for the festivities, birthday parties and dance shows than the bonafide purposes for which it is meant as reported in the media recently;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps Government have taken to ensure that the Bhawan is used for bonafide purposes only?

Edusat programme

- †40. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEL-WAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount spent so far on "Edusat programme";
- (b) the number of persons/regions to which the above programme had its access during the last twelve months; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure proper utilization of the funds?

Transfer of accounts and deposits of IGNOU

- †41. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEL-WAL: Will the minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the accounts deposits and huge amounts of the Headquarters and regional centres of IGNOU have been

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

transferred from a nationalised bank to a foreign bank;

- (b) if so, the policy in this regard; and
- (c) the persons responsible for taking such a decision?

Reduction in intake in technical institutes

- 42. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to reduce the sanctioned intake in technical institutes across the country in the month of June 2005:
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of the technical institutes and the sanctioned intake in each institute during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise and as on date; and
- (c) the steps taken for the quality control of the technical institutes?

Alarming rate of school dropouts

- 43. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that 35 million children between 6-10 years do not attend primary school, while 9 out of 10 of the children do not complete their schooling despite a plethora of schemes for education of kids:
- (b) if so, the details of the areas/regions which are hard hit in children education;and
- (c) the action plan of the centre to help such regions to complete enrolment of all the school-going children?

Dilapidated condition of Kendriya Vidyalayas

- 44. DR. M.A.H. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the Kendriya Vidyalayas are in dilapidated condition;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, State wise;
- (c) the action taken by Government to repair these schools;
- (d) whether Government have started second shift in most of the Kendriya Vidyalayas to increase their intake capacity;
- (e) if so, whether adequate infrastructure has been provided;
 - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor and the action to provide the adequate infrastructure in these schools?

Setting up of an IIT at Basara in A.P.

45. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA

RAO:
Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be

pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requesting for

long for setting up of IIT at Basara;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has expressed its willingness to provide land and financial support for setting up of an IIT at Basara;
- (c) if so, the reasons for delay in according sanction for an IIT at Basara; and

(d) the criteria adopted for starting an IIT?

FDI in FM radio

46. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have given green signal and allowed 20 per cent FDI in FM Radio;
- (b) whether Government also changed the annual revenue sharing norms which now stands at 4 per cent in view of allowing FDI not only from FIIs but also from others;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government are going to float tender inviting bids for 330 FM Radio stations in 90 cities of the Country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the cities identified in Andhra Pradesh?

Broadcasting Regulatory Commission

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

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

- (a) whether Government are contemplating to bring a Bill for setting up a Broadcasting Regulatory Commission to regulate functioning of the news and TV channels and providing level play field for all broadcasters:
- (b) if so, whether discussions on media persons and meetings of heads of news

units of AIR of northern region was held recently;

- (c) if so, whether Government have agreed to the proposal of regulating TV channels in view of a large number of private channels:
- (d) if so, the details of proposed legislation; and
- (e) to what extent this legislation would help in checking misuse of TV channels?

Employees working in Prasar Bharti

†48. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) the position of employees working in Prasar Bharti;
- (b) whether they are Government employees or that of Prasar Bharti;
- (c) the terms of service of these employees; and
- d) whether the rules applicable to the Government employees are also applicable to the employees of Prasar Bharti?

Ban on channels in Bhutan

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhutan has imposed ban on many channels being telecast from India;

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the names of such channels;
- (c) the reasons stated by Bhutan therefor; and
 - (d) Government's reaction thereto?

Telecast of obscene and defamatory programmes by cable TV

50. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI LALIT SURI:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware that in spite of the provisions of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2002 and the rules made thereunder, some of the cable operators are telecasting news and other features which are obscene, defamatory and are likely to create disaffection among the people;
- (b) whether Government have received any representation from the media urging for taking action against such operators in Karnataka: and
- (c) the action Government propose to take to curb such undesirable practices?

Publication of foreign newspapers and periodicals

51. SHRI MURLI DEORA: SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to permit foreign investment by NRI/PIOs, overseas corporate bodies and portfolio investments, besides FDI in print media subject to the ceiling of 26 per cent;

- (b) whether Government also propose to allow foreign newspapers and periodicals to publish facsimile editions from India; having any access to Indian contents and advertisements;
- (c) whether Government propose to amend the Press and Registration of Books Act in this regard; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Uplinking policy for foreign TV channels

- 52. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a group of Ministers to study uplinking policy for foreign television channels;
- (b) if so, by when the GOM would submit its report;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government have issued revised guidelines for foreign investment in television news channels; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Piracy in film industry

- 53. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the film Industry has suffered heavy losses due to the prevalent menace of unchecked piracy;
 and
- (b) the steps taken and being taken to check piracy effectively?

Launching of Urdu Channel

- 54. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to launch an Urdu Channel;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof: and
- (c) the deadline by which the channel would go on air?

National Judicial Council

†55. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal to constitute a National Judicial Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its objectives and purposes;
- (c) whether consultation with the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Law Commission and the Bar Council of India etc. has been held;
 - (d) if so, their reaction thereto; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bogus voters

56. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in print media that out of 67 crore voters, 2.5 crore voters are bogus;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to eliminate such huge number of bogus voters to ensure credibility of an electoral system?

Pension structure for judges

†57. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the retired judges of the Supreme Court get insufficient amount of pension that makes it difficult for them to have a decent livelihood;
- (b) if so, whether Government would take steps to do away with the anomalies prevailing in the pension structure of the judges;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation for OBCs in judicial services

58. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no reservation for the persons belonging to OBCs in Delhi Judicial Services despite the fact that such reservation has been made by Government in all services including IAS/IPS etc.; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when, such reservation is likely to be made and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Criticism of Election Commission

- 59. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that despite the Election Commission being constitutional body it is facing severe criticism for its arrangements for elections conducted recently;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering necessary reforms to strengthen the commission for enabling it to improve its functioning and to discharge its statutory duties;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken?

Pending court cases

- 60. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of cases, civil and criminal, pending in the Supreme Court and the different High Courts for over five years as on July 1, 2005;
- (b) the vacancies of judges in each Courts as on date; and
- (c) the special steps, if any, taken and being taken to expedite disposal of the arrears, in the light of the recent advice of the Hon'ble President of India to the Judges to put in extra hours of work for expediting disposal of such cases and clearance of the arrears?

Action Plan for speedy disposal of cases

61. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has worked out an action plan for speedy disposal of court cases to wipe out the arrears;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of pending court cases and whether the major cause of accumulation of arrears is lack of funds provided by Government to judiciary; and
- (d) if so, the Government's action plan to address this issue?

Fast Track Courts

- 62. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of Fast Track Courts in the country State-wise;
- (b) the number of cases taken over by FTCs since their inception;
- (c) the number of cases disposed of by FTCs, State-wise;
- (d) the allocation made by the 11th Finance Commission to the FTCs;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the 12th Finance Commission has not allocated any money for running FTCs;
- (f) if so, whether his Ministry has requested the 12th Finance Commission for allocating money and for extension of FTCs by a further period of five years; and
- (g) if so, the response from the 12th Finance Commission?

National Political parties

- †63. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the national level political parties recognized by Election Commission

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- alongwith the number of representatives they have in Lok Sabha;
- (b) the norms for recognising a party on national level and the time taken in this regard after fulfilling those norms;
- (c) the norms for giving recognition to a party at State level alongwith number thereof; and
- (d) the norms for registering a party with the Election Commission alongwith the existing number of such political parties?

Reforms in business laws

- 64. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a paper on reform of business laws and administration of justice prepared by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (FICCI) and the Bar Association of India, recommends revamping of the country's judicial landscape to facilitate effective and speedy justice for prompt and unfettered business decisions by the corporate sector;
- (b) if so, whether Government have agreed for remodelling Companies Act;
- (c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to suggestions made by FICCI;and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to remodel laws covering corporate sector?

FDI in mining sector

- 65. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently approved Rs. 4000 crores FDI in the mining sector;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that because of obsolete technology used by the Indian miners, the country has been deficient in high-value minerals; and
- (d) if so, the mineral production during the last ten years; year-wise?

Exploration of Copper by MECL

- 66. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has carried out exploration for copper at Thanewasna (Maharashtra), Bhagal (Ph. II), Dholamala (Rajasthan) and Dhadkidih (Jharkhand);
- (b) if so, the details of the work done so far;
- (c) whether the commercial production of copper has commenced; and
- (d) if not, by when it is likely to commence with annual capacity thereof?

Separate Ministry for physically handicapped

- 67. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that disabled rights group has been demanding for a separate Ministry for physically handicapped since their rights are being ignored;
- (b) whether any representation has been received in this connection;
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and
- (d) the facilities that Government propose to provide to the disabled through the recently released National Policy on Disability?

Bill for old parents

- 68. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to introduce a Bill to safeguard interests of the old parents; and
- (b) if so, the manner in which old parents would be provided with the amenities of life?

Exclusion of creamy layer from reservation benefits

- 69. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether in view of avowed policy and commitment to build an equitable, human caring and just-India, Government have considered the necessity of exclusion of the "creamy layer" from the benefits of reservation policy;
- (b) if so, the steps taken so far to enforce the "creamy layer" clause under the policy of social justice; and
- (c) the percentage of the "Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes that have been excluded from the benefit of Social Justice Scheme?

Premetric scholarships

- 70. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are bearing 100 per cent cost of Pre-Metric Scholarships to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations like scavengers, flayers and tanners in Union Territories;

- (b) if so, the details of the scholarships given during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the amount of scholarship to each student in different UTs:
- (c) the number of scholarships proposed to be given during the year 2005-06 in different UTs and the criteria for selection; and
- (d) how it is ensured that the scholarship is utilized for the purpose i.e. the beneficiaries actually pass out matriculation standard?

Classification of heart patients as disabled

- 71. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Delhi has given a ruling that persons suffering from heart ailments are entitled to the benefits of the Disabilities Act for the purpose of employment, income, etc. by giving a wider meaning to the term "Disability";
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government are thinking of amending the above Act in the light of the above ruling?

Reservation in super speciality courses

- 72. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to go ahead with the reservation quota in super speciality courses; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Jama Masjid

- 73. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Jama Masjid in Delhi, a 355 years old mosque, is a Wakf property;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering a proposal for declaring it as a monument of national importance and vest its control with the Archaeological Survey of India:
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the circumstances under which the Prime Minister is stated to have written a letter to Imam Bukhari that the Masjid was not to be declared as a protected monument?

Atrocities on Dalits

- 74. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that many of the Dalits, who desire to participate in temple festival, were kept out of the Car festival in Kandadevi, a village in southern Tamil Nadu, during the June, 2005:
- (b) if so, details thereof, including the action taken in the matter; and
- (c) the details of the similar incidents, if any, reported in various parts of the country and the action taken during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Welfare schemes in Uttar Pradesh

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

- (a) the number of projects going on in Uttar Pradesh for the welfare of people belonging to weaker sections of the society;
- (b) the number of projects undertaken in the State during the last three years and the amount spent thereon; and
- (c) the details of the achievements made in this regard?

SC/ST status to weak sub-castes of Muslims

- 76. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some of the weak subcastes among the Muslims are included as the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for inclusion of some sub-castes of Muslims in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;
- (d) if so, the status as on date and the details of such castes which have been recommended for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Castes

- 77. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the population of Scheduled Castes according to the 2001 census, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the Special Central Assistance (SCA) provided by Government for

Scheduled Castes during the last three years, State-wise;

- (c) whether it is a fact that only 55 per cent of the allocated Special Central Assistance has been utilized by the States/UTs:
- (d) if so, the details of utilization of SCA, State-wise and UT-wise;
- (e) the reasons for such a low utilization; and
- (f) the corrective action taken in this regard?

Scholarships to OBC students

- †78. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the funds provided to the State Governments during the last academic year, State-wise for granting scholarship to the students of Other Backward Classes who continue their study after Matric;
- (b) whether the above amount was not adequate for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to enhanced the funds sought by the States in this regard as also the funds allotted for the purpose during the current academic year, State-wise?

Juvenile Justice Programme

- †79. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the States which have sent proposals during last two years for constructing child homes/creches under the Centrally sponsored scheme of 'Juvenile Justice Programme' implemented by her Ministry and the amount released to those States

during these years;

- (b) whether the amount released has been utilized properly and the work has been completed; and
- (c) if not, the extent of the incompleted work and by when it would be completed?

Vocational training institute for tribals

- 80. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any specific plan to set up vocational training institute in tribal areas with a view to give education to the tribal students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and $% \left\{ \mathbf{b}^{\prime}\right\} =\mathbf{b}^{\prime}$
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Scholarships to ST students

- 81. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether grant-in-aid is released to State Governments for construction of hostel buildings for ST students, providing pre and post-matric scholarships and training such students for appearing in competitive examinations for admission to professional courses and Civil Services creation of book banks for stocking medical and engineering books, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith details of the grants released to States during the last three years; year-wise and Statewise:
- (c) whether Karnataka Government's request for releasing grants for the above purposes is pending with the Centre; and

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(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Forest rights for ST

82. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is proposed to pass a legislation with regard to recognition of forest rights for the Scheduled Tribes;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Bill is likely to be introduced during the current Monsoon Session of Parliament; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard?

Development of forest villages

- 83. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps taken by Government to materialize the policy 'Development of Forest Villages' as envisaged during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the number of such villages where, development projects have already been completed, State-wise; and
- (c) whether any time frame has been stipulated?

Right to land to the forest dwelling STs

- 84. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :
 - (a) whether the Scheduled Tribes

(Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill-2005 provides right to land to the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes under certain conditions;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above tribals would have any right on the commercial use of the above land;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof;
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the above Bill is denying many freedoms to the tribals guaranteed in the Constitution; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Water crisis in Delhi

85. SHRI B.J. PANDA: SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in the Capital City Delhi as there is a big gap between demand and supply;
- (b) the measures proposed by Government to optimize the capacity to meet the shortfall; and
- (c) the short term and long term measures proposed to be taken to address the chronic water shortage problem of Delhi?

Quality of water in Delhi

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during April-May, 2005, the Municipal Corporation of

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Delhi tested the quality of potable water being supplied by the Delhi Jal Board in all the regions of Delhi found very low percentage of purity therein;

- (b) if so, whether Government are considering to provide technical and financial assistance to the Government of NCT of Delhi for treatment of water; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of new townships around Delhi

- 87. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to build new townships around Delhi in the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to ease congestion in Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether the sites for new townships have been identified;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and whether the concerned State Governments would be asked to join in the projects; and
- (d) by when the work on the projects is likely to begin and the expenditure likely to be incurred on each township, with the share of the Central/State Governments therein?

Construction of houses under self financing scheme

- 88. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to construct houses under the Self-financing scheme in Delhi during the current year;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, locationwise, indicating the year of construction and the cost of such houses; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned for the purpose?

Corruption in DDA

- †89. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is fact that the Vigilance Department of DDA itself is encouraging corruption;
- (b) the number of cases investigated by the Vigilance Department during last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the action taken against the officers and employees during the last three years indicating their number, nature and classification thereof; and
- (d) the action Government propose to take against the guilty persons following the review of the working of the Vigilance Department?

Problem of parking at Metro Station

- 90. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that though the Metro Rail has started operation on some sections in Delhi, no parking place has been provided for the use of commuters;
- (b) if so, the details of the Metro stations around which parking place has been provided and also those where no parking place exist;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that while constructing the Metro Rail, heritage status of some buildings and monuments have

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been ignored thereby endangering them; and

(d) if so, the action taken in regard to provision of parking place and protection of the heritage buildings and monuments?

Land allotment to private hospitals

- †91. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Parliamentary Committee on Public Undertakings has expressed concern in their recently submitted report over the fact that poor indoor patients and OPD patients are not being given 25 per cent and 40 per cent free medical treatment facility, respectively, as per the condition in the private hospitals even after providing them lands at cheaper rates by his Ministry and the Delhi Development Authority; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard and how and by when it would ensure to provide free medical treatment facility to the poor patients in the private hospitals?

Uniform housing tax

- 92. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the draft National Housing Policy has suggested a uniform housing tax for residential units, whether they are rented out or not;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that rental income would be made tax free; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Housing for urban poor

- 93. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have formulated any national policy for providing housing to the urban poor people in the States of NER, specially in Nagaland;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

Poverty alleviation schemes in North Eastern Region

94. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the details of the steps being taken by Government to eradicate urban poverty in various cities of the North Eastern Region and the achievements made as a result thereof during the last three years, year-wise?

Housing Scenario

- 95. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether FDI in real-estate has been liberalized;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether considering the fact that the housing need is critical among the urban low and middle class people, any incentive scheme has been formulated for encouraging the JVs to focus on priority/low cost housing sector in urban and semi-urban areas;

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

Homeless people in metropolitan cities

- 96. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of homeless people is continuously increasing in the metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and metro-wise;
- (c) whether there is a time-bound programme for providing adequate shelters for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocations made, sanctioned and spent thereon during the last three years, year-wise and metro-wise?

National Slum Development Programme

†97. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that no target has been fixed under the National Slum Development Programme;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the data on the basis of which problem of slums is solved; and
 - (d) Government's reaction thereto?

Funds allocated to Orissa under VAMBAY and SJSRY

- †98. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount provided to Orissa during each of the last three years under the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojna and Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojna;
- (b) the number of the people provided with shelter and the number of those whose existing shelters have been upgraded under these schemes; and
- (c) to what extent the success has been achieved with regard to the objective of improving conditions of the urban poors and minimizing the urban poverty?

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