

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the November 28, 2005/Agrahayana 7, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)**

**Total number of questions —140**

#### **Construction of a "Ghat" on the bank of Yamuna**

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

(a) whether Government are considering to construct a "Ghat" on the bank of River Yamuna, on the pattern of "Har Ki Pauri Ghat" at Hardwar (Uttaranchal) to celebrate "Chhat Festival" in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is expected to be constructed and other facilities to be provided for devotees?

#### **Construction of Gurdwara in Puri**

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

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a hi-tech revolving Gurdwara, the first of its kind in the country, would be constructed near the sea beach in Puri, Orissa, to mark the visit of Guru Nanak, the first Guru of Sikhs, to this holy city in 1506;

(b) whether this Gurdwara has already started functioning on a temporary basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Heritage sites in NER**

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

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine national sites in the North Eastern Region (NER) are proposed to be recommended as World heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that Orissa is one of the historical heritage centres of the country which are the most sought after religious hubs in the World;

(d) if so, whether there is a proposal to recommend any of such centre as World heritage; and

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

### **Remains of cities near Surat**

‡443. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India has recently found one thousand year old remains of cities and villages near Surat in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Valley of Flowers in Uttaranchal**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the World famous Valley of Flowers in the Uttaranchal Himalayas has been declared a natural World heritage site by UNESCO; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to conserve this site?

### **Corporate participation for conservation of monuments**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India, the sole custodian of the national monuments, has decided to allow corporate participation in its conservation efforts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the initial corporate participation would be for conservation of 5000 monuments under the ASI's direct protection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Munshi Premchand Memorial Research and Study Centre**

446. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Munshi Premchand Memorial Research and Study Centre at his native village in UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether such memorials are proposed to be set up for the other great poets and authors of Hindi and regional languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Documentation of unprotected manuscripts of Karnataka**

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

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested for financial assistance for documentation of unprotected manuscripts scattered all over the State; and

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

### **Tomb of Bahadur Shah Zafar**

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

(a) whether Government have approached the Government of Myanmar to bring the tomb of the Last Emperor of India Bahadur Shah Zafar to the country;

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be brought to Delhi; and

(c) the location selected to set up the Tomb of that Emperor?

**Conservation and restoration work of monuments**

449. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the need of hour is conservation and restoration works of the monuments;

(b) if so, whether Government are according it any priority;

(c) whether it is a fact that concerned department has conserved some structures like Qutub Shahi Tomb in Hyderabad, Ghanpur Groups of Temple and Kondapally Fort at Kondapally;

(d) if so, besides above what are the other monuments/structures of historical importance which need immediate conservation/restoration;

(e) whether any allocation has been made therefor by the concerned State/Central Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Conference on Cultural Bio-Diversity**

450. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has participated in the recent UNESCO conference on Cultural Bio-Diversity;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not forcefully forwarded the views to preserve Cultural Bio-Diversity;

(c) the steps Government would take to raise the issue of Cultural Bio-Diversity at all international fora;

(d) whether any Task Force has been formed by Government to work on this matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Protected monuments under ASI**

451. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the protected monuments under ASI in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, city-wise and town-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred during the last two years for their preservation and maintenance, monument-wise;

(c) the amounts earmarked for their preservation during the current year, monument-wise; and

(d) the requests and complaints received in respect of the monuments of the above States?

**Development and propagation of Indian Culture**

452. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether theatre has traditionally played a very significant role in development and propagation of Indian Culture;

(b) the steps taken for the growth of traditional Indian Folk Theatres; and

(c) whether there is a plan to revive and bring these theatre on the pattern of modern day city life of the country?

### Development of heritage sites

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

(a) the details of the heritage sites developed during the year 2004-05 by the National Culture Fund along with funds allocated therefor;

(b) the details of the heritage sites proposed to be developed during the year 2005-06 through foreign assistance particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the funds received by Government from foreign countries and international agencies for the development of these sites?

Enterprises under his Ministry to improve their condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's policy regarding sale of surplus land and the estimated amount to be received as a result thereof industry-wise;

(d) whether Government have prepared any action plan to improve condition of the Public Sector Enterprises by the money so earned;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, by when an action plan would be prepared?

### Kannada as classical language

454. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:  
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sanskrit has been accorded the status of classical language;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Kannada language has the history of 1600 years;

(c) whether the State Government has requested to accord classical language status to Kannada language; and

(d) if so, the status of the above proposal?

### Sale of surplus land of sick PSEs

†455. SHRIMATIPREMACARIAPPA:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to sell surplus land of the sick Public Sector

### Revival of PSUs

456. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed to the Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission that revival of sick PSUs as per recommendation of Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) could be made partly from budgetary funds and rest by loans from the commercial banks;

(b) whether BRPSE has earlier considered and recommended 15 PSEs for revival;

(c) if so, whether the Cabinet has already approved the proposals of his Ministry;

(d) by when Government are likely to revive these 15 PSUs; and

(e) whether PSU revival would cost Government of Rs. 9000 crores during the current financial year?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Government directors on boards of PSEs**

457. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA  
MURTHY:

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

(a) the guidelines for Government directors on the board of directors of the PSEs;

(b) whether Government have fixed any eligibility criterion of requisite academic and professional qualifications for holding such position;

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to fix such criterion for Government directors;

(d) whether their presence undermines autonomy of the PSEs; and

(e) the manner in which Government assess performance of Government directors on the Boards of PSEs?

**Generation of extra budgetary resources by PSEs**

458. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) the measures being adopted by the PSEs to generate extra budgetary resources;

(b) whether in this respect, the BRPSE has recommended certain measures to unlock the surplus assets of the PSEs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would also consider listing the PSEs in stock markets; and

(d) to what extent such measures would ease reliance of PSEs on budgetary support from Government?

**Revival of HMT, Kalamassery**

459. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:  
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of a revival package for the Hindustan Machine Tool Ltd. Kalamassery, Kerala;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government thereon?

**Identification and revival of sick PSUs**

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

(a) the details of the undertakings which are under BIFR;

(b) the details of the loss making undertakings and the undertakings under BIFR which are taken up for revival package, the progress made so far and by when the process would be over and the undertakings be revived; and

(c) whether there is any move to privatise or disinvest any of the profit making undertakings in deviation of the common minimum programme?

**Differences over education cess**

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

(a) whether Government have set up a Group of Ministers to resolve differences

over the use of the money collected as education cess;

- (b) if so, the composition thereof;
- (c) whether the GoM had met and discussed in this regard recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the outcome thereof?

#### **Linking of schools through EDUSAT**

462. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRI EKANATH K.  
THAKUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the pilot project of his Ministry, 1,000 schools in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh will be linked through EDUSAT, the exclusive education satellite; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the estimated cost thereof?

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

463. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:  
SHRI C. PERUMAL:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 81,000 crore detailed programme has been drawn up for universalising secondary education on the pattern of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funding of the programme and the role assigned to the States and its present status;

(d) the details of any dedicated machinery proposed to be set up for successful implementation of the gigantic programme; and

(e) the Planning Commission reaction thereto?

#### **Exploitation of young women by NRIs**

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

(a) whether numerous instances of exploitation of young women in the pretext of marriage by NRIs have come to Government's notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being contemplated to prevent such instances in the future?

#### **Utilization of Education Cess**

465. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2 per cent education cess has yielded Rs. 5,010 crore and it is likely to touch Rs. 10,000 crore in 2005-06 but his Ministry has no idea where the money is parked;

(b) whether it is a fact that this money is funding key components of elementary education the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the ten year old Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS); and

(c) if so, the amount spent on these two schemes so far and how Government propose to spend the remaining amount?

### **Recognition to Business Schools**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council of Technical Education has withdrawn recognition of certain Business Schools;

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

(c) the fate of students in these institutions; and

(d) the reasons due to which Government could not ascertain full credentials of such institutions before granting recognition?

### **Foreign universities in higher education**

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

(a) whether Government are considering to allow entry of foreign universities in higher education sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to enact any law in this regard?

### **Affairs of AICTE**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE does not give prompt response to the queries on the matters pertaining to applications for various colleges;

(b) the steps proposed to make AICTE more transparent and efficient;

(c) whether it is a fact that applicants have to come to Delhi and wait for weeks together to get a response; and

(d) the number of applications from Andhra Pradesh for B. Pharmacy courses which are pending with AICTE?

### **Anganwadi centres**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide variation in between the number of sanctioned and operational Anganwadi centres;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an acute shortage of Anganwadi workers in different States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof as on the 30th June, 2005 State-wise?

### **IISc in Orissa**

470. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:  
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up an Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Orissa on the model of IISc, Bangalore and allocated Rs. 100 crore for four such new Institutions of excellence including the one in Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether Orissa has identified 75 acres of land for the purpose;

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(c) whether this institute is now proposed to be shifted out of the State and the Chief Minister of the State has written a letter to the Prime Minister against this move, especially when the State does not possess any reputed national institute like IIT, IIM, etc.; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

#### **Cases of domestic violence**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that around 5 crore married women in the country are victims of domestic violence, but only 0.1% cases are registered/reported in the media;

(b) whether out of 100 cases so reported, negligible cases are taken up for investigation;

(c) whether it is not a shocking revelation made by a study conducted last year by the Centre for Social Research in collaboration with International Federation of Exhibition Services and UNAIDS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's action plan to curb this menace especially when a law has since been enacted?

#### **New language textbooks**

472. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether NCERT has decided to prepare a new languages textbooks offering not only verbal skills to students, but also draw them towards literature;

(b) whether students of classes 1,3,6,9 and 11 would be taught Hindi, English, Urdu and Sanskrit;

(c) whether NCERT has set up a language department on recommendation of the National Focus Group reviewing the National Curriculum Framework;

(d) whether a committee of 19 language experts and teachers are working on the report;

(e) by when it would submit its report;

(f) whether any final decision has been taken; and

(g) if so, to what extent this would be helpful in future?

#### **Free education to girl child**

473. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:  
SHRI EKANATH K.  
THAKUR:

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

(a) whether Government have directed the affiliated schools of CBSE to provide free education to all the girl child who are "Single Child" in their family;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the CBSE affiliated schools thereto?

#### **Common Entrance Exam**

474. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that Supreme Court's order of August 14th, 2003 demanding a Common Entrance



examination of all India basis for professional programme, has not been implemented as yet and the institutes are still conducting individual examination as they used to earlier;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against those institutions which have not implemented the orders so far?

#### **Free primary education**

†475. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

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

(a) whether during the regime of NDA Government in pursuance of the constitutional provisions, free primary education to teenagers upto 14 years was enshrined in the list of fundamental rights, and whether it was expected to be implemented across the country by the year 2008;

(b) if so, the present status of the said scheme;

(c) whether the scheme has been discontinued; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Text Book regulatory Council**

476. SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Text Book Regulatory Council to review and regulate education in religion based private institution;

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

(c) whether the view point of the various State Governments have been taken/ elicited in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that history in Saraswati Vidyalayas is presented in a distorted form; and

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

#### **Error in NCERT books**

477. SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the NCERT books 'Science and Technology' for class VII is littered with basic errors including the fact that insulin promotes blood sugar in the body and other errors are also there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to correct the errors and take action against the persons responsible for the lapse?

#### **Errors in text books**

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

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has undertaken review of the social study and literature school text books in exercise of its functions to bring about a degree of uniformity in educational standards and to screen out communal contents, historical errors and inaccuracies in the school text books in different States and UTs; and

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(b) if so, the number and details of the inaccuracies detected so far during the last three years and the steps taken to rectify the same?

#### **Central status to Gauhati University**

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

(a) whether a proposal has been received from the Government of Assam to convert Gauhati University into a Central University;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) Government's decision thereon?

#### **Agitation of teachers of Madhya Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the teaching community of Madhya Pradesh had held a demonstration in September, 2005 in Delhi on teacher's day and they had also presented a memorandum to the Prime Minister and to him;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the duration of the strike of the teaching community and its impact on studies of the students; and

(d) the steps Government have initiated to solve the problems of the teaching community?

#### **New direction to education**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to give a new format to the education for 1st to 12th standard in near future throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and by when; and

(c) whether it is also being considered to ensure the authenticity of the books by going into the facts while preparing the new text books?

#### **Mid-day meal Scheme in Goa**

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

(a) whether the Mid-day Meal Scheme is being implemented in Goa;

(b) if so, the date of its commencement;

(c) whether the programme was discontinued; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Malnutrition in Children**

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

(a) whether the National Nutrition Week was organized from the 1st to 7th September, 2005;

(b) if so, the programmes launched during this week for checking malnutrition in various parts of the country;

(c) the number of persons, including children who have died due to malnutrition in various parts of the country during last three years, year-wise and till date; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to check malnutrition and ensure supply of nutritious food and medicines to malnourished children?

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### Right to education

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

- (a) whether Government have approved the Right to Education Bill;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the draft of the Right to Education Bill was sent to the States for seeking their comments;
- (d) if so, the nature of the opinion received from the States thereon;
- (e) whether opinion of the State Governments have been incorporated in the Bill, which has been approved;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

### B.Ed. through correspondence courses

†485. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Governments are not recognising the B.Ed. courses conducted through correspondence by the universities funded by the U.G.C.;
- (b) the number of students who have passed the B.Ed. examination through correspondence in the year 1994 from Choudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh and the number of those students selected in Uttar Pradesh in special B.T.C. who passed B.Ed. through correspondence in the year 1994; and
- (c) the reasons for not appointing the students who passed B.Ed. through correspondence in the year 1994 from Choudhary Charan Singh University in the B.T.C. 2004 by the Government of Uttar Pradesh?

### Ragging in educational institutions

†486. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of ragging being practised in the educational institutions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the action Government propose to prevent ragging in the educational institutions?

### Upgradation of engineering institutions

487. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a three members technical committee to do a reality check on the short listed engineering institutions for upgradation to the status of Indian Institute of Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of the proposals received from the engineering institutions across the country and the institutions shortlisted by the Committee?

### Cooking cost under NP-NSPE

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

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Centre for assistance to meet the cooking cost under

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NP-NSPE, 2004 and for establishment of 7 new DIETs and upgradation of CTE (Gulbarga) as IASE; and

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

#### **Report on women empowerment**

489. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recently released report of the World Economic Forum entitled "Women Empowerment, measuring the Global Gender Gap", placing India at the 53rd position out of the 58 countries surveyed on social, economic and political gender parity;

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

(c) the action Government propose to initiate or have already initiated to improve upon the role of women and for their empowerment in different fields of activities like education, health, sports and other areas as set out in the above mentioned report?

#### **Financial assistance for Mid-Day Meal Scheme**

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

(a) whether Government are considering to enhance financial assistance to the State Governments for Mid-Day Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is expected to be provided; and

(c) the financial assistance to be provided to the most populous State of Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Absence of school teachers**

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

(a) whether a joint survey by Harvard University and World Bank had shown that 25 per cent primary Government school teachers in the country remain absent everyday; and

(b) if so, whether the survey had further shown that 49.5 per cent of them stay away from their classes?

#### **Enrolment of rural girls in Uttaranchal**

492. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the enrolment of girls in rural schools had gone down in comparison to Urban areas in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some backward villages in the State are still far behind in sending their children to the school's and ensuring quality education for them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures Government would adopt to educate all in the State?

#### **Syllabus of non-governmental schools**

493. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have no control on various Non-Governmental schools and madaras on their school syllabus, which have contents against our Constitution and National Educational Policy; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken against the erring schools and madaras?

**Law to check human trafficking**

494. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to draft a new law to check human trafficking particularly exploitation of minor girls and boys;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to drop "Soliciting" as an offence; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor considering prostitution is generally due to force?

**Allocation for education and other social welfare measures**

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

(a) the allocation for education and other social welfare measures in respect of children during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the allocation is very meagre in relation to other schemes and that even this allocation remains under-utilised;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to enhance the allocation and issue strict guidelines for full utilisation of the allocated amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Grant for higher education and scientific research**

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

(a) the details of the grant earmarked for higher education and scientific research in the universities and other educational and scientific organizations during the current Plan Period and that spent by way of fellowship/scholarship during the last three years;

(b) the break up of the recipients of fellowship/scholarship during the said period, gender-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to grant additional/enhanced fellowship/scholarships/stipends and special placement services to encourage more and more women to take up higher studies and scientific research in the universities; and

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

**Registration of universities**

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

(a) whether the Supreme Court has decided against the universities registered in one State from getting recognition from the universities located in other States;

(b) if so, how the working of Amity and Rai University has been affected; and

(c) what happens to the students of these Universities whose education has come to an abrupt halt?

**Admission to IITs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the norms for admission to IITs have been changed and admission would be restricted to only

first divisioners in senior secondary examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there were widespread protests against the new norms; and

(d) the demands of the agitators and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Joint Entrance Examination**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Joint Admission Board (JAB) of the IITs announced a new format of the Joint Entrance Examination to be held in 2006;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the JAB has also decided that the students would be given only two attempts to appear in JEE and to stop shifting from one IIT to another;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for this drastic changes and how this move would help in checking proliferation of the coaching institutions?

#### **Harassment of women at work place**

500. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the non-implementation of the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Vishakha Judgment on "Sexual Harassment at the Work Place" by various Central Government Institutions;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the guidelines;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the companies and institutions in private sector are not implementing Hon'ble

Supreme Court's Vishakha Judgment's guidelines against "Sexual Harassment at Work Place"; and

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

#### **Peace education in schools**

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

(a) whether Government have felt that children can do with lessons in peace;

(b) if so, whether Government are now considering introduction of peace education in the school curriculum;

(c) if so, whether Government had held talks with the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the amount allocated/to be allocated during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

#### **Status of Chairpersons and Members of certain Commissions**

502. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status to the Chairpersons and Members of the (i) National Human Rights Commission, (ii) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission, (iii) Minorities Commission and (iv) National Commission for Women; and

(b) whether Government would ensure that status of the Chairpersons and Members of the National Commission for Women is at par with those of other commissions?

### **Fund released for literacy**

503. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government for literacy programmes during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether all the States have exhausted the funds and have been able to achieve the desired results; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Loophole in school construction**

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

(a) whether Government are aware that roof of the rooms of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Greater Noida, which was constructed with a cost Rs.50 lakh, got blown away with a slight waft of wind;

(b) whether it is also a fact that roofs of rooms constructed by Central Public Works Department adjacent to the school was not even slightly damaged by the same waft of the wind;

(c) if so, whether any enquiry of the same has been conducted by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the employees found guilty?

### **Shortage of science teachers**

505. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian National Science

Academy and the National Council of Applied Economic Research have upheld that there is a vast shortage of good science teachers especially when the demand of the subject is increasing day-by-day; and

(b) if so, Government's plans in this regard?

### **Improvement in condition of women and children**

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

(a) whether Government are taking any concrete steps to improve the social and economic condition of women and children of rural areas living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to announce any new scheme for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Entry of foreign institutions under WTO**

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

(a) whether Government cannot ban entry of the foreign educational institutions in the country under WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of the cases pending with Government seeking for permission by the foreign educational institutions?

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**AICTE norms**

508. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has recently taken a series of measures to ensure that the norms and regulations prescribed for technical education institutions are strictly adhered to by them so as to maintain the quality of higher education in different disciplines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently some 70 institutions have been warned to improve their functioning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure strict compliance of the prescribed norms?

**Undergraduate courses**

509. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has formulated a scheme to bring together a cluster of colleges to pool their resources to set up joint ventures for introduction of undergraduate courses in the emerging areas of bio-technology, genetics and bio-informatics, which require huge investment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the studies conducted, if any, to make the scheme economically viable and also the administrative structure proposed to facilitate its easy implementation?

**Education for rural children**

†510. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the children of more than 75 per cent families residing in rural areas take admission even now in government schools for study;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the condition of most of the schools in rural areas is very poor and requires overall reforms;

(c) if so whether Government have identified such reforms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to improve the level of education among the children of rural areas?

**Mid-day meal in Uttar Pradesh**

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

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has approached the Centre for release of funds for Mid-day Meal Scheme in that State for the year 2005-06;

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

(c) whether the additional expenditure of Rs.33.19 crore incurred on the scheme by the State Government for the year 2004-05 has also been reimbursed, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Improvement in school education**

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

(a) whether Government have recently approved a scheme of Rs.115 crore for improvement in school education;

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(b) if so, whether the scheme would be wholly managed by the Central Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the concerned State Governments are proposed to be involved in the scheme; if so, the details thereof and what would be the share of Uttar Pradesh in this scheme?

#### **Indian Institute of Management**

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

(a) whether Government have zeroed in at Shillong for setting up the country's seventh Indian Institute of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to set up an IIM in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Quality improvement in schools**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had approved implementation of a revised scheme of quality improvement in Government and Government aided schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to introduce a new scheme of educational libraries in the schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **English as a compulsory subject**

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

(a) whether the NCERT has recommended to make English a compulsory subject from class one in all the schools;

(b) whether such a move would perpetuate the advantage of the urban and elite upper class population who are already having over the rural masses who are still struggling to secure right for literacy and primary education; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that scarce funds are not frittered away on experimental projects benefiting the urban populace and that the on going Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is backed up with more funds?

#### **Grading system for examination**

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

(a) whether the CBSE is introducing a nine-point grading system for Class X examinations;

(b) if so, whether Government have worked out any guidelines for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have set any time-frame to introduce this system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Agitation by All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Teachers' Association**

517. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Teachers' Association

agreed to defer their proposed country-wide agitation beginning from September 28, 2005, on Government's assurance to keep the proposed changes in their service rules; and

(b) if so, the proposed changes in service rules and the assurance given to the teachers?

#### **Infrastructure in Urdu schools/ madarsas**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urdu schools/madarsas in several States are with dilapidated infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the amount provided by the civic bodies is not utilized in right way; and

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

#### **Primary schools in Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousands of habitations in Andhra Pradesh are not having even a single primary school;

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

(c) the reasons for not opening primary schools in such habitations;

(d) the details of the measures already taken or proposed to be taken to enforce a scheme of opening of atleast one primary school for each habitation in the State by funding through education cess amount and the details of the measures taken by the

Union Government, to check the number of drop outs at primary school level in the State; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Balika Samridhi Yojana**

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

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for release of Rs.1.66 crores required for scholarships for 55,394 beneficiaries @ Rs.300/- and Rs. 2.30 crores towards post birth grant for 46,000 girl children @ Rs. 500/- under the Balika Samridhi Yojana;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Central universities**

521. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central universities, State-wise;

(b) the criteria/basis for grant of the status of a Central university; and

(c) the names of the universities presently under Government's consideration for grant of the status of the Central university, State-wise?

#### **Urdu medium teachers**

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of trained teachers who can teach through Urdu medium;

(b) whether Government plan to open teachers' training institutes for the Urdu medium teachers;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to give training to the teachers for the Urdu medium schools?

**National centre to study natural calamities and disasters**

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

(a) whether various universities have sought financial assistance to set up national centre to study natural calamities and disaster;

(b) if so, the details of these universities; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Classical music from AIR, Bangalore**

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

(a) whether Bangalore AIR music channel has joined the DTH platform;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure availability of classical music round the clock from Bangalore AIR through DTH?

**Income from private cable network companies**

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

(a) the income generated by Government from various private cable network companies during the last one year;

(b) whether Government have any monitoring agency to check and inspect the *modus operandi* of these cable network work companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Vigilance Committee to monitor programmes**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to constitute a Vigilance Committee at district level for monitoring programmes being telecast on cable channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Vigilance Committees have also been given the right to punish the guilty persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

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**Prasar Bharati Corporation**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prasar  
Bharati Corporation was constituted more  
than a decade ago;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said  
Corporation has not become economically  
independent despite making various efforts  
during the said period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Proposal for Media Commission**

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

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

(a) whether Government have  
considered a proposal to set up a Media  
Commission;

(b) if so, whether a Group of Ministers  
has been set up to examine the proposal to  
revive the existing up-linking policy;

(c) whether at present there are 14 free  
to air private channels on Doordarshan;

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

(e) by when Government are likely to  
set up the Media Commission?

**Faulty functioning of TV transmitters  
in rural and backward areas**

†529. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether several complaints have  
been received regarding faulty functioning  
of T.V. transmitters especially from the  
rural and backward areas during last three  
years;

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

(c) the action taken by Government to  
ensure flawless functioning of T.V.  
transmitters?

**Law for checking surrogate  
advertisements**

530. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P.  
GOYAL:  
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS  
KAUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
propose a law to check surrogate  
advertisements resulting that no brand that  
is a namesake of liquor brands in the market  
can be advertised on T.V. or Radio;

(b) the present volume of such surrogate  
advertisements, which are the companies  
and brands involved and the amount  
involved in such advertisements during the  
last two years;

(c) the time-frame to implement it; and

(d) the main features of the proposed  
law and the agency for its monitoring?

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### **Radios and TVs**

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

(a) the estimated number of Radios and TVs which are being used by the people;

(b) the estimated number of Radios and TVs sold every year; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to revive annual licence fee for the Radio and TV or impose a one-time tax to make the Prasar Bharti Corporation financially viable?

### **Downlinking of programmes and advertisements by foreign news channels**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to prohibit foreign news channels downlinking into India from carrying any programmes or advertising specifically targeted for the Indian audience; and

(b) whether this will not only hit the foreign news channels like BBC/CNN but also some of the foreign sports channels which are currently airing news capsules during the course of the day?

### **Ban on smoking scenes in films**

533. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is putting pressure on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to ease ban on smoking scenes in the films;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

### **FM channels for teaching students**

534. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan before his Ministry to have inclusive FM channels for teaching students in the remote areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would think of having such a facility which will immensely help the students, particularly in the rural, remote and far flung areas to reply their queries and also helps by way of having on-air classrooms?

### **FM radio stations**

535. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has invited tenders for 338 FM stations across the 91 cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the stations identified, State-wise;

(c) what exactly is the difference between the earlier bidding process and the present bidding process and how the present process helps Government to get more and more FM players in various cities;

(d) whether Government can think of allowing the existing players to migrate to the new system on payment of a certain amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Children Film Society of India**

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

- (a) whether the Children Film Society of India is short of budgetary funds;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) how Government propose to tackle the situation?

### **Obscenity in films and advertisements**

537. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is in the process of fine tuning rules pertaining to obscenity in films, advertisements, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any need to amend the Cinematograph Act; and
- (d) if so, the details of the provisions proposed to be amended?

### **Violation of Programme and Advertising Code**

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

- (a) whether two inter-ministerial Committees appointed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulations) Act 1995 to look into the violations of Programme and Advertising Code have since given their reports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps are being taken by Government thereon?

### **Community radio stations**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had suggested that community radio stations be allowed to generate revenue through advertisements and sponsored programmes to make it a frangible proposition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government had proposed several changes in the guidelines for community radio stations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Constitution of Media Commission**

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

- (a) whether Government have made any announcement regarding constitution of a Media Commission;
- (b) if so, what would be the broad outlines of this commission; and
- (c) what would be the mutual relation between the earlier proposed Broadcasting Regulator and the Media Commission?

### **Review of Laws**

541. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Law Commission has laid hands on and has identified provision

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of any Central laws where defaults in carrying out any statutory requirements entail no penalty or punishment;

(b) if so, the details of such provisions identified by the Law Commission during the current year so far; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to provide for consequential penalties?

#### **Mobile Courts**

542. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:  
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up Mobile Courts to deliver Judgement on-the-spot;

(b) if so, whether the relevant modalities have been evolved for this quick Justice Dispensing Entity;

(c) whether the especially trained judicial personnel would be manning such courts or the existing manpower will form part of; and

(d) how many States are to be covered initially by this mobile court system?

#### **Enquiry into allegations of Corruption in Judiciary**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

are considering on the proposal for bringing in a new system for enquiring into allegations of corruption in Judicial system;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

#### **Vacancies of Judges**

544. DR. K. MALAISAMY:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) the number of vacancies of Judges in various courts and the period of pendency of such vacancies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has given its recommendations to fill up the vacancies and the same is pending with Government;

(c) by when Government would clear the proposal for filling up of the vacancies; and

(d) the norms adopted for the selection and appointment of Judges; whether the selection will be based on merit coupled with fairness and objectivity instead of being influenced and carried away by the political considerations?

#### **Lok Adalats/Fast Track Courts**

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

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

(a) whether Government have agreed to set up more Lok Adalats in the country to clear pending cases in High Court and lower courts;

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(b) if so, the number of Lok Adalats at present functioning in various States;

(c) how many cases have so far been cleared by these Lok Adalats;

(d) to what extent it has reduced the number of pending cases in High Courts and Lower Courts; and

(e) whether in view of the successful functioning of the adalats Government are considering to provide help and assistance to the States to set up more and more Fast Track Courts/Lok Adalats?

#### **Amendment to Civil Procedure Code**

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

(a) whether the Civil Procedure Code has been amended recently;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact a number of the amendments have affected the weaker sections of the society being unable to meet the new limitation period prescribed for various procedural stages;

(c) whether lawyers have opposed these amendments;

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider some of the anti poor amendments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Legislation for judicial ombudsmen**

547. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring a legislation in the Parliament on Judicial ombudsmen; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

#### **Ban on contesting elections**

†548. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all political parties have recently held discussions for evolving consensus on the suggestion given by the election commission that persons having more than 2 children should not be allowed to contest election; and

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

#### **Filling up of vacancies of Judges**

549. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that 21 High Courts have 137 vacancies of judges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the district and subordinate courts are devoid of 2,845 judges;

(c) if so, the details of the vacancies in High Courts, district and subordinate courts, State-wise; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to fill up the vacancies?

#### **Vetting of Rules, Regulations, etc.**

550. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals relating to vetting of Rules, Regulations, Notifications and Policy decisions are not being promptly attended to in his Ministry causing delays in various Ministries/ Departments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that several cases relating to policy decisions seeking the views of his Ministry from the Ministries of Finance, Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation are pending for several months; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases from these ministries pending as on date and what steps are being taken to clear these cases promptly?

#### **Appointment of Judges**

†551. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards non-appointment to the sanctioned posts of Judges in the High Court of Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of pending cases is continuously increasing due to shortage of Judges; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Mining projects on forest land**

552. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals cleared for mining projects on forest land so far by Government from 1998-2005, year-wise;

(b) the hectares of land involved;

(c) the number of affected people due to these projects, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) the names of the companies involved indicating how many are foreign companies; and

(e) whether these clearances have been given after consulting the different tribals representative institutions as Mandated by the judgment of the Supreme Court?

#### **Review of National Mineral Policy**

553. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to encourage the public and private sector investments in mineral exploration, the Planning Commission has set up a high level committee to review the National Mineral Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that committee has recommended for amending the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, 1957;

(c) if so, the amendments suggested by the High-level committee; and

(d) how his Ministry is thinking of simplifying and streamlining the existing procedure for granting permits and leases for mining?

#### **New law for adoption**

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

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed her Ministry to enact a special law providing legal option of adoption of and by all persons irrespective of the religion and sex consequent on demand from the persons belonging to Muslims, Christians, etc.; and

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

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Scholarships to OBC students**

555. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released the funds for pre-matric and post matric scholarships scheme, hostel construction scheme and other welfare scheme for OBC during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated under the above schemes to the States/UTs and NGOs during the above period?

### **Rehabilitation of weaker sections of society**

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

(a) whether any national Plan has been formulated by Government for rehabilitation of weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the districts identified for the purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the funds allotted for this purpose, during the last three years and the achievements made so far in this regard, district-wise?

### **Grievances redressal camps for minorities**

557. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has started holding grievances redressal camps at the State capitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such camps held in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the results achieved from these camps?

### **Welfare of senior citizens**

558. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior citizens (above 60 years) in the country and its percentage of the total population;

(b) how many of them are living below poverty line and its percentage of the total number of senior citizens;

(c) how many of them have been granted old age pension;

(d) whether Government have formulated a national policy, in this regard;

(e) if so, the salient features thereof;

(f) the present status of implementation of the policy; and

(g) what new steps Government propose to take to provide relief and succours to the senior citizens?

### **Orphaned children**

559. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of orphaned children in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government have received any notice in the month of September, 2005 from the Hon'ble Supreme Court for extending the adoption rights by revising Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956; and

(c) if so, Government's view and reaction thereto with concern of the huge number of orphaned children who need parental support?

**National Commission for Denotified Tribes, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes**

560. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what were the stated objectives of the National Commission for Denotified Tribes, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes;

(b) whether the stated objectives of the Commission have been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons for the dissolution of the Commission;

(d) whether Government have any plan to set up another Commission for these sections; and

(e) if so, what is the time framework?

**Report of National Commission for Denotified Tribes, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes**

561. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Denotified Tribes, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes had submitted any report to her Ministry;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on it's recommendations;

(c) whether there has been any State-wise Census of Denotified Tribes, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic tribes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Post matriculation scholarships to students**

†562. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sought by the State Government of Rajasthan for giving Post Matric Scholarships to the students of Scheduled Castes/Other Backward Classes for the year 2004-05;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government as against this demand, category-wise;

(c) the reasons and basis for sanctioning the lesser amount; and

(d) whether it is not an infringement of their rights?

**Status of National Commission for Minorities**

563. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in according constitutional status to the National Commission for Minorities; and

(b) the steps being taken to expedite the process?

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**Outstanding dues of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme**

564. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether a huge accumulation of dues, under 100% Centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Other Backward Classes is outstanding to be paid to the Government of Maharashtra and other States;

(b) if so, the amount so due to each of the States as on the 31st March, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005; and

(c) the reasons for growing accumulations and the steps taken, for regular clearance of such dues?

**Inclusion of "DHANGAR" Community as ST in Goa**

565. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Goa has recommended inclusion of "DHANGAR" community in Goa as Scheduled Tribe;

(b) whether the inclusion of the community was also under Government's consideration when three communities of Goa, namely, "GAWDAS" "KUNBIS" and "VELPS" were notified as Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) if so, the details for not notifying the "DHANGAR" community at that stage?

**Autonomous Councils for Tribals**

566. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals seeking autonomous councils for tribals;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a demand for stopping transfer of land to the non tribals in Scheduled Areas; and

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

**Traditional rights in forests for tribals**

567. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribals have not been given the traditional rights in forests including land and access to the minor forests products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when a bill to give tribals these benefits is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

**The Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Rights) Bill**

568. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the draft of the proposed Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Rights) Bill;

(b) whether any major changes have been made in the original draft bill due to stiff resistance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, backed by the environmental activists/NGOs;

(c) whether Government would attempt to secure a consensus of both the environmental and human rights lobbies to

steer through the bill during the Winter Session of Parliament; and

(d) the provisions made in new draft to harmonise the law and counter claims of the various interests connected with the Bill?

#### **Impact of Draft Tribal Bill**

569. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present draft Tribal Bill will not only destroy forests, but also wipe out tigers in all the scheduled tribe areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that this bill will destroy the egalitarian nature of tribal communities and it would create landless labour;

(d) if so, whether Government are going to tackle this situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Post matriculation scholarship to ST students**

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

(a) the funds sought by the Rajasthan Government for giving post matric scholarship to the Scheduled Tribes students;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government against this demand;

(c) the reasons and basis for sanctioning lesser amount; and

(d) whether it is not a violation of their rights?

#### **Schemes for tribals in Andhra Pradesh**

571. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being implemented for tribals by the NGOs in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for each scheme and utilized so far during the current year?

#### **Tribals uprooted due to various projects**

572. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about four crores tribals have been uprooted across the country to make way for dams and for the sake of mining and other projects;

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

(c) what steps have been taken to rehabilitate such tribals?

#### **Inclusion of Medara Community of Andhra Pradesh in ST category**

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

(a) whether Government have reviewed any applications from the social activists and other to order a study on the suitability of declaring Medara Community of Andhra Pradesh in the S.T. category;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such a study has been ordered;

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(d) if so, the status of this study; and  
 (e) the steps proposed to give such status to the Medara Community of the State?

**Inclusion of 'Puroik' and 'Bangru' as sub-tribes**

574. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh in its sitting held on the 19th of August, 2003 had passed a resolution that the name of "Dafla" tribes be substituted by "Nyishi" including "Puroik" and "Bangru" as sub-tribes in the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950;

(b) whether Government have received similar demands from the other NGOs and political parties of the State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to redress such demands and the reasons for the inadvertent delay in bringing necessary constitutional amendment to that effect?

**Lack of employment opportunities in urban areas**

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that employment opportunities have decreased against the requirement due to sudden increase in population in urban areas of the country during the last decade;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and  
 (c) the number of unemployed persons in the urban areas during the year 2004-05 and unskilled unemployed persons out of the same?

**Income tax concession on renting of new houses**

576. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up with the Ministry of Finance for income-tax concession on renting out new houses;

(b) if so, their reaction thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Poverty alleviation schemes for Tsunami affected people**

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

(a) whether Government have introduced any poverty alleviation schemes for the Tsunami affected people in the affected States;

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

(c) the details of the funds being released by her Ministry for Tsunami affected people of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the progress of the schemes in the State?

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**Pending schemes of North Eastern Region**

578. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes of the North Eastern States pending with her Ministry;
- (b) since how long these are pending;
- (c) the reasons for not according approval to these schemes; and
- (d) by when these are likely to be cleared for implementation?

**Reservation of land for economically weaker sections**

579. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT

AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the development authorities in the metros to reserve 20-25 per cent of the land for economically weaker sections at the affordable prices;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government are planning a legislation to facilitate cross-subsidisation of the low-income housing by the development authorities;
- (c) if so, the details of cities covered thereby; and
- (d) the steps being contemplated by Government to generate low-cost housing to meet rising demands in the metros?

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