

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 156

Setting up of nuclear plant at Kavali in Andhra Pradesh

1. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rosatom of Russia has decided to set up a nuclear power plant at Kavali in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that there is a stiff resistance from local people against setting up of such a plant there;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the Department of Atomic Energy is going ahead without taking the local people into confidence;

(d) whether the State Government has given its consent to go ahead; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of nuclear power plants in Andhra Pradesh

2. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any progress in setting up of nuclear power plants in Andhra Pradesh and other States, since India has signed the civil nuclear deal;

(b) what are the contributory factors, in case of delays, if any; and

(c) whether the impediments, if any, would be removed in a time bound manner?

Safety measures at Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant

3. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, on India's

request, additional safety measures are being enforced in Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant by the Russian authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Russia is awaiting India's decision on another site for setting up additional reactors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Share of nuclear energy in electricity generation

4. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the share of nuclear energy in India's total electricity generation, at present;

(b) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to double it; and

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

Involvement of private sector in nuclear power generation

5. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals finalised and approved for setting up of new nuclear power plants during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the Central Public Sector companies are being involved in generation of nuclear power and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to allow private sector also to enter into the nuclear power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the expected capacity of power generation likely to be met by private sector?

Commissioning of Unit II of KNPP

6. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any requests from Government of Tamil Nadu to expedite early commissioning of Unit II of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) and make it fully operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to expedite it;

(c) the total amount released during the last three years, as against the total sanctioned amount for KNP Unit II and for further works, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate compensation and job opportunities to local people who have been living in and around the southern districts of the State?

Exploitation of uranium reserves of Karnataka

7. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per the survey conducted by the Department of Atomic Energy, nearly 9,000 tonnes of uranium reserves are found in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what plans Uranium Corporation of India has for commercial exploitation of those reserves; and

(d) how the uranium from those reserves is comparable with those being imported from Australia, Kazakhstan, Canada and other major uranium producing countries?

Portable kit to check chromium contamination

8. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhaba Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has developed a portable kit to check chromium contamination in water and that too within five minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that BARC's kit is simple, user friendly, quick and cost effective for on the site determination of contamination; and

(d) if so, whether the Department of Atomic Energy has any plan to market this product in public interest?

Research papers and patents

9. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research papers published in indexed journals and the patents obtained by the Department of Atomic Energy during the last five years; and

(b) where do we stand as compared to research and patents in comparison with similar departments from USA, UK and China?

Status of India at European Organisation for Nuclear Research

10. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India would now have the right to speak in basic science experiments at the Geneva based European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN);

(b) whether it is also a fact that India moved away from being an observer to an associate member State in an agreement signed;

(c) whether India as an associate member State would sit on the CERN Council and have a stronger voice in scientific and financial meetings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of thorium from Andhra Pradesh

11. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Atomic Energy has surveyed and identified 3.72 million tonnes of monazite from which thorium could be extracted from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the areas where this mineral is found, quantity-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these reserves in Andhra Pradesh are the highest in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to extract them to reduce dependency on other countries for thorium?

North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation

12. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited;

(b) the total number of farmers supported by the Corporation; and

(c) the steps taken to enhance the agricultural procurement, processing and marketing infrastructure of the region?

Promotion of art, culture, food and hand made products

13. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by Government to promote art and culture of the north eastern region throughout the country; and

(b) the details of steps being taken to promote food and hand made products made by the artisans of the region?

(a) the details regarding the number of earthquakes that have taken place in the country during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the details of loss of life and property reported in such earthquakes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed an earthquake warning system; and

(d) whether this warning system has been set up across different cities and if so, the details thereof?

Access to improved meteorological advisory services by farmers

14. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a study the improved meteorological advisory services has enabled the country to achieve higher farm output/income of farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 75 per cent of farmers still lack reliable access to improved meteorological advisory and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has set up a committee to change several terms used by the forecaster such as drought to replace with deficient year and large deficient year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of States that have been partially or completely declared drought-affected?

Installation of Automatic Weather Stations

16. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install more Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs) in the country and if so, the details and the locations thereof;

(b) whether the personnel at these stations are well trained to handle data monitoring and accurate reporting and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether periodic inspections are made to ensure quality control, calibration and utilization of AWS data for forecasting and developing weather prediction models; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of IMD

17. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target to modernize Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) before

Development of earthquake warning system

15. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

the next monsoon to give an accurate forecaster for the nation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present equipments of IMD are obsolete, requiring replacement; and

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

Transfer of data into clouds by IMD

18. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is looking to transfer its massive troves of data into the clouds;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the idea is to have more centralized control with its regional centres across the country and to be able to make it easier for research arms to access weather related data; and

(c) whether IMD would require data storage in the order of 5 petabytes that works out to about 500,000 GB and if so, the details thereof?

Help to farmers by IMD

19. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether weather forecasting is the chief function of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD);

(b) if so, how this department is helping the poor farmers who are fully dependent on weather for their crops;

(c) whether it is easy today to spread awareness amongst farmers by using information technology;

(d) if so, what are the key performance indicators for IMD on the issue of helping poor farmers and increasing the agriculture production; and

(e) the details regarding our stand and statistics of the above mentioned function during the last five years?

Investment by IMD in supercomputer facility

20. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Meteorological Department (IMD) plans to invest a sum of ₹ 400 crore in a supercomputer facility;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the supercomputer would process about ten petaflops of data per second and would be used to make a dynamical monsoon forecast; and

(c) whether these forecasts factor in evolving global weather conditions to improve the accuracy of monsoon forecasts and if so, the details thereof?

Study conducted on landslides and avalanches

†21. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study on natural disasters like landslides and avalanches occurring almost every year in some parts of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any system to identify such places for precautionary measures and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Non-functional instruments of
IMD**

22. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least a quarter of the India Meteorological Department's recently installed rain gauges and Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs), meant to supply hourly weather data from across the country, are not working to their capacity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several instruments remain non-functional because of lack of qualified personnel to repair them;

(c) whether many AWSs are located on hills and in other hard to reach regions and could malfunction unless regularly maintained; and

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

**Countries opposing India's entry
into NSG**

23. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of member countries in Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) which are continuously opposing India's entry into NSG;

(b) the grounds on which those countries are opposing India's entry; and

(c) the steps taken by Government with all the member countries to support India's entry into NSG?

Increase of Chinese people in PoK

24. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY:
SHRI C. M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the number of Chinese people in Pakistan occupied Baluchistan and Gilgit Baltistan;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that by 2048 Chinese would become a majority in Baluchistan;

(c) how India looks at this serious situation and how it impacts its security; and

(d) whether the majority of Chinese accumulating there are because of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor or for other purposes?

India's China Policy

25. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees that India's China policy has failed in view of Beijing stalling India's entry into Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and obstructing India's efforts to declare Masood Azhar as an international terrorist; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Act East Policy

26. SHRIMATIRANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programmes/projects have been taken up under the Act East Policy during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Indians in jails of Pakistan

27. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the number of Indians presently in the jails of Pakistan; and
- (b) the measures initiated to bring them back?

Bilateral relations with China

†28. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite India's efforts to maintain amicable relations, China, continues with its treacherous ways;
- (b) if so, the manner in which India would deal with the double standard of China; and
- (c) if not, the details of progress made with regard to relations with China during the last two years?

New Passport Policy

29. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently announced the New Passport Policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Study India Programme

30. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by Government, in view of less number of

enrolments during the last few years, to promote 'Study India Programme' among students of Indian origin abroad; and

- (b) how many students Government is planning to enrol during the next two years?

Curbing of visas to Indians by British Government

31. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the British Government's plan to curb visas for Indians; and
- (b) if so, what initiatives have been taken by Government to discuss the matter with the British Government?

Fishermen apprehended by navy of Sri Lanka and Pakistan

†32. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that reports of Sri Lankan navy repeatedly apprehending Indian fishermen fishing in Indian waters keep on surfacing and such incidents have happened in last January too;
- (b) if so, the number of Indian fishermen apprehended and imprisoned by Sri Lankan and Pakistan navy, as on date; and
- (c) the steps being taken to get such Indian fishermen released who are lodged in Srilankan and Pakistani prisons and the number of fishermen who got released during the last two years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Indians working as labourer in foreign countries

‡33. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries where Indian citizens are working only as labourers and number of such persons, country-wise;

(b) whether all such labourers are working as per Government rules or they are also made to work illegally; and

(c) whether Government proposes to establish any labour cell under the Ministry?

PPP project for issuance of passport

34. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) project concerning issuance of passport was given to a private firm way back in 2007 for a period upto 2014;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same firm is continuing the project till now, on an extended contract basis;

(c) whether Government is considering to invite fresh tenders for PPP project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of IFS officers

35. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has a pool of 2,700 officers who can serve as diplomats but there are only 770 IFS officers, short of the sanctioned strength of 912 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has proposed a set of solutions for shortage of officers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Issuance of passports by department of Home

36. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to switch over the issuance of passport to citizens to the department of Home from this Ministry since in most of the countries the issuance of passport is being dealt by their interior Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs is also playing a pivotal role in issuance of visas for foreigners for various categories;

(c) whether the dealing of visa and issuance of passport by the same Ministry would give an added advantage for the security purposes; and

(d) if so, the views of Government in this regard?

Indian child taken away by Norwegian authorities

37. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why Norwegian Child Protection Department has taken away a five year old child from Indian NRI in Norway;

(b) how the Ministry is planning to resolve it once and for all; and

(c) the specific efforts being made by the Ministry for releasing the child?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Counters in Indian missions for exchange of old currency notes

38. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had set up counters in its missions abroad to exchange old currency notes of ₹ 500 and 1000 denominations for NRIs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government had made any provisions for old currency notes held by foreign nations, foreign banks and money changers abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Indian tourists who were forced to come back as the old currency notes were not being exchanged abroad; and

(d) the details of arrangement made for Indian mission staffers and officers for the exchanges?

Temporary houses for homeless

39. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently directed the Government to assess the availability of houses for homeless and take steps for providing temporary houses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the court was not satisfied with the implementation of the National Urban Livelihoods Mission and issued appropriate directions in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of BPL card beneficiaries

who have been allotted permanent/temporary houses after court order; and

(d) the details of various facilities provided to BPL card beneficiaries by the States/UTs including Maharashtra?

Decline in business for real estate sector

40. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered various reports which found that there has been a decline in business for real estate sector during the last quarter of 2016 due to demonetization;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the loss incurred because of this and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry would conduct its own study to determine the impact of demonetisation on real estate sector and if so, how and when; and

(d) if not, how Ministry has reached to the conclusion that there has been no effect of demonetization on this sector?

Target for construction of houses

†41. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any survey on housing requirement of people belonging to middle class and those living below poverty line in cities during the current year;

(b) the target set by the Central Government for construction of houses during the year; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the number of projects underway, at present, and the places where these projects are located?

Demand assessment by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under PMAY

42. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:
SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

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

(a) whether the demand assessment by the State Governments of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to provide houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana stood at more than 6 lakhs and 8.5 lakhs respectively as of 1st December, 2016 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Central assistance given against the demand of the States during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) the number of houses constructed during that period in those States, district-wise; and

(d) the time frame required to complete the above demand?

National Urban Livelihood Mission in Tamil Nadu

43. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban households mobilized into Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Tamil Nadu under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM);

(b) the details of banks with which loan linkages have been provided to SHGs in the State; and

(c) the details of loans released to SHGs, in the State during the last five years, year-wise?

Slum dwellers under PMAY

44. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

(a) to what extent Government has been able to enforce Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) on all existing slums, notified or non-notified and the progress thereof, State-wise;

(b) the number of slum dwellers who are benefiting under this scheme and those who are yet to be brought thereunder, State-wise;

(c) details of budgetary allocations made, funds released and utilised under the slum development schemes during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of mechanism to monitor the progress of these schemes and to check misutilisation of funds?

Targets under National Urban Livelihoods Mission

45. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are unable to achieve physical and financial targets set under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the target set and achievements made during the last two years under NULM, State-wise?

PMAY in Karnataka

46. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since beginning of the Mission in June, 2015 in Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) the details of target set by the Ministry for 2015 and 2016;

(c) whether any Memorandum of Agreement is entered into between the Ministry and the State Government under PMAY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the status of its implementation?

Poverty alleviation and employment generation schemes in Himachal Pradesh

47. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from Himachal Pradesh under various schemes for poverty alleviation and employment generation during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of sanctioned and pending proposals and the reasons for their pendency; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for approval of pending proposals?

Agencies constructing low cost housing

48. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies/contractors in public/private sector which have been given responsibility to construct low cost housing/dwelling units in urban areas, State-wise, including Punjab and Uttarakhand;

(b) the number of such units built during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether there is any shortfall in achievement of the target fixed and if so, the details thereof and the project for the next two years?

Progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

49. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of about 88.34 lakh houses have come from States/UTs under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) so far;

(b) if so, what would be the contribution of the Central Government for this;

(c) how much of it has been released so far, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for slow progress in this regard?

Employment guarantee and livelihood for urban poor

50. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to introduce any scheme to ensure wage employment guarantee and livelihood for the urban poor and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the other measures adopted by Government to ensure employment

guarantee and livelihood for urban poor and unemployed youth; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to provide remunerative employment to urban unemployed boys and girls and if so, the details thereof?

Houses under JNNURM

51. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 3,12,234 houses were not constructed for which sanctions were given under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), way back in March, 2012;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would be able to achieve its task of Housing for All by 2022 at such a snail's pace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana in Rajasthan

†52. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of houses built and allotted and the names of the banks which sanctioned loans, the quantum of loans and the number of beneficiaries thereof under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) State-wise; and

(b) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has effectively implemented PMAY and if so, the details of facilities provided to the beneficiaries?

Exemption on home loans for urban areas

†53. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work related to the scheme being run by Government with the purpose of ensuring Housing for All by 2022 is progressing as per the target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently announced several types of exemption of home loans in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Campus of foreign universities in the country

54. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to move higher education sector out of the 'non profit' category and allow foreign universities to set up campus in the country including repatriation of profits by these universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the benefits the country is likely to get;

(c) the details of foreign universities which have opened their research centres in India during the last three years; and

(d) the details of any ongoing proposals for the same along with the status in each case and the action being taken by Government?

Tamil in CBSE affiliated schools

55. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

proposal to introduce regional language as medium of instruction, especially Tamil in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number and name of language of medium of instruction other than English in CBSE schools?

Increase in age of superannuation of IGNOU teachers

56. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1788 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 2016 and to state:

(a) whether the decision of the Ministry taken in 2007 is applicable only to teaching faculty and not for non teaching faculty in Centrally funded higher and technical institutions;

(b) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) faculty does not fall under teaching faculty category;

(c) the basis behind IGNOU to enhance retirement age from 62 to 65 years without amending IGNOU Act;

(d) whether upon complaint made against faculty, IGNOU has sent proposal to the Ministry for ratifying amendment; and

(e) what prevents the Ministry to stop implementing decision on faculty till IGNOU Act is amended?

Gross enrolment ratio of boys and girls

57. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a massive gap in Gross Enrolment Ratio of boys and girls at secondary, senior secondary and higher education level in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(b) how the Ministry is planning to address this serious problem?

New Kendriya Vidyalayas

†58. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to expand the scope of opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in each development blocks of the country for improving the level of education; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Committee for providing reservation for girl students in IITs

†59. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been constituted to conduct a study for providing reservation to students for admission in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, whether this committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the percentage of reservation recommended for girl students in the report;

(d) whether girl students would get the benefit of reservation from the ensuing session; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Out of school SC/ST and OBC girl students

60. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details about the out of schools girls students from SC, ST and OBC communities, year-wise and State-wise for the last three years?

Seats reserved for students of SC and ST communities

61. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats reserved for students from SC and ST communities in IITs, IIMs and NITs in the country;

(b) the number of such reserved seats filled in each of these institutions during the last three years;

(c) the reasons of such seats lying vacant, if any; and

(d) the details of discontinuance from studies by SC, ST and OBC students, from such IITs, IIMs, and NITs reported during the last three years, if any?

Interview for admission in JNU

62. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawaharlal Nehru University has recently decided that the admission to research courses like M.Phil and Ph. D. would be based on interview from the next year with entrance test being reduced to a qualifying examination

in which the students is required to bag a minimum score of 50 per cent;

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

(c) whether there has been any protest from student unions against it and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

Absence of qualified attendant in school bus

63. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per amended guidelines of CBSE regarding work profile of teachers in CBSE affiliated schools, there must be a qualified attendant in the bus carrying school children and school authorities have to make provisions of atleast one lady attendant/lady guard in each school bus for the safety of school students;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of schools including Mothers International School, Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi are not following such guidelines and are still exploiting school teachers for bus duty; and

(c) if so, the action Government proposes to take against such schools to stop exploitation of teachers?

Lecturers for environmental studies

†64. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several universities and colleges do not have the lecturers of environmental studies which is one of the compulsory subjects taught therein;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of guidelines for teaching the subject of environmental studies?

Funds for research and development

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India, as compared to other developing countries, spends less on research and development which is the most important area to be taken to improve our situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds given to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) whose focus is on research and development?

Funds for higher education

66. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of funds required for improving the quality and spread of higher education;

(b) if so, what is the gap and how much is the public spending; and

(c) what is the share of private sector spending, in total, on higher education?

Cooking standards and transportation charges under Mid Day Meal Scheme

67. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that transportation charges borne by it for one metric tonne of food articles for mid-day meal is only ₹ 750;

(b) whether Government is also aware that in Kerala the charge is ₹ 2,150 per tonne and that the balance of ₹ 1,400 per tonne is borne by the State Government; and

(c) whether Government would improve cooking standards by allowing one cook for every 300 students in place of 500 students?

Honouring Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers

†68. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to honour Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who are delivering cent per cent results;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step, so far, in this regard; and

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

Additional marks for raising standard of sports

†69. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to provide additional marks to raise the standards of sports;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action, so far, in this regard; and

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

Salaries through digital system in schools

70. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the details of schools which have been collecting tuition fee and dispersing salaries through digital system before November, 2016, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of schools which have opted for digital system to disperse salary and collect fee post demonetisation, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether certain schools have yet not opted for digital payment of salary and collection of fees and if so, the reasons therefor?

Assessment of deemed to be university by NAAC

71. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assessment made by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) during the last five years in all the deemed to be universities across the country;

(b) the details of Letter Grade awarded to those universities;

(c) whether any deemed to be university(s) are/were assigned D Letter Grade and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of provisions which are enshrined in UGC Act to safeguard the interest of those students who are studying in D Letter Graded deemed universities?

Grants-in-aid released by the Ministry

72. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of grants-in-aid released by the Ministry during the last three years; and

(b) of the total grants-in-aid released how much was released to State Governments and how much to other than State Governments?

Students tracking system to monitor academic progress

73. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the drop-out rate of students from class 1 to class 10;

(b) whether there is any system in place to monitor the performance of students;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka in association with the Infosys Foundation has implemented from July this year a student tracking system through a unique identification number allotted to each student to monitor the academic progress, drop-out rate and other aspects; and

(d) whether Government would also adopt such a tracking system in order to monitor the academic progress and the drop-out rate of students?

Expenditure on education

†74. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not yet been able to spend six per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on education;

(b) if so, the percentage of GDP being spent on education during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that at least six per cent of GDP is spent on education during the current year?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

NAAC recognition for colleges and universities

75. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of colleges are being established irrespective of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)'s recognition which is leading to commercialization of education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to link the NAAC recognition to the colleges and universities being established and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make it compulsory to obtain NAAC recognition for starting colleges and universities and if so, the details thereof?

Common entrance test for admission in engineering colleges

76. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering to hold a common entrance test for admission into engineering colleges at the national level on the lines of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), with a view to bring transparency in the system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant seats in engineering colleges

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

(a) the number of engineering colleges

in the country, at present, and the total number of seats therein;

(b) whether during the year 2015-16, 8.75 lakh seats remained vacant in engineering colleges across the country;

(c) number of seats that remained vacant during year 2016-17;

(d) whether during the last year about 100 engineering colleges providing sub standard education were closed down by AICTE;

(e) whether some colleges are still not providing quality education; and

(f) if so, by when Government would take action against such colleges after identifying them?

Shifting of venue of annual World Book Fair

78. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to shift the venue of annual World Book Fair from Pragati Maidan, Delhi to elsewhere in the NCR; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and since which year the change in venue would come into effect?

Students of rural areas in IITs

79. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI SASIKALA
PUSHPA:
SHRIMATI VIJILA
SATHYANANTH:

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of students from rural area entering the prestigious IIT courses is abysmally low *viz.* less than 25 per cent as compared to the number of students from urban areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the number of students from rural areas to enter into IITs across the country?

Enquiry into death of research scholar in Hyderabad Central University

80. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of Rohith Vemula, the research scholar of Hyderabad Central University has been completed and if so, the findings thereof; and

(b) whether punishment has been awarded to the guilty by the probe body?

Food under Mid Day Meal Scheme

81. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is provided for construction of kitchen-cum-store for cooking and safe storage of food grains in schools under the Mid Day Meal Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of students benefited, people employed and budget allocated by Government to the States under the scheme along with the cooking cost per day per children reimbursed/incurred during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) whether Government has set up any monitoring mechanism to ensure that quality

food is served to students and if so, the details thereof?

One teacher schools

82. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over one lakh Government elementary and secondary schools in the country where there is only one teacher and if so, details of such schools, State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 10 per cent of such schools are in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how the Ministry is planning to supplement the efforts of States particularly relating to such schools; and

(d) whether any special scheme is going to be implemented to ensure that sufficient student-teacher ratio is maintained in those schools?

Quality of higher education

†83. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently quality is a major concern in higher education/university education in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that not even a single university of India figures among top 200 universities of the world in terms of quality;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether several policy measures and improvements have been effected by Government during the last two years in order to improve the quality of higher education/university education, which have yielded very positive results; and

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(f) if so, the details thereof?

Autonomy to educational institutes

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government aims to grant full autonomy to as many educational institutes as possible;

(b) whether it is also a fact that granting the autonomy is essential to improve the quality of education in the country;

(c) whether Government has invited more institutes to come forward for seeking autonomy than being affiliated to bigger university in the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality of education in self-financing institutions

85. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report about the quality of education imparted in self-financing professional education institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any concrete steps have been taken to improve the quality of education in self-financing professional education institutions and if so, the details thereof?

Common entrance examination for all Central Universities

86. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to conduct common examination for all Central Universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that high cutoffs have triggered debates as some States are known to be lenient on giving marks, leaving students from other schools boards in the lurch; and

(c) whether the students would be spared of the drudgery of applying in several universities individually for admission and the fierce competition for higher marks as cutoffs would be reduced as that would no longer apply and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in fees for students in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†87. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to increase the fees for students in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any decision, so far, in this regard; and

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

Enquiry into missing of JNU student

88. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till date there is no trace of Najeeb, the student of JNU who got missing from the campus and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what actions are initiated in this regard; and

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(c) whether there is any attack on him inside the campus and if so, the details thereof?

Handover of public schools to corporate schools

89. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal request has been made by State Government of Andhra Pradesh to handover public schools to corporate entities or corporate schools or private schools in the State;

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

(c) whether approval has been given by the Ministry to go ahead in this regard and if so, the reasons and justification thereof?

Report on death of Ph.D. scholar

90. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Roopanwal Commission report on the death of Ph.D. scholar Rohith Vemula has not been made public yet and if so, the reasons therefor and if not, when it has been made public;

(b) what were the terms of reference and major findings of the Commission;

(c) whether the Commission has given observation on the caste of the deceased and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the determination of caste of the deceased was not in the terms of reference of the Commission and if so, the reasons the Commission went into the caste of the deceased?

Norms for advertisement in vernacular languages on Doordarshan

91. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prescribed any norms to carry out advertisements on Doordarshan (DD) in all the vernacular languages including Hindi and English and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether DD is considering to review its policy on various issues related to advertisements and if so, the details thereof?

RN unit of DD News in Uttarakhand

†92. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to establish RNI unit of DD News in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether the public representatives of the State have also requested the Ministry and Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons for which the unit has not been set up, so far, in the State; and

(d) the further time likely to be taken in this regard?

Objectionable contents on TV channels

93. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is receiving a large number of complaints from audience

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against several TV channels and radio stations regarding their alleged objectionable contents;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken for protecting the interests and basic rights of audience in the country; and

(c) whether Government is considering to set up a statutory mechanism for redressal of complaints against the contents of private TV channels and radio stations and if so, the details thereof?

Losses of Doordarshan

94. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any presentation/report on Prasar Bharti indicating the details of losses that Doordarshan was making;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of decision taken for improving the quality of Doordarshan programmes for generating more revenue?

Viewership of DD channels

95. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the viewership of National and regional channels of Doordarshan has come down drastically;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to improve the viewership of these channels and if so, the details thereof?

'Address to the Nation' by Prime Minister

96. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Address to the Nation' by the Prime Minister has any legal or conventional sanctity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of addresses to the nation made by the Prime Minister during the last one year, date-wise; and

(d) the details of instances of betrayal by Government from words delivered during those addresses during the last six months?

Advertisements issued after demonetisation

97. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advertisements published after demonetisation by Government Ministry-wise, the names of publications along with the cost incurred and the dates of publication;

(b) whether the payments made to publications for these advertisements were cashless and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of total amount spent by Government for publicity of demonetisation?

Complaints relating to programmes aired on TV and radio channels

†98. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the details regarding the number of complaints received during the last three years relating to programmes aired on TV and radio channels and the number of complaints redressed;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no legal institution in the country for redressal of those complaints owing to which the complaints are not being dealt within time, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a legal institution under Section 22 of the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act and if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey on news channels

99. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any survey to ascertain the number of private FM Radio channels and community radios which are broadcasting news bulletins of All India Radio (AIR) without any addition or modification after relaxation made in its FM Radio Policy (Phase III);

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

(c) whether Government would undertake this survey in future considering the importance of dissemination of news to general public?

Monthly rentals for channels

100. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the broadcasting regulator has proposed that television households should pay ₹ 130 as

monthly rental per set top box for 100 standard definition channels;

(b) whether the regulator has also proposed a genre-wise ceiling on channel prices; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the distributors of TV channels would be permitted to form bouquets only from *a la carte* channels of broadcasters?

Transmission of TV channels

101. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a uniform inter-connection guidelines for transmission of TV channels across all available platforms like cable, DTH and IPTV; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the common regulator framework for interconnection of all types of addressable systems would ensure a level playing field among service providers and if so, the details thereof?

PRAGATI exercise

102. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has conducted Pro-active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) exercise during the last two years so far;

(b) what are the stated objectives of this exercise and to what extent these have been fulfilled; and

(c) the details of States and UTs consistently lagging in compliance of

decisions taken/orders issued or promises given by them in this exercise?

Service allocation and promotion of civil servants

103. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new recruits of civil services during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any service allocation guidelines and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any review of civil servants is being done at regular interval for promotion and if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of cases pending with CBI

104. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of cases pending with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would like to increase the number of staff and officers in CBI so that cases do not remain pending for shortage of staff?

Central public recruitment agencies

105. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to link the central public recruitment agencies like the UPSC with the integrated information system;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that

Government has approved a proposal to make public the scores and ranking of candidates through a portal that increases the access of unemployed to job opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Redressal of complaints in various offices

†106. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether grievance cells have been established in various Ministries for redressal of suggestions and complaints;

(b) if so, whether redressal of cases/complaints received in various offices particularly in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) during the last three years and the current year has been reviewed or is proposed to be reviewed; and

(c) the details of complaints of very important persons and other complainants disposed of and those pending in the grievance cell established in PMO during the above said period?

Pending departmental enquiry cases

†107. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the departmental enquiries against Government employees do not conclude within the stipulated six months in various Ministries and their subordinate offices as per rule due to which honest employees are getting harassed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such cases where enquiry has been pending for six months or longer and the details of reasons for delay in enquiry; and

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(c) whether Government proposes to bring changes in the present practice to ensure timely completion of departmental enquiries and timely redressal of complaints and if so, the details thereof?

Fault in essay paper of UPSC examination, 2016

108. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the essay paper of 2016 UPSC examination has become an issue as the statement given in the paper is posing different meanings in English and Hindi versions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether UPSC accepts the blunder occurred in the paper and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether UPSC has taken any steps to rectify the fault and made any insertions in the evaluation of English and Hindi papers to obviate such misrepresentations in future papers?

Response to RTI applications

109. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of cases where the response to an RTI application was delayed by more than a year without any reason and also of such cases where repeated reminders were of no effect;

(b) the details of action taken by CIC in such cases and the cases which have been brought to its notice; and

(c) the details of cases where punishment was awarded by CIC but not complied with, so far?

Expenditure on skill development

110. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment rate in India has shot up to a five-year high of five per cent during 2015-16 and about 77 per cent of the households were reported to be having no regular wages/salaries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) the amount spent by Government on skill development in various parts of the country during the last two years and the persons benefited with jobs from these programmes, so far; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for increasing employment in various sectors?

Short term courses through skill development camps

111. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to start short term courses by organising skill development camps with the help of local administration in various districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry would consider organising such camps?

MoU for skill development training

112. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with various Ministries, Public Sector Units and other organisations for providing skill development training;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has succeeded in achieving the objectives of signing these MoUs; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard along with the names of those organisations?

Selection of agencies for skill development programmes

113. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) how much fund has been distributed for skill development programmes, so far;

(b) whether there is any criteria for selecting Government and Non-Government agencies to conduct skill development programmes; and

(c) the details of guidelines for sanctioning such funds under skill development programmes for Government and Non-Government agencies?

Relevance of ITI training to industrial demand

114. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industry experts have opined that the training imparted by ITIs is not relevant to today's industrial demands;

(b) whether quality certification of

trainers and training institutes are not streamlined with uniform procedure and standards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to streamline the same?

Dispersion of skill development mission in rural areas

115. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dispersal of skill development mission is less in rural areas owing to vast size of the country and tough terrains in some parts like North-East, owing to least supportive basic infrastructure; and

(b) the details of proper framework to train 500 million/projected target by 2022?

Skill development training

116. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions imparting skill development training during 2016-17;

(b) the number of students enrolled in them along with the number of teachers and instructors there;

(c) the number of persons coming out of them who got employment during the last two years;

(d) how many new courses and centres are planned during the next year; and

(e) whether new ITIs would be sanctioned for this purpose and if so, the number thereof?

Funds for new ITIs

117. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on setting up of new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country;

(b) whether it is likely to be under Centrally funded scheme or the States are also supposed to contribute to it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Skill development in border districts of Punjab

118. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiatives to hone the skills of unemployed youth in the border districts of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of programmes/ schemes initiated, so far; and

(c) if not, the specific steps or proposals under consideration of Government to launch skill development initiatives there?

Coordination between skill development and entrepreneurship in Chhattisgarh

†119. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who were encouraged to establish their own industry

after being trained under skill development training and entrepreneurship scheme in Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) the number of people out of those who have got employment and those who have established their own industry; and

(c) the special measures taken by Government to ensure coordination between skill development and entrepreneurship?

Beneficiaries under skill development programmes

†120. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated and spent under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana, UDAN Scheme and the Pradhan Mantri Kausal Vikas Yojana during the last two years;

(b) the number of persons benefited from the said programmes during those years and the details of percentage/number of beneficiaries including those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the number of persons provided with employment out of the said beneficiaries and the percentage increase in the income of beneficiaries, sector-wise?

Skill development centres in Rajasthan

†121. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

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(a) the ranking of Rajasthan in the country in terms of progress made in skill development and entrepreneurship;

(b) the number of skill development centres established in the State, so far during the last two years and the number of unemployed persons who were provided employment;

(c) the quantum of amount provided to the State under the above scheme during that period by Government; and

(d) whether Government proposes to enhance this amount and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Revamping of PMKVY due to demonetization

122. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to revamp the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to reduce its shortcomings and deficiencies in the wake of demonetization;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details regarding the target of number of persons to be provided skill development and the total amount earmarked for the scheme for the next three years?

Target of PMKVY

†123. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target of providing skill training to a large number of youth by 2020

has been fixed under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the progress of the scheme is as expected;

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

(e) whether the scheme is being implemented keeping in view the recommendations made by the sub-group of Chief Ministers?

Employment fairs in different States

†124. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment fairs are being organised by Government in the cities under skill development scheme in order to provide employment to the unemployed youth of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of employment fairs organised and employment provided to unemployed youth in different States, so far; and

(d) whether the employment fairs are proving successful platforms for the skilled and trained unemployed youth?

Skill training institutes in Andhra Pradesh

125. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to establish, manage, run, promote

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and impart skills through training institutes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether skill mapping of the State has been done as has been advised by the Prime Minister;

(c) if so, the details thereof sector-wise;

(d) how the Ministry is planning to provide skilled personnel to each sector, so identified; and

(e) the amount, so far, sanctioned, released and utilized for various programmes for skill development in the State with particular reference to Visakhapatnam?

Grant-in-aid to voluntary organizations

126. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of grant-in-aid sanctioned to voluntary organizations during the last three years with the numbers of organizations and the amount received by each;

(b) whether any complaint has been received on the malpractices in spending the amount sanctioned by the Ministry by any NGOs or voluntary organizations during that period; and

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

Model village for development of Scheduled Caste population

127. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far Government has been successful in achieving the target of model villages for integrated development of

Scheduled Caste population, under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY);

(b) whether these model villages are not based on discriminatory pattern, developing few villages and leaving out others;

(c) the details of funds allocated and spent during the last three years for the scheme, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has been able to achieve minimum of three targets completely since the time of its implementation, as defined in the scheme?

Demand for abolition of Creamy Layer condition for OBCs

128. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any demand from the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) for abolition of Creamy Layer condition stipulated for OBC candidates for Government Jobs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Commission has also demanded its constitutional position like the National Commission for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken on those demands and if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

Spinal Injury Centres in States

129. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds earmarked for establishing State Spinal

Injury Centres in the States are not utilised and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the States which have been sanctioned such centres and their present status?

Amount released for upliftment of SCs and STs

130. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked, allocated and released to States to improve the lives of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under Special Central Assistance, Scheduled Caste Component Plan, Tribal Sub Plan and under Article-252 of the constitution during 2015-16;

(b) the total unspent amount out of the released funds, State-wise; and

(c) whether the unspent amount has been released as lapsed or being held back by the Central Government?

Inclusion of backward classes in Scheduled Caste category

†131. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether the proposals have been sent by various States including Uttar Pradesh to incorporate some castes of backward classes in the Scheduled Castes on the social and educational grounds;

(b) whether some of the castes proposed by State Governments for inclusion in Scheduled Castes are already included in Scheduled Castes in some States; and

(c) if so, the details of such castes which are already included in Scheduled Castes, State-wise and caste-wise?

Help to disabled older persons

†132. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide help to disabled old age persons;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction; and

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

Provision of high-end aids and assistive devices

133. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various high-end aids and assistive devices that were notified for visually impaired, leprosy affected, hearing impaired, kits for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and orthopedically impaired;

(b) the details of funds earmarked for providing such aids and devices to Tamil Nadu, so far; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries who availed those aids and devices during the last three years in the State?

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Application for inclusion in OBC category

134. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications are pending before Government from individuals for inclusion in Other Backward Classes (OBC) category;

(b) if so, how many applications are pending and for how long they are pending;

(c) how many of them have been approved;

(d) what are the criteria for including a person among OBC;

(e) the reasons why people are still desiring to become a member of OBC; and

(f) how many applications are pending from Kerala?

Vacancies in various National Commissions

135. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commissions for Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Safai Karmacharis are headless for some time now;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Vice-Chairperson and one Member of the Scheduled Caste Commission and Vice-Chairperson and three Members of the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis are also lying vacant;

(c) whether the Chairperson of one of the above Commissions is also lying vacant for nearly one year; and

(d) what efforts Government has made to appoint Chairpersons for above Commissions?

Cancellation of licences of NGOs

136. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of NGO licences cancelled by the Ministry during the last two years and the grounds for cancellation etc., year-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plan to introduce any guidelines/regulations to prevent misappropriation of public funds by NGOs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to create other sources of funds for NGOs as some of NGOs whose licences were cancelled were working for HIV patients, trafficked and orphan children, dalits and riot victims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities for launching satellites

137. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities available with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for launching satellites;

(b) by when an advanced, mega space launcher, that could deliver ten-tonne and heavier communication satellite into space by using semi-cryogenic engine, would be ready; and

(c) which spacecrafts are likely to be launched during the next two years and from which launcher abroad?

Making of satellite and launch vehicles

138. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's space capacity of thirty four working satellites is half of what the country needs and is severely limited to meet increasing demands from both the Central and State Governments and private-entities; ..

(b) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) plans to put twelve to eighteen satellites into space each year to meet this demand and also wants to be free to pursue higher technologies;

(c) whether the domestic industry should urgently step into making satellites and launch vehicles to meet this demand; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to encourage the domestic industry therefor?

Decrease in national income

139. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national income has decreased in November and December, 2016 compared to the preceding two years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether post demonetization, industry saw a 38 per cent decline in November, 2016 and 10 per cent decline in December, 2016 compared to the previous two years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of companies which have fully switched over to cashless transaction

in terms of percentage of the total companies in India, State/UT-wise?

Funds allocated for smart cities in Bihar

†140. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made an announcement of converting several cities of the country into smart cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of cities where the work of such conversion has begun along with the details of amount allocated for different cities; and

(d) the name of cities from Bihar where the work has started along with the details of amount allocated for the same?

Amending rules to stop illegal construction

141. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend and review old rules to stop illegal construction of houses in the areas coming under municipalities/municipal corporations, in view of increasing urbanization day-by-day and to make these constructions legal; and

(b) the proposals being made by Government to solve the problems of water-logging in cities/metro cities during rainy season due to illegal construction being done without approval of local and concerned authorities and to what extent Government is strict in this matter?

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Contract of laying metro rail lines

†142. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract of laying metro rail lines has been awarded to foreign companies;

(b) if so, the name of such companies, their country of origin and the details of States and places where the work of laying metro rail lines has been awarded to them;

(c) whether there is dearth of companies in the country for laying metro rail lines; and

(d) if not, the reasons for awarding the work to foreign companies?

Cycling tracks in cities

143. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken to develop cycling tracks throughout the country, at least in tier-I and tier-II cities;

(b) the details of funds allocated for such projects during the last two years; and

(c) the details including funds allocated for awareness campaigns which are running to encourage people to use cycles for short distance over motor vehicles?

Real time monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission

144. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken for real time monitoring of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) by when Government is planning to launch Swachh Bharat Mobile Application which could be used for complaint redressal;

(c) whether there is a helpline number for registering complaints under SBM;

(d) how many complaints on an average are registered every month throughout the country; and

(e) out of the total complaints registered, what is the average percentage of complaints redressed?

Toilets constructed in North Eastern Region

145. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total household toilets constructed during 2nd October, 2014 to 2nd October, 2016 in the States of North Eastern Region;

(b) the total community and public toilets constructed during that period there; and

(c) the total number of cities and villages declared as open defecation free by 2nd October, 2016 there?

Sanitation, drinking water and infrastructure facilities in cities

146. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has published any report with regard to sanitation, drinking water and infrastructure facilities in Indian cities including Bengaluru;

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

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(c) the corrective action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to remove the deficiencies?

New technologies for Solid Waste Management

147. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantum of sewage, solid waste and garbage being generated and treated in urban areas in the country, city-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of land fill sites and waste treatment plants in the country;

(c) the mechanism for proper collection, categorization, transportation, processing and disposal of solid wastes and treatment of sewage;

(d) whether Government proposes to introduce new technologies for solid waste management and sewage treatment plants and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the system would be fully modernized?

Recommendation of group of Secretaries

148. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine groups of Secretaries have been set up on different subjects to review the progress of Government schemes during the last two and a half years and to suggest policy changes to achieve the targets set by each Department;

(b) whether one of such groups has recommended to corporatize the Central Public Works Department (CPWD);

(c) whether it has also recommended for clubbing housing with this Ministry and bringing the Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and

(d) whether all other groups have also submitted their recommendations and if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Nirbhaya Centres

149. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to set up Nirbhaya centres as one-stop crisis centre for women in distress in all the 640 districts and 20 additional locations;

(b) if so, how many such centres have been set up, so far;

(c) whether the name of the centres was changed from Nirbhaya to Sakhi; and

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

Beneficiaries of SHGs

150. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed in Punjab district-wise under the Department of Women and Child Development in Rural Areas (DWCRA) scheme during the last five years and the current year;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under this scheme during that period, district-wise;

(c) whether any financial benefits have been extended to these SHGs during those years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any assessment or study has been undertaken/completed to find out its impact and if so, the outcomes thereof?

Operational Anganwadi Centres

†151. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of children to an Anganwadi Centre (AWC), the country should have in terms of their number;

(b) the proportionate number of children for one AWC in the country, as on date;

(c) the number of AWCs, the country should have and the number of operational AWCs against this number; and

(d) the total number of AWCs required in Gujarat and the number of those centres functioning, at present?

Conflict between POCSO and IPC

152. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any matter regarding conflict between POCSO and IPC has been referred to the Ministry by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the views of the Ministry on this issue?

Harassment of women

153. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four nation survey report released by NGO Action Aid revealed that women around the world experience harassment for the first time at a shockingly young age with six per cent experiencing harassment before the age of 10 in India;

(b) whether 41 per cent of women face harassment before the age of 19 in India;

(c) whether in India women take steps to protect themselves according to the said report; and

(d) if so, whether Government is considering to come out with corrective steps to protect the women from harassment?

Protection of children

†154. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes and schemes being run by the Ministry for protection of children stuck in various types of hazardous situations; and

(b) the details of amount spent by Government under each of such scheme during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

Remuneration of AWWs and AWHs

†155. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institutions and organizations working for welfare of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) in the country and the date-wise details of action taken on the demands made in demand letters and

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memorandums sent by them to the Central Government during the last three years including the current year; and

(b) the measures being adopted to increase their current remuneration to the levels of 'subsistence'?

Districts covered under IGMSY

156. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coverage of Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) namely the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY), aimed at improving the health and nutrition status of pregnant and lactating women and their young infants, is very poor in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of districts covered under the said scheme, at present; and

(c) by what time there would be 100 per cent coverage of the said scheme?

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