

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 9, 2017/Magha 20, 1938 (Saka)*

(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 — 15

Print Media Advertisement Policy

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

(a) whether Government has introduced the Print Media Advertisement Policy, 2016 and if so, the details of the policy introduced on 7.6.2016 along with the amendment made on 15 September, 2016;

(b) whether advertisements placed in 7,708 publications during 2015-16 were as per the new scheme approved on 7 June, 2016 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the total expenditure for publicity through various publications and TV channels during 2015-16 was about ₹ 618 crore whereas the total expenditure on publicity through various media was ₹ 542 crore and if so, the reasons therefor?

Slum clusters in Mumbai and Pune

*77. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data available on the number of slum clusters in Mumbai and Pune;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether *in-situ* rehabilitation of slum dwellers using land as resources through private participation falls within the purview of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY); and

(d) if so, the action plan drawn for development of slum clusters there in a big way to remove slums from these two cities?

Advertisements for North-East publications

*78. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite Government's advertising policy for North East, hill areas and islands with special languages, the publications of North East are not supported by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP);

(b) the details of special areas and languages under scrutiny/review in the Print Media Advertisement Policy 2016, publication-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to relax the norms and procedures for issuing advertisements for such publications, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of advertisements issued during the last two years?

Improving student-teacher ratio

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian education system needs to improve the student-teacher ratio and there is a necessity to recruit quality teachers and strengthen the teachers strength; and

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

Achievements of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme

*80. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the achievements made under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme including its salient features and the funds allocated and utilized thereunder, State/UT-wise, including Maharashtra?

Launching of Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana

*81. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would soon launch the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PVKY) to enhance skills in line with international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the work on this scheme is at a fairly advanced stage;

(d) whether the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship had signed an MoU for implementation of PVKY; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Skill development training through NBCFDC

*82. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that youth are being provided skill development training through National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC); and

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries under this programme during the last three years, State-wise?

Vacancies in Kendriya Vidyalayas

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

(a) the number of vacancies of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas at present and since when these vacancies are lying vacant;

(b) the reasons for not filling up those vacancies which have adversely affected the students in those schools; and

(c) by when these are likely to be filled up?

Policy for empowerment of differently abled persons

84. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a well laid down policy for empowerment of differently abled or divyang persons formulated by Government;

(b) if so, the main features thereof and if not, whether Government proposes to formulate such a policy;

(c) what are the various welfare and other schemes presently in operation under the Ministry for divyang persons; and

(d) the details about the progress of implementation of these schemes and programmes in different States during 2014 to 2016?

Girls in science and engineering colleges

*85. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the reasons for lower enrolment ratio of girl students in science and engineering colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and other agencies have taken initiatives to focus on curriculum design and assessment for preparing girl students for higher education and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider introducing capsule courses for them; and

(d) if not, how the gap between school education and engineering entrance examinations would be reduced?

Single examination for admission in engineering colleges

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

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to have single examination for admission in all engineering colleges in the country, on the lines of National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET);

(b) whether any consultations have been held with States, private engineering colleges and other stakeholders;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) in what manner the Ministry would persuade IITs to join the common test when they had refused the proposal in 2012?

Complaints against dilution of State laws for favouring builders

*87. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been complaints from consumer groups that several States have reportedly diluted the key provisions relating to ongoing projects in their State laws to favour builders in the backdrop of Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act passed by the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to protect the interest of consumer groups?

Achievements under 'Housing for All' programme

†*88. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements *vis-a-vis* targets fixed under 'Housing for All' programme during each of the last three years including 2016-17, State-wise; and

(b) the details of further action plans and programmes of 'Housing for All'?

Assessment of rain water harvesting capacity

*89. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has done any assessment of rain water harvesting capacity, existing structures and quality of water harvested in various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Ministry proposes to undertake such a study;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether each State has proposed different rules for rain water harvesting where roof top sizes for mandatory structures range from 100 sq. mts. to 300 sq. mts.; and

(e) if so, how the Ministry proposes to measure effectiveness of such rules for different States?

Alternative occupation for manual scavengers

*90. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per 2011 census data, around 1,80,000 families were engaged in manual scavenging for their livelihood, and whether manual scavenging was prohibited in 2013;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to rehabilitate manual scavengers in alternative occupation;

(c) the number of manual scavengers who were provided alternative occupation during the last three years, year-wise, and the types of alternative occupation provided to them;

(d) whether any vocational training is provided to make them skilled for alternative occupation; and

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

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