

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

#### Cases of nuclear exposure

797. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of nuclear exposure to local population and scientists/employees working in different nuclear plants across the country have been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether wide use of nuclear energy is proving to be a boon in the fields like medical treatment and agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proactive plan proposed to be made by Government for timely completion of nuclear plants in the country?

#### Progress of prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam

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

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 500 MW prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam, is progressing well, as planned or there is any delay and if so, the details thereof;

(b) by what time, the reactor would start yielding power to the National Grid and what would be its quantity; and

(c) whether there is any plan to construct more such reactors in the near future and if so, the details thereof?

**Facility for irradiation of food products**

799. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the facility for irradiation of food products is not sufficient in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to extend this facility across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Uranium from Australia**

800. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) with how many countries India has signed agreements for supply of uranium since 2008;

(b) the details of quantity of uranium that each country has to supply to India and the period thereof, country-wise;

(c) whether in spite of agreements and administrative arrangements, Australia is yet to supply uranium to India;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) what are the reasons that in spite of India getting exemption from Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Australia is raising it again and again; and

(f) by when India is likely to get uranium from Australia?

**Rich minerals on seashore of Tamil Nadu**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that rich minerals are available on the seashore of Tamil Nadu especially in the Southern parts of the State;

(b) if so, the names of minerals that are used for atomic energy;

(c) whether the mineral sand at seashore is illegally exported;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken to ban such illegal export?

**Mechanism to dispose of nuclear waste**

802. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of nuclear waste generated by nuclear power plants, during the last three years, plant-wise and year-wise;

(b) the mechanism put in place to dispose of such waste safely;

(c) the extent to which the technology used is effective and efficient;

(d) whether Government has drawn any plan to build underground repository for storing nuclear waste with latest technology and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has undertaken such a programme with the support of any foreign countries and if so, the details thereof?

**Vision 2020 targets for North-Eastern States**

803. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has achieved

vision 2020 targets for development of North-Eastern States;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any short and long term measures to achieve these targets; and

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

#### **Self help groups and NGOs financed by NEDFi**

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

(a) the number of self help groups and NGOs financed by the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) since 2014, State-wise; and

(b) the number of local entrepreneurship consultancy services provided by NEDFi during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, State-wise?

#### **Earthquake prediction system**

805. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's earthquake prediction system is capable enough to predict earthquakes of any magnitudes;

(b) if so, the accuracy at which it could be predicted and warn us to save human lives; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Restriction for H1-B Visa**

806. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

how the Ministry is planning to deal with Mr. Trump's statement that all IT jobs in US would be given to locals and there would be strict approach towards H1-B Visas?

#### **Restrictions on migration to gulf countries**

807. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is imposing restrictions on migration to gulf countries, in view of the problems being faced by Indians there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to bring the already migrated Indians back to India; and

(d) the details regarding the number of people benefited by such steps?

#### **Trade through South China Sea**

808. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent of India's trade passes through South China Sea;

(b) whether any assessment has been made by the Ministry in view of the recent judgement of the International Court of Arbitration and subsequent position taken by China on the South China Sea;

(c) if so, how India would have a smooth sail as far as navigation over flight and unimpeded commerce, through South China Sea;

(d) whether any consultation between India and China have been held in the recent bilateral meeting between our PM and Chinese Premier; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Legal assistance to women abandoned by NRI spouses**

809. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those countries where the scheme for extending legal assistance to Indian women cheated/abandoned by overseas Indian spouses is being implemented;

(b) the number of women benefited by the scheme, during the last three years, country-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce such scheme in other countries also; and

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

**Proposal of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**

810. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has put in place a proposal to evolve a formal doctrine or emergency plan including operating procedures to facilitate evacuation of expatriates from the conflict zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India has extensive hands-on experience in conducting evacuation operations numbering around thirty including the massive civilian airlift of 1,10,000 people in 1990?

**Making passport process simple and transparent**

†811. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to make the process of procurement of passports transparent and simple and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is trying to ensure that the process of issuing passport is made foolproof so that no anti-social elements are able to misuse it and if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether a racket involving making of passports by producing fake address has been unearthed recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty?

**Prisoners of war in jails of Pakistan**

†812. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:  
SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers who were made prisoners of war during the Indo-Pak war of 1965 and 1971 who are still languishing in jails of Pakistan; and

(b) the details of discussions/decisions taken by both the countries for release of prisoners and to ensure humane treatment to them in jails?

**Opening of diplomatic missions abroad**

813. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite India's ambitious global plans, Government has failed to set up diplomatic missions in small countries and island nations;

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(b) if so, the countries and island nations where India does not have its own diplomatic missions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the last decade alone at least seventeen countries have opened new embassies in India but India has not reciprocated, so far, to most of those countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Subsidy for pilgrimage to foreign countries**

814. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide subsidy to other communities besides Muslims going for religious pilgrimages to other countries like Sikhs to Pakistan, Budhists to Japan, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Deporting of fugitives from UK**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had raised the issue of 57 fugitives hiding in United Kingdom and demanded their deportation during the discussion with the Prime Minister of United Kindgom recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received any assurance from the UK Government in this regard?

**Chinese advice to India on terrorist outfits**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that China has advised India not to cite terrorism for political gains;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has come from China on the backdrop of India's demand on UN sanction on heads of terrorist outfits functioning in Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government to convince the Chinese authority regarding Indian position on heads leading terrorist organisations?

**Separate wing of UNO to counter terrorism**

817. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a submission to the United Nations (UN) for constituting a separate establishment under the control of UN for fighting against terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any response has been received from UN in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**Chinese warning over Balochistan**

818. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has warned India over Balochistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said warning came because China is making huge investments in Balochistan; and

(d) what actions have been taken by Government to counter the Chinese warning?

**Retrenched Indian workers in Saudi Arabia**

819. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia had promised to fly back the retrenched Indian workers who want to come back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of Saudi Arabia has promised to try and find jobs for retrenched Indian workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Bilateral talks with Pakistan**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is considering to resume bilateral talks with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of manpower in Indian Missions**

821. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is severe shortage of manpower in Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the number of staff in High Commissions presently posted in all the countries; and

(c) the action taken to fill up the shortage of mission staff?

**Targets of National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy**

822. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of houses being built since the commencement of the National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy and whether the targets are being achieved since then;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many existing slums in the country are rehabilitated under the affordable housing scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of specific targets for West Bengal in this regard; and

(e) the details of money allocated and spent for the same during the last three years, State-wise?

**Construction of houses for urban poor**

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

(a) whether Government has given approval for construction of about two lakh houses for urban poor in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these houses would be built in all the cities/States of the country or in a few selected cities/States; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the fund earmarked and released for the purpose, State-wise and the targets planned for implementation of the same in the cities/ States selected?

#### **Dilution of Real Estate Act by States**

824. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central legislation meant to regulate the real estate sector enacted in May, 2016 has been diluted by certain States;

(b) if so, the details of rules notified under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act;

(c) how far these rules have been modified to benefit the real estate developers rather than home buyers by certain States including Maharashtra; and

(d) what corrective steps have, so far, been taken by Government for the protection of home buyers and to penalise errant builders and *vice versa*?

#### **Housing for socially and economically weaker sections**

825. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to implement any policies or programmes to guarantee affordable housing to socially and economically weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details of the targets proposed and achieved thereunder; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, released and spent, so far, thereon?

#### **Demand of houses under Housing for All scheme**

826. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of efforts being made by Government to fulfil the demand of houses to be built under the Housing for All scheme, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether the time-frame to complete the process of actual demand of houses has been finalised and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Housing for SCs and STs**

827. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houseless people in the country, according to census data;

(b) the number of those belonging to BPL category;

(c) the rate at which Government is providing houses and the time it would take to provide housing for all; and

(d) the time required to give house to all SCs and STs?

#### **Auction of benami properties**

828. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Secretaries has recently recommended to auction the benami properties for construction of affordable houses for the

poor and lower middle class of the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government has accepted the said recommendations and by when these recommendations would come into force?

#### **Ashray scheme for urban homeless**

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

(a) whether several programmes are being run by Government for permanent livelihood of urban poor especially youth;

(b) if so, the details of execution of these programmes during the last two years along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder State-wise?

(c) whether a scheme named Ashray is being run by Government for urban homeless people and whether there has been a lot of improvement in implementation and execution of this scheme during the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **PMAY in Maharashtra**

†830. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for All has been divided in three phases to accomplish the dream of Housing for All in urban areas at the earliest and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of total number of cities in Maharashtra where the scheme has been introduced during the first phase spanning from April, 2015 to March, 2017 and the

number of people benefited under this scheme, district-wise; and

(c) the total number of cities of that State which are proposed to be included under the scheme in its second and third phase?

#### **Achievement of Housing for All scheme in Jharkhand**

831. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Housing for All scheme introduced by Government;

(b) the details of targets fixed and achievements made thereunder, bringing out the comparative position obtained in Jharkhand; and

(c) the details of towns and cities identified in the State for implementation of the scheme?

#### **PMAY in Karnataka**

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

(a) whether the demand assessment by Government of Karnataka under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) to provide housing stood at more than 6.5 lakhs as on 1st December, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of Central assistance given against the demand from Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the number of houses constructed during the last three years and the current year under PMAY in the State, district-wise; and

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(e) the time-frame required to complete the above target?

#### **Digitised certificates to students**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to issue digitised certificates for Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)/ universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would make it mandatory to issue digitised certificate by private universities and educational establishments; and

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

#### **Provision for teachers without degrees**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian institutions still allow to teach only those persons in higher studies who have degrees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for inducting those who have distinctive experience in their streams but do not have degrees like Ph.D. etc.?

#### **Standard of higher educational institutes**

835. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government is making efforts to bring higher educational institutes and universities at par with the standards of the best in the world;

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

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

#### **Central Tribal University in Himachal Pradesh**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a Central Tribal University in the tribal regions of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether any site has been finalized for setting up the university and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to provide vocational education to the tribal community of that State; and

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

#### **Functioning of AICTE**

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

(a) whether Government is taking any concrete steps to improve the functioning of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in the light of deteriorating standards of professional technical education in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being considered to make a transparent

mechanism at AICTE for recognition and monitoring of private institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Coaching for students of reserved categories**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bear the entire expenses of coaching for the students belonging to reserved categories;

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

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

**Lack of quality education in career oriented courses**

839. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the career oriented courses are becoming useless in the present day education and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has called for a detailed study on the effect of such courses and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report submitted to NITI Aayog reveals the lack of quality education in such courses introduced by UGC and the main reason that the students are not benefiting much and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the quality of education through such courses?

**Admission of girls in professional courses**

840. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocations made to various States under the scheme for scholarships to poor girls for admission into professional courses in the country and the number of girls benefited from this scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether the outcome of this scheme has been satisfactory and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there has been any irregularity in implementation of the scheme in any of the States and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Panel to bring down vacant seats in engineering colleges**

841. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a three member panel to bring down vacant seats in premier engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details of observations and major recommendations made by the panel; and

(c) whether these recommendations have been placed before IIT and NIT councils for consideration and approval?

**Audit of quality of research work in universities**

842. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of Ph.Ds submitted in Indian universities during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government is planning to do an audit to gauge the quality of research work that is currently going on in universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Internal Complaint Committee in National Bal Bhavan**

843. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Internal Complaint Committee has been formed in National Bal Bhavan (NBB) as per Section 4 and 19 of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these two provisions have not been strictly followed and if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government in this regard against the officers responsible for this;

(c) whether the employees of NBB would be allowed to file complaints before the Internal Complaint Committee of the Ministry; and

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

#### **Schools managed by communities**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many communities run and manage their own schools and colleges in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government maintains data of such schools and colleges;

(c) if so, the number of schools and colleges run by Muslim, Buddhist, Jain, Christian and Parsi communities along with the number of students, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Funds for colleges in Uttarakhand**

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

(a) whether requests from colleges of Uttarakhand have been made to the University Grants Commission for release of funds under various heads;

(b) if so, the names of such colleges;

(c) the details of colleges and universities of the State which were provided funds during the financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17, till date; and

(d) if no funds were provided, the reasons therefor?

#### **Committee for inspection of universities**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of recognised private universities in various parts of the country which do not possess the mandatory resources as per stipulated norms;

(b) if so, whether Government would constitute a high level committee to inspect such universities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Drop out of students from higher education**

847. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in India only 11 per cent students register for higher education and the rest drop out after higher secondary level for one reason or the other;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for this sorry state of affairs; and

(c) what steps Government has planned to increase the percentage of students continuing higher studies in universities?

**Literacy for poverty alleviation**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the literacy is critical for any strategy of poverty alleviation as illiteracy is a hurdle in the road to empowerment of the poor;

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

(c) the targets and objectives for literacy fixed for the coming decade; and

(d) whether Government is making constant efforts to take care of every illiterate person for this purpose?

**Standard and quality of education in private/deemed universities**

849. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

complaints of sub-standard and poor quality education imparted by private/deemed universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by Government on such complaints, so far;

(c) the mechanism developed by Government to monitor the standard and quality of education imparted by those universities;

(d) whether certain shortcomings have come to the notice of Government regarding functioning of the monitoring mechanism during the last three years; and

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

**Children not attending schools**

850. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry looks at the Census data which indicates that 8.4 crore children still do not attend schools;

(b) whether nearly one crore children are forced to work while they learn;

(c) the status with regard to the above in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) whether the Right to Education Act and other relevant Acts do not have any impact to stop children from working and encourage them to go to schools?

**Opening of centres by Aligarh Muslim University**

851. SHRIMATI JAHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) has announced to establish its centres in other States also;

(b) whether the Act of the University allows it to open its centres in North Eastern States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Safety audit of schools**

852. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans to undertake third party safety audit of various schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Construction of campus and building of IIM, Ranchi**

853. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct the campus and building of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the timeline of development and construction plans of the campus and the fund allocated therefor; and

(c) the details of land acquired and work done till date in this regard?

#### **Mid Day Meal Scheme in madarsas**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to

implement Mid Day Meal Scheme in madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to implement the scheme in all the madarsas or madarsas providing mainstream education only;

(d) whether Government has received a number of proposals for modernisation of madarsas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Urdu Education Board**

855. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from Members of Parliament regarding the recognition, approval and other related matters of Urdu Education Board during the last year and the current year;

(b) what actions have been taken thereon;

(c) the details of Urdu Education Board; and

(d) the details of revenue received from Urdu Education Board by Government during the last three years?

#### **Funds under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan**

†856. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are provided to the educationally backward States of the country including Maharashtra for library, laboratories, toilets, playgrounds and classrooms under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);

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(b) if so, the total amount allocated in this year's budget, State-wise;

(c) whether the funds provided to Government schools including those in Maharashtra are not sufficient for maintenance of toilets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Student-teacher ratio**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in India, the student-teacher ratio is very high as compared to certain countries in the world; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the same?

#### **Appointment of Director of IIM Visakhapatnam**

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

(a) when the Search-cum-Selection Committee (SCSC) to appoint the Director of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Visakhapatnam was constituted;

(b) the reasons for delay in selecting the Director when SCSC has already given a panel of names for other IIMs like Ranchi, Raipur, Bangalore, etc.; and

(c) by when the Director would be appointed?

#### **Common courses for various boards**

†859. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce common courses to be offered by CBSE, State Boards, National Institute of Open Schooling and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for prevalence of different courses in different boards?

#### **Use of unfair means during NIOS examination in Gujarat**

†860. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaint from public against copying and unfair means adopted in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) examination during the month of October, 2016 in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

#### **Posts vacant in Central Universities**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government does not want to fill thousands of posts lying vacant in Central Universities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of vacant posts filled up during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Courses without approval of AICTE**

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

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(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) receives compliance reports from State Governments to its requests to take action against institutions running courses without its approval;

(b) if so, the number of such requests made and compliance reports received during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the specific action taken and results obtained therefrom?

#### **Children without schooling**

†863. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data regarding children who are not going to school, at present;

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

(c) the number of children from extremely backward classes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority communities who are not attending schools; and

(d) the details of measures being adopted by Government to ensure that all such children go to schools?

#### **Admissions on fake caste certificates**

864. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to weed out those who have secured admission in engineering institutes on reserved seats by providing fake caste certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when engineering colleges affiliated to AICTE would submit the data on this subject and action would be taken against students who have violated the reservation rules?

#### **Literacy among divyang children**

†865. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of divyang children not going to schools, State-wise;

(b) the number of such children studying at primary, middle, higher secondary and higher education level; and

(c) the details of schemes being launched by Government to increase the rate of literacy among such children?

#### **Structural reforms in public broadcasting**

866. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several committees, including the 2014 Sam Pitroda panel, have recommended the structural reforms in public broadcasting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a top panel of Secretaries had told Government to make public broadcasters, Doordarshan(DD) and All India Radio(AIR), corporate entities to reduce their dependence on Government funds and give them elbow room to take decisions; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

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**Airing news by private FM  
radio-stations**

867. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a court has recently observed that there is a need to open up the audio (radio) sector currently monopolised by Government to extend news broadcasting to private FM radio stations also;

(b) whether the dissemination of news is allowed on TV channels owned by private parties whereas news broadcasting is restricted to Aakashvani alone; and

(c) whether FM sector would impose self-regulations over broadcasting of news as is done in electronic (TV) media?

**Policy to check paid  
news**

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

(a) the details of complaints received about paid news in electronic and print media and those lodged by the Press Council of India by taking self-cognizance thereof;

(b) whether it has not been possible to check this trend for lack of any special law on paid news and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to frame any law or policy to check paid news and amend the Press Council Act as per the recommendations of the Election Commission of India and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Amendments to Cable Television  
Networks (Regulation) Act**

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

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

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to amend the provisions of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act so as to develop a system for monitoring of objectionable programmes; receives suggestions, complaints etc. and providing for punishments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such a system would be developed?

**Extension centres of IIMC**

†870. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up extension centres of Indian Institute of Mass Communications (IIMC) in other regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government aims to promote journalism in regional languages other than Hindi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Distribution policy of DAVP**

871. SHRI SAMHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) is responsible for promotion and advertisement of policies and programmes of Government through different means including printed materials;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure incurred during the last three years;

(c) the details of distribution policy of DAVP for printed materials since these do not reach the public; and

(d) whether Government would ensure that the publicity materials reaches the cross-section of the society for general awareness?

#### **Piracy of films**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite anti-piracy policy/law of Government, there are several complaints relating to piracy of films throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is proposing to make stringent law to curb it to help the industry?

#### **TV channels without licences**

873. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of TV channels that have licences to telecast;

(b) the details of TV channels that are telecast without any licences and the reasons for permitting such channels; and

(c) what action the Ministry has taken or propose to take against TV channels which do not have licences but are telecasting the contents?

#### **DTH portability**

874. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring in DTH portability like mobile number portability as many customers are not happy with their DTH service providers and are willing to switch over to other service providers; and

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

#### **News by private FM radio-stations**

875. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans to allow private FM radio-stations to air news; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Advertisements through digital newspapers/websites**

876. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of existing acts pertaining to printed newspapers are applicable to new digital newspapers or news-disseminating portals registered in India and if so, the details regarding compliance thereof by these portals;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider making these provisions

applicable to those newspapers and portals as well and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has evolved any policy or set of guidelines about issuing advertisements through digital newspapers or websites in general and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider evolving such a policy?

#### **Auction of FM radio channels**

877. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to auction FM radio channels in 264 cities in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of cities where such auctions were undertaken;

(c) how many such cities are there in Odisha; and

(d) what was the revenue collection expected and what was the actual revenue collected from these auctions?

#### **Policy for air time to political parties**

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

(a) whether equal time was given to all political parties on Doordarshan and All India Radio since June, 2014 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of air time given to the ruling party press conference since then; and

(c) whether there is any policy in place regarding the air time to be given to various

political parties and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Implementation of Domestic Violence Act**

879. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocations made for implementation of the Domestic Violence Act in the Union Budget 2016-17;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to reduce the number of cases of domestic violence;

(c) the details of reported cases of domestic violence against women during the last three years State-wise; and

(d) whether the Ministry is going to amend the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 to include men also and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Expenditure on advertisements**

880. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by Government on advertisements through print media, electronic media, hoardings and other forms of media during the current year, Department-wise; and

(b) whether any study or assessment has been made to ascertain usefulness of or benefits derived from such advertisements?

#### **Amendments to Cinematography Act**

881. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make major changes in the Cinematography Act and a Bill in this regard would be brought in at the earliest;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is likely to lose its censorship powers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Candidates from North Eastern States in administrative services**

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

(a) the total number of candidates from North Eastern States selected for the administrative services through Union Public Service Commission (UPCS) examination during the last three years and the distribution of those candidates, State-wise; and

(b) the details of special measures, if any, being taken by Government to enhance the number of candidates from the North East in administrative services and the impact of such measures?

**Review of reservation policy**

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

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a provision of review of reservation system every 10 years was made while introducing it;

(b) if so, how many times it has been reviewed and whether the Ministry is considering to review the reservation system;

(c) whether the Ministry would take steps to introduce the reservation system after its review on the basis of data received from Socio Economic and Caste Census of 2011; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of scientific temper among people**

884. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vigyan Prasar is supposed to take up activities that promote and propagate large-scale science popularisation and develop scientific and rational approach among population at large especially younger generation;

(b) whether this is included in Constitution as scientific temper development;

(c) how this activity is made measurable and tangible;

(d) whether there are any surveys done periodically to assess popularisation of scientific and rational outlook; and

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

**Low cost innovation in healthcare sector**

885. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Biotechnology in association with startups supported by the Central Government has developed several low cost medical innovations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to market those medical innovations and if so, the details thereof;

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(d) whether such marketing is likely to be done domestically or efforts would be made to export the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government for promoting better and low cost innovations in healthcare sector in the country?

#### **CSIR network projects**

886. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) had granted many network projects as a part of Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of Task Force Committee (TFC) constituted for each project and the date on which TFC met and recommendations submitted to the Director General, CSIR; and

(c) the details of present status of above recommendations, project-wise as on date?

#### **Committees to review functioning of institutes under CSIR**

887. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many committees were constituted during the last year to review the functioning of constituent establishments and institutes under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of members and chairmen of committees and their affiliations and duration given to each committee;

(d) the details of meetings conducted

by each committee and reports submitted, if any, as on date, committee-wise;

(e) whether decision, if any, has been taken based on those reports; and

(f) if not, by when decision based on those reports would be taken and implemented?

#### **Setting up of innovation fund by CSIR**

888. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is in the process of setting up an innovation fund, worth ₹ 400-500 crore to invest in early stage startups and pro-innovations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CSIR is grappling with a crisis of trying to generate more revenues from its portfolio of inventions as well as encouraging its staff scientists to become entrepreneurs and start companies of their own; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Commercialisation of indigenous technology**

889. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme for promotion of commercialisation of indigenous technology;

(b) if so, how much budget has been allocated for this purpose during the last three years and how much of it has been spent; and

(c) whether there are any special incentives for development of indigenous technology for micro, small and medium enterprises and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Achievements in social and economic development**

†890. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) plays a crucial role in providing necessary knowledge base for social and economic development of the country including that of rural areas and small cities;

(b) if so, the details of its performances and achievements made during the last two years;

(c) whether CSIR has taken several measures to inculcate scientific temperament among youth which has given positive results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Establishment of new ITIs**

891. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:  
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH  
NAGAR:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) presently operating in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government aims to establish 2,500 new (ITIs) in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the estimate of the total number of

students who would receive training in these institutes;

(d) the details of skills that would be imparted in these institutes; and

(e) the number of ITIs likely to be opened in the first phase, State-wise?

#### **National policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

892. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding objectives of National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship;

(b) the extent to which these objectives have been achieved;

(c) whether there is any time bound commitment to achieve these objectives;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the State level policies are in consonance with the National Policy and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Opening of PMKKs**

893. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to open a number of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) across the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such PMKKs set up so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to open PMKKs in each district of the country with modern infrastructure at the earliest, in order to facilitate skill training to the aspirants?

#### **Allocation for National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme**

894. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has launched a new National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, aimed at supporting basic training to the employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds earmarked and released so far to the States under this scheme?

#### **Amount paid for outsourced projects**

895. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid by Government to parties to whom skill development projects have been outsourced in India;

(b) the amount paid by Government to such parties to whom skill development projects have been outsourced in foreign countries; and

(c) the nature of skill development projects outsourced in foreign countries and whether any monitoring of these projects is done and if so, the details of methods adopted to check the quality of services provided?

#### **Overlapping of skill development programmes**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 20 Government Departments operating skill development programmes with overlapping functions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Persons employed through Skill India Mission**

897. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding employment of persons who have been trained under the Skill India Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such persons employed during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to provide skill training to people belonging to lower socio-economic strata and the minorities?

#### **Approval of new Sector Skill Councils**

898. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is promoting establishment of Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) to create occupational standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria being followed for approval of new SSCs; and

(d) whether Government is funding these SSCs by way of grants?

differently abled students in primary, secondary and higher education?

**Upgradation of ITIs with World Bank assistance**

899. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is helping the Ministry to upgrade ITIs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of modern facilities being proposed as a part of their upgradation;

(c) the details of ITIs going to be upgraded in Telangana; and

(d) by when the entire exercise is going to be completed?

**Special policy for Nomadic and Denotified Nomadic Tribes**

†900. MAHANT SHAMBHU PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate a special policy for development of Nomadic and Denotified Nomadic Tribes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Access to differently abled people**

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

(a) whether Government has any status report on access to differently abled people in the country; and

(b) if so, the details about the access to

**Victims of alcoholism and substance abuse**

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

(a) the number of rehabilitation centres for the victims of alcoholism and substance abuse in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of victims admitted to these centres during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether any financial assistance and other supports are being provided to the families of victims; and

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

**Protection of rights of senior citizens**

903. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to protect the rights of senior citizens in the country;

(b) the status of implementation of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce a new national policy for senior citizens and if so, the details and deadline thereof?

**Orphanages and old age homes run by Government**

904. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of orphanages and old age homes run by Government, separately for Central and State orphanages and old age homes, State-wise;

(b) the number of people employed in such orphanages and old age homes separately for Central and State orphanages and old age homes, State-wise; and

(c) the number of orphans and old age people residing in those orphanages and old age homes separately for Central and State orphanages and old age homes, State-wise?

**Orphanages and old age homes run by communities**

905. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether orphanages and old age homes are run by some communities;

(b) if so, whether Government maintains the data thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the number of orphanages and old age homes run by Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Parsi and Jain communities, separately, along with the number of orphans and old age people residing therein?

**Menace of drug abuse among children**

906. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a National Plan to curb drug, alcohol and substance abuse among children as directed by the Supreme Court recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to check the widespread menace of drug abuse among children, particularly adolescents?

**Social and educational condition of poor classes**

†907. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any specific information regarding the social and educational condition of poor classes; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to conduct a survey regarding the social and educational condition of the poor classes so that specific information about them can be received just like the Sachar Committee which was appointed to obtain specific information about the Muslim community?

**Scheduled Caste Status to dalit Christians**

908. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) since how long the demand for giving Scheduled Cast (SC) status to Dalit Christians is pending in the Ministry;

(b) what are the reasons that the Ministry is not taking any decision on this genuine demand; and

(c) the details of recommendations made by each of the Committee constituted for this purpose along with the constraints that the Ministry is facing to grant SC status to them?

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### **Benefits of reservation**

†909. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of castes included at present under Other Backward Classes (OBC);

(b) the details of castes which got benefits of reservation following implementation of reservation for OBCs; and

(c) the details of castes whose proposals for reservation under OBCs are still pending with Government and since when, and the details of action being taken on the said proposals?

### **Eradication of superstition and other evils**

910. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to eradicate superstition and other social evils in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Rehabilitation of leprosy patients**

911. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leprosy patients have a society of their own and likewise, as they are discarded by the society due to their ailment;

(b) if so, what measures Government is

taking to instill faith in such patients in order to bring them back to the mainstream of the society; and

(c) what welfare measures Government is taking to rehabilitate such patients who have been abandoned by their own family members?

### **Objectives of NBCFDC**

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

(a) what are the objectives of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC);

(b) what are the schemes being implemented by NBCFDC, State-wise; and

(c) whether NBCFDC has any special scheme for women?

### **Drug de-addiction centres in Madhya Pradesh**

913. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs de-addiction centres functioning in Madhya Pradesh during the current year, district-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to open new de-addiction centres in the State and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of proposals received from the State and the levels at which they are pending with Government, district-wise; and

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for clearance of these projects and if so, the details thereof?

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**Welfare and protection of older persons**

914. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to provide basic needs to older persons particularly food, shelter and healthcare;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce schemes to build and strengthen inter-generational relationship between children/youth and older persons and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government for providing institutional and non-institutional care/services to older persons;

(d) whether Government has received any proposals from Jharkhand and Gujarat for welfare and protection of older persons; and

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

**NGOs for prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse**

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

(a) whether NGOs are provided financial assistance for prevention of alcoholism and substance drugs abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criteria for selecting NGOs for financial assistance;

(d) the role of State Governments in selecting NGOs for this purpose; and

(e) the name and details of such NGOs from Kerala receiving financial assistance under this project during 2014-15 and 2015-16?

**Grants to NGOs**

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

(a) the quantum of funds released as grants to various NGOs during 2014-15 and 2015-16 all over the country;

(b) whether any NGO has misappropriated the funds;

(c) if so, the total amount misappropriated during those years in Kerala;

(d) the number of NGOs in that State getting financial aid from the Central Government;

(e) whether any NGO was black-listed in that State and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount of grants availed by NGOs in the State during those years?

**Reclassification of reservation criteria**

917. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to delay the reclassification of reservation criteria to include some communities in Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) lists and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision to reclassify the reservation criteria for Jats and Patidars, in view of the demands from these communities and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Amount spent under SCSP**

†918. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge difference between budget estimates, revised estimates and the total amount spent under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of budget estimates, revised estimates, the amount spent, physical targets and achievements thereof under SCSP during the last three years Ministry-wise and department-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to frame any Central legislation or policy for receiving proposals from the States, Union Territories and operative agencies within the prescribed time-frame and for effective implementation of the sub-plan and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reviewing policy for elders**

919. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to review the policy for elders;

(b) if so, by when it would be reviewed;

(c) whether the old age homes run by private agencies promise bed side help and medicare but the reality is otherwise; and

(d) whether Government would keep a tab on these homes while tweaking the policy?

**Reservation benefits to OBCs**

920. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND

EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present over 250 castes are included in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);

(b) whether only a few families keep on enjoying the reservation benefits repeatedly and make progress and rest of the families although coming under OBCs still remain backward as they could not compete with already progressed families of similar castes; and

(c) whether there is any Government policy to address this problem?

**Tests for moon landing of Chandrayaan-2**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has started a series of ground and aerial tests linked to the critical moon landing of Chandrayaan-2;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Chandrayaan-2 is tentatively set for late 2017 or early 2018 and includes soft landing on moon and moving a rover on its surface; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Launching of advanced and heaviest spacecraft**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the GSAT-II, India's advanced and the heaviest communication spacecraft, would be launched early next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that the same would be launched on the European Ariane Launch Vehicle;

(d) whether the High Throughput Satellite with its multi-spot beam coverage of the country would be far superior than the older generation three tonne INSAT/GSAT spacecrafts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of toilets under SBM**

923. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements in construction of individual toilets so far at the National level under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM);

(b) the number of community and public toilets constructed under SBM and those functioning fully; and

(c) the number of districts declared as open defecation free, so far, in the country?

#### **New housing scheme of DDA**

†924. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is contemplating to start a new housing scheme;

(b) if so, whether the schemes launched earlier have been completed and residential units have been allotted to all; and

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

#### **Projects implemented under UIDSSMT**

925. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of six projects being implemented under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in Karnataka;

(b) since when these projects are being implemented and status thereof, project-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and spent thereon, project-wise;

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed, project-wise;

(e) whether there is any time and cost overrun; and

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

#### **Inclusion of cities in Smart Cities Mission**

926. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has added 13 more cities to the Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the norms under which they have been selected;

(c) the status of progress of 20 cities so identified with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what is the total investment required for the total 33 cities and from where the Ministry is planning to pool the resources?

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**Utilisation of funds under AMRUT scheme**

927. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:  
PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds released to States under AMRUT scheme, so far, year-wise;
- (b) whether certain States have not utilised their funds and are still eagerly waiting for following year allocation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for gross under utilisation of funds under the scheme;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to have a supervisory mechanism for more optimum utilisation of funds under the scheme; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Ministry for capacity building of urban local bodies of various States?

**Development of cities under HRIDAY**

928. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any plans from concerned agencies for development of cities under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) scheme;
- (b) if so, the names of such cities; and
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned and released for each of these cities under the scheme?

**Projects under AMRUT in Jharkhand**

929. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cities in Jharkhand where projects under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) are proposed to be undertaken and the amount allocated for these projects;
- (b) the plans for implementation of these projects and the status of their progress, project-wise; and
- (c) whether a large number of projects are pending under AMRUT in that State and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Metro rail project in Rajasthan**

†930. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any plan to develop and expand Metro Rail in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has finalized the funding of second phase of metro rail project in Jaipur and if so, by when the funds would be made available?

**Smart Cities Mission in Rajasthan**

†931. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of cities selected by the Central Government from Rajasthan to be developed as smart cities under the Smart Cities Mission;

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(b) the details of amount sanctioned, released and utilised, so far, in that State under the Mission; and

(c) the details of projects to be started in those cities of the State?

**Approval of projects for next three years**

932. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to expedite rolling out of essential urban infrastructure projects like water supply and augmenting sewage management, Government has started approving works for the next three years in one go;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has approved an investment of ₹ 5,815 for the said purpose;

(c) whether before approving investments in the States, a panel has reviewed the progress of projects under State action plans approved for the last and current financial years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Aims and objectives of SBM**

933. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Government has achieved the aims and objectives of implementing the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), a complete sanitation programme in the country;

(b) the salient features of the Mission along with the details of funds provided to implement it and the manner in which the

funds are being shared between the Central and State Governments since its inception;

(c) the details of work done, so far, under the Mission;

(d) whether Government has sought participation of private sector in implementation of the Mission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of private sector thereto?

**Investment by Singaporean companies**

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

(a) whether a number of Singaporean companies are investing in India across many sectors including the projects for development of cities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the cities where the investments are made/ being made by those companies and the projects undertaken/being undertaken by them, State/UT/City-wise?

**Mechanism for resource transfer to urban centres**

935. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no clear cut mechanism for regular resource transfers to urban centres in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the light of this, how Government would go ahead with the creation of Smart Cities Mission; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

**Foreign investment in metro rail projects**

936. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign assistance/investment has been sought/received for implementation of various metro rail projects being undertaken/proposed to be undertaken in different cities including Gujarat and Jharkhand;

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

(c) whether Government/DMRC has also entered into any technological agreements with other countries for better metro rail technology in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Approval of action plans under AMRUT**

937. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to give approvals for action plans under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for three years instead of the present one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of municipalities covered under AMRUT in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and the amount approved for various projects, State-wise, project-wise and municipality-wise?

**Development of Panaji as smart city**

938. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with respect to development of Panaji as a smart city;

(b) whether the projects have been undertaken under Smart Cities Mission in health sector, road sector, sanitation, environment, cleanliness, transport, communication, tourism and land records; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Sanitary facilities**

939. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) as per the Ministry's policy and the Millennium Developmental Goals what has been the rate of implementation of the scheme in terms of sanitation facilities across the States;

(b) what are the schemes that have been undertaken in order to provide for safe disposal of sanitary wastes; and

(c) the details of amount spent and utilised on all these schemes for West Bengal during the last three years?

**AMRUT target for next three years**

940. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to accord approvals under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for the next three financial years so as to enable advance planning and timely execution, necessary to meet the mission target by 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the release of Central assistance would be linked to launch of all projects as approved for 2015 to 2017?

**Funds for Villupuram municipality**

941. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has provided funds for Villupuram municipality for implementation of various infrastructure development projects and schemes;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated during the last five years; and

(c) the details of important projects undertaken and infrastructures built out of these funds, if any?

**Revised Action Plan from Karnataka under SBM**

942. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revised action plan received in the Ministry from Government of Karnataka under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) during 2016-17;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested to release ₹ 479 crore to include 57 newly upgraded urban local bodies under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the status of approval by the Ministry?

**Phase III and IV of DMRC**

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of phase III works of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) in the National Capital Territory of Delhi in

different sectors and by what time they would be operationalised;

(b) whether the projects in Phase IV have been approved and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of total cost for each project and the schedule of their completion?

**Changes in International Child Abduction Bill**

944. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make a series of changes in the draft Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction Bill, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Law Commission has also recommended some changes in the said draft; and

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

**Working women hostels**

945. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of working women hostels in the country, State-wise;

(b) what steps are taken to create awareness about this facility among working women;

(c) whether Government is planning to increase the number of such hostels especially in tribal regions and North Eastern States of the country;

(d) if so, by how many and by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?



**Nutritional intake of mothers**

946. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of declining nutritional intake of pregnant women and new born children among various parts of rural India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken measures to increase the nutritional intake of mothers and new born children through introduction of alternative food sources other than pulses;

(c) if so, the details thereof including whether food supplements are given based on dietary preferences;

(d) whether measures have been taken to collect information on nutritional levels and food intake post the shutting down of National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of children homes**

947. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to increase the budget for development of children homes; and

(b) whether the financial scheme to implement the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Integrated Child Protection Scheme under the Act is being utilised and if so, the status of its implementation, State-wise?

**Eligibility for appointment of Anganwadi workers**

†948. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the desirable criteria/eligibility conditions for the appointment of Anganwadi workers and helpers in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to stipulate the minimum eligibility conditions for their appointments; and

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

**More crisis centres**

949. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the crisis centres set up in the country;

(b) the details of places where such centres are set up;

(c) whether only 10 such centres would suffice to meet the problems of women during crisis; and

(d) what future plans the Ministry has to open more and more such centres in the country, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

**Anganwadi Centres in Nagaland**

950. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) currently operating in Nagaland;

(b) the number of staff in all these AWCs;

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(c) the budget allocated to these AWCs during 2014 to 2016; and

(d) the details of funds utilised by the State Government for AWCs during those years?

#### **Maternity Benefit Programme**

951. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated and is implementing a Maternity Benefit Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said programme is being expanded and implemented all over the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

#### **Anganwadi-cum-Creches**

952. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi-cum-Creches established since the commencement of Twelfth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the number of children benefited from the scheme, so far, State-wise?

#### **Child abuse**

953. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increasing number of rape cases in the country where the victim is a child and if

so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years;

(b) whether more than 25 per cent of such rape cases are taking place in schools and workplaces;

(c) if so, the details of schemes undertaken by Government under the Integrated Child Protection Policy, 2015; and

(d) the details of such schemes specific to West Bengal and the money allocated and spent thereon during the last two years?

#### **Maternity benefit to pregnant women**

954. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister, on the eve of new year, has announced the provisions of maternity benefit of ₹ 6000/- to all pregnant women across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated therefor, State-wise;

(d) whether the above provisions have been made under the mandate of the National Food Security Act, 2013; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Powers/rights of National Commission for Women**

955. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the powers/rights vested with the National Commission for Women to safeguard and promote the rights and interests of women;

(b) whether Government proposes to give judicial powers to the Commission and

if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to reduce the number of pending cases in the courts by giving such powers to the Commission;

(d) if so, the action plan in this regard; and

(e) the details of further measures taken by Government to give more powers/rights and autonomy to the Commission?

**Campaign to tackle malnutrition**

956. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started any campaign to tackle malnutrition in the country;

(b) whether Government has conducted any evaluation of the campaign in eradication of malnutrition;

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

(d) the measures taken by Government for implementation and monitoring of the campaign effectively?

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