

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Plans to increase generation of atomic energy

1597. SHRIR. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country generates the lowest quantum of energy from atomic sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *vis-à-vis* total energy generated domestically; and

(c) the details of plans to increase generation of energy from atomic sources?

Construction of US nuclear reactors

1598. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an uncertainty surrounding the construction of US nuclear reactors in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has been in discussion to build six AP1000 nuclear reactors;

(c) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) has agreed to work towards finalizing the arrangements by June, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Research on cold fusion

1599. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to undertake research in collaboration with various countries in the field of cold fusion which could be the ultimate answer to solve the energy crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also encouraging other nationals or university laboratories to conduct research in the said field and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds earmarked by Government for the said purpose?

MoU with foreign countries for projects in NER

1600. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with foreign countries to strengthen various projects and their implementation in the States of North-Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of projects related to development of infrastructure in NER which are in the pipeline?

Setting up of weather forecasting stations

1601. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to set up weather forecasting stations in 600 districts of the country, further to be taken down to block level;

(b) whether in the first phase of the proposal IMD has shortlisted around 130 districts;

(c) whether the Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have been identified as the possible locations for the proposed weather forecasting stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for visa for foreign journalists

1602. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for issuing visa for foreign journalists;

(b) the number of journalist visas issued during the last three years, country-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that many foreign media organisations are using Indian journalists for collecting news/documents; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to ban Indian journalists to work for foreign media organisations?

Fishermen in jails of foreign countries

1603. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen imprisoned in jails of Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government is pursuing their release;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Trade relations with African and Latin American nations

1604. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken special initiatives for expanding trade relations with African and Latin American nations where a lot of potential still exists despite dominance of Chinese goods and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details regarding specific jobs Indian Embassies and Missions perform in strengthening trade relations with African and Latin American countries?

Increased attacks on Indian techies in USA

1605. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how the Minister looks at the increasing attacks on Indian techies in the United States of America (USA) recently;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that two techies from Telangana have been killed during the last one month there;

(c) if so, how the Ministry is going to protect IT and other professionals working there;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with the recently visited congregational group from USA; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Passports for children with single mother

1606. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that despite the provisions that only one parent's name is mandatory while submitting the application for issue of passport, it is extremely difficult for children with single mother to get a passport; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government to simplify the process for such children?

Facilitation of repatriation of Indian workers

1607. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has facilitated repatriation of nearly 90,000 Indians working in 54 countries and assisted 80,000 Indians who were caught in dangerous situations during the last two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ecosystem of administrative organisation has been strengthened to address issues such as loss of passport and need for legal advice, medical emergency, shelter and transportation;

(c) whether Indian Embassies have been directed to be proactive to address such problems quickly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ASEAN conference for prevention of radicalisation

1608. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to host a conference with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to share experiences and ideas on prevention of radicalisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the countries want to learn from each other's best practices on promoting de-radicalisation amid the onslaught of ISIS and other extremist ideologies; and

(c) whether countries in the region from ASEAN to Gulf have agreed to coordinate

efforts to counter radicalisation and misuse of religion by groups and countries for inciting hatred and terrorisms to deal with growing ISIS threat?

Indian women defrauded by NRI spouses

1609. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received petitions from Indian women stating that their Non-Resident Indian spouses have defrauded by marrying them under false pretences;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, case-wise;

(c) the arrests, if any, made in this regard during that period;

(d) the number of persons undergoing trial during that period; and

(e) the constraints faced by Government in minimizing the delays in such cases?

Problem of illegal immigrants

1610. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has raised the issues of illegal immigrants to India with the foreign Governments during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the response given by such countries;

(d) whether Government has taken/ proposes to take any concrete steps to repatriate the illegal immigrants; and

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

Children of NRIs separated from parents

1611. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the of Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many cases, the children of Indians living abroad (NRIs, PIOs), have been separated from their parents by Child Welfare Departments of those countries during the last three years and what have been the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there was any case involving PIOs/NRIs from Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to reunite such children with their parents; and

(d) whether Government has taken any initiative to sensitise Indians going abroad with regard to child welfare norms followed in such countries, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Registration of foreign students

1612. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to do compulsory registration of foreign students with the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Chinese technical hold on Masood Azhar

1613. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how India looks at China second time blocking Masood Azhar's name being added to the United Nation's (UN) list of terrorists;

(b) under what "technical hold" China is taking shelter;

(c) whether India has failed to submit its proposal on time recently to include Masood Azhar in UN list of terrorists;

(d) how India is planning to go ahead in the light of Defence Minister of Pakistan declaring that Masood Azhar is dangerous to the society; and

(e) what options China have to convert its "technical hold" and the steps taken by India to persuade China not to use its veto on Masood Azhar?

Regional Passport Office at Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh

1614. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to establish a Regional Passport Office in Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and the status thereof; and

(c) by what time the passport office would be established and the reasons for the delay, if any?

Mortal bodies of Indians lying in Saudi Arabia

1615. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of bodies of persons from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are piling up at mortuaries in Saudi Arabia for nearly a year as families are unable to bring them back for the last rites;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to discuss the matter with the concerned authorities and facilitate early dispatch of bodies to their homes for the last rites?

Passport to militancy affected families

1616. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to provide passports to the family members of the militancy affected families;

(b) whether Government has issued directions to the State police department for dealing with such cases sensitively;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of Government policy in this regard?

Utilisation of Madad portal by students

1617. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indian students abroad have failed to utilise the registration module under the Madad portal since its launch;

(b) if so, the details of number of students registered on the portal and also the percentage of them who haven't registered, country-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted awareness campaigns in foreign countries regarding the same; and

(d) if so, the details of amounts spent on conducting these programmes during the last year?

Establishment of Indian Embassies

†1618. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of countries in the world and the number of countries where Indian Embassy has already been established;

(b) the number of countries where Indian Embassies have not been established;

(c) whether Government plans to establish Indian embassy in all the countries of the world; and

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

Removal of academicians of Nalanda University

1619. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of eminent academicians have been removed from different positions of Nalanda University; and

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

Intake of students at Nalanda University

1620. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that initiatives are being launched to increase the intake of students in Nalanda University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Indian workers going to UAE

1621. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of workers from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar move to Gulf countries for job;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many Indian workers get cheated by fraudsters and middlemen, their visa get seized and they are unable to return;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Government has held discussions with Government of United Arab Emirates (UAE), so that companies do not harass/torture Indian workers, who are working there?

Restriction of H-1B and L-1 visas

1622. SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the introduction of a Bill in the US House of Representatives which proposes to restrict H-1B and L-1 visas by linking it to skill and wages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to safeguard the interest of IT companies and professionals?

Closure of Hindustan Prefab Limited, Jangpura

†1623. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Prefab Limited

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situated at Jangpura, Delhi is being closed down under disinvestment strategy, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the area of land under the ownership of aforesaid company and whether Government is preparing to sell it to private sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of employees working in this company at present and the details of steps being taken by Government for the employees working in that company in case it is shut down?

Beneficiaries under PMAY

1624. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) up to January, 2017, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to fast track the target of providing affordable housing; and

(c) whether the Ministry has received proposals from private builders for providing affordable housing and if so, the details thereof?

People provided home under PMAY

†1625. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people across the country who got benefitted under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-(Urban) {PMAY (u)} during the year 2015-16

(b) the details of provisions for reviewing the implementation of the scheme properly ;

(c) the details of urban needy people who have been provided with home, State/ Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the details regarding the percentage of amount of the total allocated budget that has been spent by Government on this scheme during the financial year 2015-16?

Panel to look into condition of working migrants

1626. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a panel to look into the working condition of migrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and of the recommendation of the panel; and

(c) by when the recommendations would be implemented with the help of technology?

Proposals of Karnataka under RAY

1627. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revised Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) presented by Government of Karnataka under the Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise for approval of the Ministry;

(b) the action taken by the Ministry thereon; and

(c) by when the projects on revised DPRs are going to be started, what is the likely expenditure and by when the projects would be completed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Proposals for development work
from Chhattisgarh**

‡1628. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from Government of Chhattisgarh for development works during the last three years, the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons why the proposals are still pending;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of those proposals and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether long time taken in disposal of proposals hampers the development works; and

(e) if so, the manner in which the cost escalation related to the work is adjusted?

Implementation of NULM

1629. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of components of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM);

(b) the reasons why the budget for NULM has come down from ₹ 725 crore during 2013-14 to ₹ 349 crore during 2017-18 and the increase is just ₹ 15 crore as compared to 2016-17;

(c) how the Ministry is planning to implement its schemes with such a meagre allocation;

(d) by when the Ministry would consider socio-economic census to identify urban homeless from the existing method of considering BPL families; and

(e) the reasons why only 25 per cent of disadvantaged groups are considered under NULM?

Sex education to high school students

1630. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken measures to impart sex education to high school students in Government schools across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reservation for female students in
IITs**

1631. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is mulling to provide reservation for female students in IITs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by which academic year it would be implemented and whether the number of seats for male students would be affected by this measure?

Exclusion of Urdu from NEET

1632. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) which is going to be held in 10 languages, excludes Urdu despite the fact that as per census 2011 nearly 5.15 crore of the Indian population speaks Urdu and if so, the reasons therefor;

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(b) what steps Government suggests/ intends to take to ensure inclusion of Urdu speaking candidates to get the opportunity to appear for NEET; and

(c) whether specific guidelines would be issued for inclusion of Urdu to ensure the Urdu speaking population is not affected by this exclusion?

Pending proposals from Uttar Pradesh

†1633. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry from Uttar Pradesh for development of education during the last three years along with the fund sought project-wise and action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for their pendency, so far;

(c) whether a time-limit has been fixed for disposal of the said proposals and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the delay in clearing the proposals hampers the development work and if so, the manner in which the cost overrun caused by this delay is adjusted?

Students with learning disabilities

1634. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children with learning disabilities enrolled in primary, secondary and senior secondary schools;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to increase awareness and sensitivity with regard to the matter of learning disabilities in children; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide counselling to teachers and parents of children with learning disabilities?

Centralised selection procedure for appointment in Universities

†1635. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the fact that nepotism is prevalent in appointment of assistant professors, associate professors and professors in the name of autonomy of Universities;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering any centralised selection procedure for recruitment on the said posts; and

(c) whether Government is considering to assign such recruitment process to any institute like Union Public Service Commission?

Vacant seats in professional colleges

†1636. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Engineering colleges in the country for Higher technical education State-wise;

(b) whether students are losing interest in these courses and seats in these courses remain vacant in comparison to previous year, and if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether any scheme is proposed by Government for encouraging these colleges and if so, the details thereof?

Simplification of online application for recruitment

†1637. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that according to new directions of University Grants Commission, scanned copies of various unnecessary documents are demanded in the name of achievements in writing, etc. for appointment to post of assistant professors and associated professors due to which there is a feeling of resentment among candidates;

(b) whether Government proposes to simplify the online application procedure for recruitment on the said posts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mid-term snacks for diabetic students

1638. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE is considering to allow mid-term snacks for diabetic students during examination for class X and XII from this year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it would be implemented?

Solar photovoltaic system in KVS

1639. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is considering to generate electricity through the rooftop solar photovoltaic system;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Sangathan has launched a pilot project in this regard in some of the schools of the Sangathan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Sangathan is planning to do it across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Submission of original document for college admission

1640. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has made it clear that there is no need to submit original documents from the next academic year for college admissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this move is likely to benefit lakhs of students who are unable to withdraw admission from the institutes for better prospects; and

(d) whether UGC has made it clear that the educational institutions can not make it mandatory for students to purchase a prospectus?

UGC notification on admission to M.Phil and Ph.D courses

1641. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

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SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether the University Grants Commission notification with regard to M.Phil and Ph.D admissions is being protested by the students' unions of various universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the students' unions have requested the UGC for roll back of the notification as it is detrimental to the students and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of UGC in this regard?

Children falling ill after mid-day meals

1642. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of children falling ill after eating mid-day meals during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any inquiry into such cases;

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

(d) whether any action has been taken against the meal providers and officials involved in such cases and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has announced any compensation to the parents of such children; and

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

Project cost of Central University of Jammu

1643. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total project cost of the Central University of Jammu;

(b) the stipulated time-frame for completion of the project; and

(c) total funds sanctioned for the project, till now and how much has been disbursed and utilized?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

1644. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in those districts of Gujarat which do not have such vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Verification of fake certificates

1645. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has asked all the institutes to verify fake certificates given by students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of such cases have been reported by the institutes in the past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Computer-aided learning among school children

1646. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2016 which indicates that computer-aided learning among school children is declining as compared to 2014;

(b) whether this decline is due to less availability of computers as well as teachers in schools; and

(c) if so, the measures/schemes considered by Government to increase the percentage of children availing the computer-aided learning in schools?

Performance of SC/ST students

1647. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students from scheduled caste/scheduled tribe communities constitute majority of under performing students group in the recently conducted National Achievement Survey (NAS) for class X by National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT);

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

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve the performance of students across social-sub groups?

Anti-national protest in Universities

†1648. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of protests by students' unions in many universities/institutions of higher education in the country have increased in the recent days;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many cases of anti-national protests have also came-up amid the protests by students' unions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scholarships through JICA

1649. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) is offering scholarships to students of IITs to study in Universities of Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of students from Andhra Pradesh who got benefitted from such scholarships during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) whether world-class laboratories in seven IITs are to be set up under assistance from JICA and other agencies; and

(e) if so, the details of laboratories proposed to be set up and the details of IITs where such laboratories are to be set up?

Appointments in Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak

†1650. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been

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received with regard to corruption in appointments made during the year 2015 and 2016 at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak;

(b) if so, whether investigation has been made and anyone was found guilty; and

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

Participation in PISA assessment

1651. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Student Assessment (PISA) is a 15 year old global evaluation programme conducted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development to gauge mathematical, scientific and reading skills of school students;

(b) whether India had earlier declined to participate in the programme after its disastrous performance in 2009, when out of 74 nations participating, India was close to the bottom; and

(c) whether India has now chosen to participate in PISA from now onwards, keeping in view the vast benefits that many students from Singapore and European Union have derived from PISA assessment?

Salaries of teachers to Aadhaar linked bank accounts

1652. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would credit salaries of Government teachers to their Aadhaar linked bank accounts;

(b) if so, whether Government acknowledges that this is a violation of Supreme Court order dated 11th August, 2015 and 15th October, 2015 on Aadhaar;

(c) if so, whether Government would reconsider its decision and adhere to the court order; and

(d) the timeline by which Government intends to do so?

Admission procedure in Kendriya Vidyalayas of J&K

1653. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K);

(b) the criteria for getting admission in these Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) the steps taken to make the admission procedure transparent?

Literacy rate

1654. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total literacy rate in the country as per census 2011, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the literacy rate of male and female separately in the country, as per census, 2011?

Jan Shikshan Sansthan in States

†1655. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of locations of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) which are operational in the newly created States on or after 2002;

(b) whether Government recognises the dire need to open such educational institutions in newly created States so that poor and helpless students could get education;

(c) if so, whether Government would propose to open JSS in each district of the States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for education

†1656. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children receiving primary education in the country out of the total number of children as on date;

(b) the percentage of children receiving secondary education;

(c) the percentage of children receiving higher secondary education and percentage of children receiving education upto graduation and post graduation level; and

(d) the details of schemes of Government to ensure that children could obtain essential education from K.G and above?

Reducing drop out rate

1657. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though the aim of universal enrolment has almost been achieved, the drop out rate at different levels and quality of education have deteriorated

over the years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken to reduce the drop out rate and improve the quality of education till the higher secondary level?

Clash between students of Delhi University

†1658. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether the study work has been affected in Delhi University due to violent clash between students' unions in favour of or against the speakers of seminar, organised in a college of Delhi University in February, 2017;

(b) the reasons for frequent clashes of students, some-time in Jawaharlal Nehru University and some-time in Delhi University;

(c) whether these incidents are occurring due to imposition of something on students, and if so, the reasons for occurrence of such incidents in the campus;

(d) whether the involvement of management of University is the reason behind such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Penalty provisions in RTE Act

1659. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government keeps track of private schools fulfilling the criteria of

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admitting 25 per cent students at entry level from the marginalized sections and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of students admitted under the said criteria under RTE Act during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has any audit mechanism to keep a check on the private schools and whether they are penalized for not following the same; and

(d) if so, the details of schools penalized during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

Nutritious food under MDMS

1660. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) was started with an idea to provide nutritious food to the poor children and to attract them to schools;

(b) the per head sanctioned amount for providing Mid Day Meals to students;

(c) whether in view of present day inflation, the sanctioned amount is sufficient to provide nutritious food to poor children to keep them healthy; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that the students continue to get the nutritious food despite all odds and the credibility of MDMS sustains?

Incentives for education of poor children

1661. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be

pleased to state the details of new incentives provided by Government for educating children of poor in the country, State-wise?

Scholarships for higher education

1662. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students pursuing post graduate courses in Government run arts and science colleges of a State are being given scholarships under the scheme of National Fellowship for Higher Education of ST students;

(b) if so, the details of such students to whom scholarships were given during the last three years under this scheme, college-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gross enrolment ratio of women in primary and higher education

1663. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gross enrolment ratio in primary and higher education during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to increase gross enrolment ratio for females in primary and higher education; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to introduce assessment methods to record learning outcomes in primary education and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Urdu

1664. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any

initiatives during the last two years to promote Urdu in the country; and

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

Benchmarking of Indian institutions

1665. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basis for benchmarking of Indian institutions as compared to other premium institutions of various countries;

(b) in what manner the Ministry justifies the downslide of Indian institutions, including IISc, Bangalore during 2015 and 2016;

(c) in what manner the Ministry justifies that only the legislative initiatives could improve the quality and standards of our premium institutions; and

(d) the other measures taken by Government to improve the same?

Reforms in education sector

1666. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reforms in education sector which Government proposes to bring about;

(b) the expenditure proposed to be incurred on each reform;

(c) the reaction/opinion received from the State Governments in case of each reform; and

(d) the reforms which would require statutory changes in State legislations?

Mid term evaluation of teachers in engineering colleges

1667. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rule or practice for mid term evaluation of teachers in engineering colleges at various levels and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to improve the level and knowledge of teachers in view of the changing technology and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Students union activities in educational institutions

1668. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about growing incidents of anti national speeches in educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to minimise the role of students involved in students union activities in the country;

(c) whether any comparative study of foreign educational institutions with our institutions has been conducted with reference to formation/engagement of students unions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1669. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to set up special schools all over the country under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, if the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any special quota for admission of special children in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the number of admissions extended to special children during the last three years?

Ranking in World Happiness Report

1670. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks at the 117th position out of the 158 countries in the World Happiness Report, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the quest for happiness is closely related to the quest for sustainable development, which is the combination of human well-being, social inclusion and environmental sustainability; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to achieve happiness?

Scholarship schemes for promoting higher education in J&K

1671. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various scholarship and vocational employment schemes instituted in Jammu and Kashmir to promote higher education among Kashmiri youth;

(b) the number of students enrolled under the Prime Minister's Special

Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) during the last three years; and

(c) the details of grants allocated by Government and disbursed to the students under PMSSS during that period?

Academic performance indicators for higher educational institutions

1672. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked all the higher educational institutions across the country to comply with the amendments made to rules and procedures contained in Academic Performance Indicators (API), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has done any inspection to ascertain whether all the higher educational institutions has strictly implemented the latest amendments, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of teachers in primary schools

†1673. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is extreme shortage of teachers in primary schools particularly in backward and rural areas of the country;

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

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

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Funds for development of Smart Cities

1674. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any substantial funds for development of Smart Cities in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds sanctioned during the last two years;

(c) whether Government has signed any agreements or MoU with foreign countries/ companies for the launch of smart cities and its related projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and company-wise?

Recommendations for making English compulsory in schools

1675. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Group on Education and Social Development making English compulsory in schools has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of other recommendations made;

(d) whether access to English, which is part of language of the global knowledge economy, would be beneficial to India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Degree courses in Indian Institute of Mass Communication

1676. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of

INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to start degree courses rather than just Diploma courses in the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revenue received from FM radio

†1677. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is earning revenue from FM radio;

(b) if so, the amount of revenue being received as on date, State-wise;

(c) the details of operational FM radio stations, as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the average estimated cost of setting up of a FM radio station?

Adoption of digital radio technology by broadcasters

1678. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the radio industry, including public and private FM broadcasters, to adopt digital radio technology;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the digital radio provides benefits to all stakeholders, including listeners, manufacturers, broadcasters and regulators; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Installation and upgradation of transmitters by AIR

1679. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio has already completed the technical installation and upgradation of 37 transmitters in the first phase of digitization of radio broadcasts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the digitization would allow listeners to purchase receivers at an affordable price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Extending time for providing digital platforms to old customers

†1680. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended or proposes to extend the time limit fixed earlier for bringing such customers soon on digital platforms who used to watch TV through old cable techniques;

(b) whether Government has any data regarding digitalisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise and customer-wise?

Loss to print and electronic media in Jammu and Kashmir

1681. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a closure of 5-6 months in Kashmir valley led to a great loss to the print and electronic media in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any special plan for providing relief to the newspapers by increasing DAVP rates for that area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of FM stations

†1682. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has permitted to establish 16 new FM stations in the country;

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

(c) the time-frame fixed by Government to establish these stations; and

(d) the details of FM stations functioning at present in Chhattisgarh, region-wise?

Advertisements received by media agencies

1683. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a note that English and Hindi media agencies are receiving more advertisements than other agencies publishing and broadcasting in vernaculars;

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

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(c) the steps taken/being taken to reduce this difference?

Certification of films by CBFC

1684. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of films which were denied certification by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) during the last three years;

(b) the details of films which were challenged in the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal;

(c) whether the Ministry has reviewed the recommendations made by the Shyam Benegal Committee; and

(d) whether the Ministry is planning to amend the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and rules made thereunder to incorporate the certification process recommended by the said Committee and if so, the details and timeline thereof?

Guidelines for coverage of military operations

1685. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the media needs to be issued guidelines with respect to coverage of military operations to protect strategically sensitive details and if so, the steps being taken to clamp down on media reporting of military operations;

(b) whether the right to freedom of speech and expression and the restrictions thereon needs to be clarified in this situation concerning national security and interest and if so, the details of steps being taken/

legislative changes proposed; and

(c) whether the Ministry is contemplating measures to control spread of sensitive information on electronic media and if so, the details thereof?

Incidences of paid news after election

1686. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government has taken to prevent the incidences of paid news during the recent elections in five States; and

(b) whether Government had directed the revenue, intelligence and enforcement agencies to keep a special watch on newspapers and T.V. channels which were notorious to indulge in such illegal practices?

Limit of amount spent on advertisements

†1687. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry follows the limit of amount spent on advertisements and on audio-visual promotions of the Ministries in "A", "B" and "C" regions under official languages Act and if so, the details of methods used and percentage of amount spent and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the target of original correspondence set under annual programme of this year of the above said Department of official language of Ministry of Home Affairs in "A", "B" and "C" regions and the number of letters sent in Hindi and English and percentage of total

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correspondence in "A", "B" and "C" regions, region-wise and whether it is as per the target and if not, the reasons therefor?

Self sustained channels of Doordarshan

1688. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure quality of programmes and to create a self sustained economic model for various channels under Doordarshan;

(b) whether there is any time bound commitment for fulfilment of the steps taken and if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Limits for registration of TV channels

1689. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TV channels registered, so far, language-wise;

(b) the number of proposals pending for fresh registration, language-wise, along with the period of their pendency; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to limit the number of channels in the country and if so, the details thereof?

SC/ST officers in Ministries

†1690. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Secretaries, Additional

Secretaries, Joint Secretaries and Directors belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes along with the name of Ministry of Central Government in which they are working and the kind of responsibilities they are handling and the time since when they are holding such posts; and

(b) the number and percentage of posts out of the total posts of each of the said category being held by persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

Irregularities in currency conversion

1691. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases were registered by CBI regarding irregularities in currency conversion by banks and postal departments, post-demonetisation;

(b) the amount involved in those cases;

(c) the progress of these cases and whether preliminary reports were filed, if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the details of individuals, including Bank officials involved in these cases?

Review of performance of IAS officers

1692. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one IAS officer has been compulsorily retired recently by Government, as part of review of performance;

(b) what are the criteria set out by Government to review the performance of IAS officers;

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(c) whether any such review has been undertaken for IAS officers of Jharkhand cadre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cut off age for Government jobs for single ladies

1693. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cut off age for appearing in different Government examinations for jobs per candidates belonging to different categories-General, SCs, STs and OBCs;

(b) whether Government would consider raising the maximum age limit for single ladies-unmarried, widowed, divorced to atleast 35 years to allow them to compete and join the mainstream to support themselves and their families and to allow them to maintain a dignified life in society; and

(c) by when it would be done?

Task force on cadre structure of Group 'A' Central Services

1694. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task force constituted for comprehensive study of cadre Structure of all the organised Group-'A' Central Services has given its report;

(b) if so, the details of major recommendations made;

(c) whether Government has accepted these recommendations;

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

(e) the action taken by Government on the recommendations accepted by it?

Progress of PRAGATI

1695. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of sectors, which are covered under the Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI);

(b) the total number of projects/schemes/issues which have been discussed at the level of Prime Minister under PRAGATI;

(c) the total amount of investment in the projects/schemes which were taken up under PRAGATI; and

(d) the names of major projects disposed under PRAGATI?

Discrimination in appointments of administrative posts

1696. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discriminatory and monopolistic procedures are being followed in appointments of higher posts like IAS, IPS, IRS etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the confederation of various civil service officers' associations including IRS and IPS have sought the intervention of the Prime Minister in the matter for early removal of such discriminatory procedures and if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Modernisation of Government
Offices in Delhi**

1697. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of establishments located in Delhi are yet to be modernized since Government could extend financial assistance for only 446 proposals under the scheme for modernization till 2016;

(b) what are the main reasons due to which a large number of Ministries/ Departments/Offices of the Central Government located in Delhi are still sticking to the age old system and are yet to be modernized; and

(c) what special drive Government proposes to put in place to prioritize modernization of remaining Ministries/ Departments/Offices located in Delhi, including their overall functioning?

**Irregularities in Central Electronics
Limited**

1698. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received about financial and administrative irregularities in the Central Electronics Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when such complaints were received;

(c) the action taken thereon, so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women Scientist Scheme

1699. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Women Scientist Scheme run by the Ministry;

(b) what is the current budget allocated for the said scheme; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries under this scheme during the last three years?

**Funds for innovative research
projects**

1700. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any substantial funds for new innovative research projects under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and its research laboratories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the projects sanctioned during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has signed MoUs between CSIR and other important research institutes both in India and abroad in different spheres of research and development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked, disbursed and utilized during the last three years, year-wise and project-wise?

**Updation of topographical
base maps**

1701. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Survey of India (SOI) has taken up updation of topographical base maps of 1:25k/50k/250k using high resolution satellite imagery and also revision survey; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of updation?

Percentage of GDP spent on science and technology

1702. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of GDP is being spent on science and technology in the country during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of private and State's share in these;

(c) why Government is not spending more on science and technology institutions when most of them feel starved of funds;

(d) the reason why private sector is not investing on research even when they have surplus funds; and

(e) whether this is a major drawback of our policy initiative?

Technology parks in rural areas

1703. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up new technology parks in any rural areas or small cities of different States of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of such parks presently functioning in different places of our country?

Criteria to define predatory journals

1704. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has laid down criteria to define predatory journals and identified the number of Indian predatory journal publishers and if so, the details of such publishers, discipline-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that researchers from laboratories under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Indian Institutes of Technology are publishing academic papers in predatory journals *i.e.* online publications accepting poor quality papers without adequate peer review and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any rules/policies to discourage increased publishing in predatory journals since 2014?

Assistance for technological development in Andhra Pradesh

1705. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has received any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh for extending financial assistance for technological development in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether PMO has taken any decision on such request and if so, the details thereof?

Coordination among Ministries for skill development scheme

†1706. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Ministries are involved in running skill development scheme and as a result of which many

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challenges regarding better coordination in implementation of scheme are being faced;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any mechanism has been created for better co-ordination among Ministries to ensure successful implementation and for achieving the targets within a fixed time frame; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Partnership with Amazon India for women entrepreneurs in Nagaland

1707. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has partnered with Amazon India with a view to drive digital literacy among women entrepreneurs in Nagaland so that they are able to sell their products internationally;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has any plan to have such arrangements for other North Eastern States; and

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

Training and jobs under PMKVY

†1708. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of youth who have been trained and who have been provided jobs under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), sector-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total number of training centres being run under PMKVY, State-wise;

(c) the details of districts and number of Model Skill Development Centres opened under PMKVY; and

(d) the details of PMKVY including its targets, budget allocated and amount spent?

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for unorganised workers

†1709. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of unorganised and unskilled workers including those of SCs, STs women and differently-abled workers who have been provided jobs through training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, State-wise; and

(b) the number of unorganised workers having skill and experience of above schemes who have been certified, based on recognition of their prior learning and number of workers out of above who got admission in higher education, the State-wise details including those of SCs, STs, women and differently-abled workers?

Skill Development Centres in Puducherry

1710. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to establish more Skill Development Centres in Puducherry and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether any request from the Union Territory Administration has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

Special skill courses in J & K

1711. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of short term courses running with the help of local administration in Jammu and Kashmir (J & K); and

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of unemployed youth are sitting idle due to lack of specialized skills in that State; and

(c) if so, the details of courses prescribed by the Ministry to provide specialized skills in that State?

Training institute for skill enhancement in rubber and tyre sector

1712. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up a training institute to enhance skill in rubber and tyre sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to meet the diverse need of skill training in rubber and tyre sector across the country?

MoU with educational institutions for skill training

1713. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated substantial funds for creation of more Skill Development Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned during the last two years;

(c) whether Government has signed any Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with top educational institutions/colleges in various States/UTs to impart skill training for job seekers and unemployed youth in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Vocational training provider in Tamil Nadu

1714. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has found any applicant for Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) in Tamil Nadu as not suitable for imparting training, after carrying out physical inspection regarding training infrastructure and amenities *viz.* space, power norms, tools and equipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to give another opportunity to applicants of VTPs after finding them unsuitable during inspection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loan for skill development

1715. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to simplify the process of getting loan for skill development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether soft loan is proposed to be disbursed through a digital voucher directly to bank accounts of qualified students; and
- (d) if so, the criteria for getting the benefits of the scheme?

Skill development of SCs/STs and OBCs

†1716. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan for skill development of unemployed youth of Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Empowerment of differently-abled old persons

1717. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for empowerment of differently-abled persons in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to

set up Old Age Homes for differently-abled persons to take their care in old age;

- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the budget allocation made and actual expenditure incurred towards their empowerment during the last three years; and
- (f) the details of proposals along with the financial resources earmarked for the next three years?

Review of work done by NGOs

1718. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any review of work done by NGOs in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof along with the details of NGOs found to be involved in irregularities and the action taken against such NGOs, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of work done in Kerala by NGOs, the amount of financial assistance drawn by them from Government and foreign agencies during the last three years?

Opening of Old Age Homes

1719. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many Old Age Homes are currently being run by the Ministry;
- (b) what is the total number of inmates in those homes; and

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(c) what are the plans of the Ministry about opening more such homes in different parts of the country?

Free coaching to students belonging to SC/OBC categories

†1720. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions/centres selected by Government in Chhattisgarh during the last three years to enable the students belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Other Backward Classes to appear in the competitive examinations and to get success in getting job in Government/private sector by providing them free coaching; and

(b) the amounts of grants provided to these centres during the said period; and

(c) the number of successful students in competitive examinations who got free coaching from these institutions/centres?

Pre and Post-Matric scholarships to SC and ST students

1721. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pre and post-matric scholarship provided to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students;

(b) the details of criteria for awarding such scholarships;

(c) whether Government proposes to relax guidelines for providing such scholarships;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Survey on drug dependent street children

1722. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of report of survey conducted by the Ministry about drug dependent street children in Delhi;

(b) what is the situation of substance abuse among girls and women in the country;

(c) what is the prevalent rate of drug dependency among girls and women; and

(d) the number of de-addiction centres existing in the country to cater to female drug dependency and which institutions are financially supporting such centres?

Prevention of drugs abuse

1723. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of organisations which were provided financial assistance under the scheme of assistance for prevention of alcoholism and substance (drugs) abuse especially for the prevention of substance (drugs) abuse;

(b) whether some specific time bound targets to provide financial assistance to certain minimum number of organisations are set and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether in recent times Punjab has appeared at the top in the list with regard to problem of drugs and if so, the details of special assistance given to the State based organisations by the Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Satellites launched via PSLV-C37

1724. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian and foreign satellites launched *via* PSLV-C37;
- (b) the names of the participatory foreign countries; and
- (c) the names of Indian satellites launched through Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s 39th mission in February, 2017?

Setting up of launch site in Tamil Nadu

1725. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up a launch site in Kulasekharapattinam in Tuticorin district of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Launching of many satellites in single mission

1726. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has created history by launching 104 satellites in a single mission;
- (b) if so, the details of achievement of ISRO;
- (c) how much amount has been earned by ISRO from foreign countries for launching their satellites during the last two years;
- (d) whether ISRO and the Defence Research and Development Organisation

have any future plans to generate more foreign money by providing scientific and technological support to foreign countries; and

- (e) if so, the details therefor?

Recast of Twenty Point Programme

1727. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any move to recast Twenty Point Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the success of above programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) the physical targets set and achieved under the above programme during that period, State-wise; and
- (e) when above programme was last revamped and what new parameters were added?

Projects stalled by Project Monitoring Group

1728. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Project Monitoring Group (PMG) has been under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) since 14th September, 2015 and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of projects which have been cleared since then till date, month-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the projects worth ₹ 77,700 crore have been stalled in

the month of December, 2016 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the reason for stalled projects is demonetisation and if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of cities under AMRUT

1729. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria fixed by Government to include cities under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT);

(b) the details of cities that have been included in AMRUT so far including those of Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether Government has received any requests from the State Governments to include more cities under any other criteria; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of project Twinning of Cities

1730. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the project Twinning of Cities;

(b) how many of them are completed, the details name-wise;

(c) whether there is any plan to include more cities under this project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of foreign aid received for each city, till date; and

(e) whether any city is excluded from the selected list and if so, the details thereof?

Smart Cities Mission in Puducherry

1731. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan of including Puducherry in the Smart City Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal from the Union Territory Administration has been received in this regard; and

(d) the details of funds being allocated under this Mission to the Union Territory?

Development of heritage places

1732. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to develop the heritage places in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of places that have been identified in Jharkhand under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY); and

(c) the details of quantum of funds earmarked and released, so far?

Metro rail projects in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam

1733. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of sanctioning of metro rail projects to the cities of Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether feasibility studies have been completed for these projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any meeting with the Andhra Pradesh Government was held and by what time, sanction of these two projects would be accorded?

Technical snags affecting Delhi Metro lines

1734. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding number of technical snags affecting various lines of Delhi Metro during the last two years;

(b) the reasons for their frequent occurrence;

(c) the steps taken to make the ride smooth for people;

(d) whether any study has been made to modernize and make the lines foolproof in Phase I and Phase II; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Progress of Smart Cities Mission

1735. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities selected, so far under Smart Cities Mission, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has reviewed the implementation of the Mission and if so, the details thereof along with the progress made, so far, in this regard;

(c) the details of funds allocated, released

and actual expenditure incurred along with the works conducted/being conducted under the Mission, city-wise and year-wise; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be completed under the Mission particularly for the first 20 Smart Cities?

Master Plan on Storm Water Drainage Systems

1736. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Ministry is considering a separate scheme for preparation of Master Plan on Storm Water Drainage Systems in Urban Local Bodies and its implementation to check the urban flooding as the sector requires huge investment in the country?

Regulatory body for execution of Smart Cities Mission

1737. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to augment the capacity of urban local bodies to play an efficient role in Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to establish a regulatory body to oversee the execution of the Mission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance for development of urban settlements in Madhya Pradesh

†1738. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the details of policy, programme and time-bound action plan to provide drinking water, road, light and community building facilities in poor, deprived, labour and scheduled castes settlements in urban areas; and

(b) the number of settlements in Madhya Pradesh to which financial assistance was provided for above facilities during 2016-17 and the last three years and the details of amount provided to model towns of that State, town-wise?

Modernization of Government of India Press

1739. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision had been taken sometimes in the past to modernize the Government of India Press;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the status of modernization and by when all the Government of India Press would be modernized, as per the plan?

Transporting solid waste to landfills

1740. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is still following the very obsolete method of transporting solid wastes to landfills without any treatment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware of hazards involved in this way of waste management;

(d) whether Government would come forward to adopt the best practices prevalent in advanced countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds to municipalities for water supply

†1741. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides funds to municipalities for water supply and management;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basis on which these municipalities are selected;

(c) the State-wise number of municipalities which were provided funds in each year of last three years and current year; and

(d) the level to which the monitoring of implementation of these schemes is done and the number of municipalities which have achieved their targets?

Release of funds to Chhattisgarh under ICDS

†1742. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central share of 50 per cent funds towards Integrated Child Development Scheme has not been released to Chhattisgarh and if so, by when it would be released;

(b) the rates fixed for each beneficiaries under the Supplementary Nutritional Food Programme; and

(c) whether the specified rates should be enhanced in the wake of current increase in prices of food items?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Maternity Benefit Programme

1743. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the highlights of the Maternity Benefit Programme announced by Government;

(b) the blocks/districts selected for implementation of the programme, State-wise;

(c) whether the programme has the condition that women must not have more than two living children; and

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to relax this condition to bring more women especially of dalit and tribal community under it?

Sabla Yojana in Chhattisgarh

†1744. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds for 2016-17 earmarked under Sabla Yojana run in Chhattisgarh are awaited and if so, by when this amount would be provided;

(b) whether the scheme is operational only in 10 districts out of 27 districts of the State and if so, by when the same would be operational in the remaining districts; and

(c) whether the amount of five rupees for every adolescent girl and seven rupees for every pregnant women have been fixed under the scheme and if so, whether Government would consider enhancing it in view of current situations?

Draft Bill against human trafficking

1745. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government was taking measures to increase the deterrence on our children being abducted and enslaved given that according to NCRB data the national conviction rate of human trafficking cases is two per cent;

(b) if so, whether it could be seen in the upcoming Draft Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016; and

(c) if so, what is being done to increase awareness on the issue to improve the reporting of crime at the grassroot level?

Care and protection of children living on streets

1746. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to various survey reports showing continued increase in the number of children living on streets in cities like Delhi, Lucknow, Mughalsarai, Kolkata, Howrah, Patna and Greater Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken for care and protection of such children?

NGOs for management of orphanages

1747. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of Government run orphanages have gone from bad to worse during the last five years;

(b) the reasons why most of the children of orphanages prefer to run away rather than staying back;

(c) whether the Ministry would consider attaching every Government run orphanage to a voluntary organisation for close monitoring and proper maintenance; and

(d) if not, the measure taken to improve the condition and management of Government run orphanages?

Condition of children homes

1748. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the pitiable condition of children homes in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government would advise the concerned States to improve their condition;

(c) whether Government has noticed any irregularities in management of these homes; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government, so far, for improvement of children homes in various parts of the country?

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on ICDS

1749. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to terminate the Memorandum of

Cooperation with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on Integrated Child Development Services; and

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

Assistance to Chhattisgarh for development works

†1750. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for development works for women and children during the last three years from Government of Chhattisgarh and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons why proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

(c) whether any time limit has been stipulated for disposal of those proposals and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the long time taken in disposal of proposals hampers the development works; and

(e) how the cost escalation related to the work is adjusted?

Nourishment and care of women and children

1751. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children and women died due to malnutrition during the last three years; and

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(b) the budget allocated and expenditure incurred in these years for their nourishment and care?

Working of shelter homes for women

†1752. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of shelter homes for women currently being run in both private and public sectors with a view to provide social security to women, State-wise;

(b) the details of grants made for shelter home being run by Government during each of the last three years, including current year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints about sexual abuse of women put up in these homes during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against such shelter homes?

Sexual abuse and harassment of children in Bal Sudhar Grih

†1753. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether children in various Bal Sudhar Grih of the country often have to face sexual abuse and harassment;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken against guilty officials, State-wise?

Participation of women in management

1754. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the participation of women in management roles in companies has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this has generated higher profits for firms as per a recent report released by the Credit Suisse Research Institute and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether India is ranked the second-lowest in Asia-Pacific for female representation at a senior management level and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to address this issue?

AWCs in urban areas

1755. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) constructed/being constructed in urban areas during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the budget allocated for their construction, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether these AWCs are housed in rented buildings or Government properties?

Malnutrition among children

1756. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks highest in the world on the number of children suffering from malnutrition and underweight;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite ICDS, Sabala, Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) programmes, the recent survey of National Family Health

Survey (NFHS) still indicates negative development in children upto 5 years of age;

(c) if so, the details of survey and action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the details of new projects and programmes proposed therefor?

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