

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, March 23, 2017/Chaitra 2, 1939 (Saka)*

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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)

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#### **Impact of orders of US President on Indian Americans**

\*226. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that more than three lakh Indian Americans are set to be affected by the recent order of the President of United States of America (USA) which puts the nation's eleven million undocumented immigrants at the risk of deportation and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken up the matter with Government of USA and if so, the details of outcome thereof?

#### **SC/ST hubs in the country**

\*227. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started SC/ST hubs for their upliftment in the country;

(b) if so, whether this programme has been started in Punjab;

(c) if so, the details of its achievements, till date; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Mechanism to check plagiarism**

\*228. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ph.Ds awarded every

year in the country by various universities/ institutions;

(b) the details of major disciplines and the respective number of Ph.Ds awarded during the last three years; and

(c) whether any mechanism to check plagiarism is in place with the universities/ institutions which award Ph.Ds?

#### **Plan to improve quality of education**

\*229. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to improve quality of education especially with reference to mother tongue, Mathematics, Science and English; and

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

#### **Protecting interests of Tamils in Sri Lanka**

\*230. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent United Nations report raising serious concern about the delay in addressing the allegations of war crimes and in meeting other promises Colombo made when it co-sponsored a resolution at UN Human Rights Council in 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to take up the matter with the Government of Sri Lanka in order to protect the interests of Tamils there?

#### **Return of certificates and tuition fee by engineering colleges**

\*231. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that engineering colleges are reluctant to return the certificates of students who discontinue their studies in the middle of courses and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether All India Council for Technical Education has issued guidelines to such colleges directing them to return the certificates and tuition fee of such students;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has made any statutory provisions for such colleges to comply with those guidelines and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Checking malnutrition among children**

†\*232. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey has revealed that about ten lakh deaths of children in the age group of below five years in the country take place due to malnutrition every year;

(b) the details of reduction in malnutrition in the country during the last three years and the details of population still deprived of two square meals;

(c) the details of malnourished children in the age group of 0 to 5 years during the last three years; and

(d) the details of amount spent to check malnutrition during that period, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Fishermen apprehended by Sri Lanka and Pakistan**

†\*233. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports of arrest of Indian fishermen fishing in Indian waters by the Sri Lankan Navy are repeatedly coming to light and such incidents have been reported even during the last February and March;

(b) the number of Indian fishermen apprehended and kept in custody by the Sri Lankan and Pakistani Navy during January and February, 2017; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to get such fishermen released and the number of such fishermen actually released during the last two years?

**Making the country slum free by 2022**

†\*234. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government, prior to 2014, had set a target to make the country slum free within five years and even one-third thereof has not been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has currently set a revised target to make the country slum free by 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Allocations for Gender Budget Statement**

\*235. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to strengthen the Gender Responsive Budgeting; and

(b) the details of allocations made for Gender Budget Statement (GBS) by Ministries during the last three years?

**Checking unplanned urbanisation**

\*236. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by Government to address the problems of unplanned urbanisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of best performing States/cities with reference to best urban infrastructure and service delivery; and

(c) if not, whether Government would propose to take such steps?

**Metro services in the country**

\*237. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities where metro services are operational in the country, fully and partially;

(b) by when the pending projects would be completed, area-wise;

(c) whether the existing metro stations are linked with feeder bus services; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Digital skill development training centres**

\*238. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has committed to improve digitalization and skill development of youth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of digital skill development training centres being established in each State; and

(c) the incentives and sops being given to digital media organisations?

**Children suffering from malnutrition**

\*239. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether it is also a fact that Global Hunger Index projects, India with serious hunger levels where most affected children are below the age of five years;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Research on climate change in Northern Pole**

†\*240. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to conduct any research on climate change in Northern Pole;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of expenditure likely to be incurred on such research;

(d) whether any agreement has been signed with any other country for collaboration in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 17th March, 2017*  
*Phalguna 26, 1938 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

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