

## 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)

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#### Estimation of atomic mineral reserves

2397. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any estimate about the atomic mineral reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken to undertake exploration by locating the new reserves?

#### Commissioning of nuclear reactors

2398. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear reactors

currently commissioned in the country, State-wise;

(b) the years in which different reactors were commissioned and the individual energy generation capacity thereof; and

(c) whether the total energy generated through nuclear reactors is less than ten per cent of energy generated using fossil fuels and if so, the details thereof?

#### Target of tripling nuclear power capacity

2399. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in 2014, had set a target of tripling the then existing nuclear power capacity by 2024;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the additional nuclear power generated across the country since 2014;

(c) the share of nuclear power in the total electricity generation of the country, as on date;

(d) whether there is a gap between nuclear power capacity and its actual generation in some of the nuclear plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the total capacity and actual generation of nuclear energy, plant-wise?

#### **Mines operated by UCIL**

2400. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) is a corporation under the Department;

(b) whether this is also a fact that this corporation is responsible for all the mining of radioactive materials in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of mines being operated by UCIL?

#### **Infrastructural bottlenecks of NER**

2401. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH : Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the infrastructural bottlenecks identified in the North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) the projects/programmes taken up to remove those bottlenecks during the last three years and the current year?

#### **Efficiency of IMD**

2402. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the efficiency of the India Meteorological Department (IMD);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government for better coordination with the State Governments in this regard?

#### **Partnership with US weather agency**

2403. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US weather agency, the National Centres for Environmental Prediction has proposed to partner with India Meteorological Department (IMD) in medium and long range weather forecasting;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed partnership with that agency;

(c) to what extent this would benefit the IMD; and

(d) how India is rated among developed countries of the world with regard to weather forecasting, quality of system and information to the end-users?

#### **Plans for cloud seeding**

2404. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have approved plans for cloud seeding to produce rain artificially in the coming year and the budget allocated therefor;

(b) the status of standardised scientific evaluation done on cloud seeding to gather full information of the process and its plausible efficient usages, if any;

(c) the details of major benefits of cloud seeding and its side-effects, if any; and

(d) the details of different methodologies of cloud seeding and the details of the country's preferred mode, if any?

**Strengthening researches in earth sciences**

2405. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to strengthen the researches in earth sciences in Indian universities and in think tanks organisations;

(b) the details of challenges faced by earth science researches and documentation thereof;

(c) the collaboration made between inter-Governmental and international agencies to strengthen and innovate earth science researches;

(d) whether Government is planning to introduce Masters level university programmes in core and diversified areas of earth science studies in our universities; and

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

**Setting up of Mausam Kendras**

2406. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Mausam Kendras in about 660 districts in the country;

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

(c) the number of such Kendras presently functioning in the country particularly in Odisha;

(d) the number of Kendras, out of the above, so far, set up and the time by which all the Kendras would be established; and

(e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on setting up of these Kendras?

**Exploration of deep sea minerals**

2407. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of licences issued by the International Sea Bed Authority (ISBA) to India to explore deep sea minerals;

(b) whether Government has conducted any detailed study to assess the damage that exploration and mining could cause to the ecology of deep sea and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has developed the technology required for deep sea mining and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when India would be permitted by ISBA to exploit the minerals from deep sea?

**Crime against Indians in foreign countries**

2408. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of recent incidents of killing/assault/attack and crime against Indians in foreign countries particularly in the United States of America (USA), Government has discussed the issue with the concerned countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any assurance has been received from the respective countries

particularly from USA administration about the safety and security of Indians living there?

#### **Contribution of NRIs for IDF-OI**

2409. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has made an appeal to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to contribute for India Development Foundation for Overseas Indians (IDF-OI);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some delegates at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) were reluctant to contribute;

(d) whether the delegates from Middle East were also disappointed as the requests for a seminar on issues pertaining to NRIs in the Gulf were ignored; and

(e) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to take grievances of NRIs into account and to redress the same?

#### **Extradition treaty with UK**

2410. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an extradition treaty with United Kingdom (UK);

(b) the number of persons extradited from UK during the last five years;

(c) the names of persons in respect of whom proposals have been rejected by UK Government;

(d) whether the persons who have defaulted in making payments to the financial Institutions in India could be extradited;

(e) the number and names of persons

with respect to whom extradition requests are pending with UK Government; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to seek modifications in the extradition treaty with UK?

#### **Facilities to NRIs**

2411. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the world, country-wise;

(b) the remittances made by NRIs during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the facilities provided to NRIs and Overseas Citizens of India by Government?

#### **Launch of chip enabled e-passports**

2412. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch chip enabled e-passports;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of enhanced security features to be included therein; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to secure the data and curb the menace of fake passports?

#### **Grant to Institute of Chinese Studies**

2413. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently cut grants to India's premier Institute of Chinese Studies this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a new

director of the institute is yet to be selected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Talk on Indus Water issues with Pakistan**

2414. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signaled to Pakistan that India is willing to commence the talk on Indus Water issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has communicated to Pakistan that there is no reason that the two countries could not sort out their differences on Indus Water as they had in the past; and

(d) if so, the response of Pakistan in this regard?

**Delay in issuing passports**

2415. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issuance of general passport has slowed down considerably and is not being received by the applicants within the stipulated time fixed by Government;

(b) the number of passports issued on time and the number thereof not supplied within the stipulated time during the last two years ending 31st December, 2016, State-wise; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the delay in issuing passports was due to police verifications and if so, the measures adopted to speed up the process?

**Passport issuing centres in Post Offices**

2416. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up passport issuing centres in Post Offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this service has already been started in several States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) by what time such centres would be opened in Puducherry; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that centralized system for issuing of passports is being introduced and if so, the details thereof?

**Indians expelled from USA**

†2417. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians working in different cities of United States of America (USA), at present;

(b) whether all these Indians have valid Visas;

(c) if so, the number of Indians who have been expelled from various cities of USA;

(d) whether Government has discussed this matter with USA administration; and

(e) if so, the issues on which talks were held?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Hate crimes against Indians abroad**

2418. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to tackle the issue of hate crimes against Indians abroad;

(b) whether Government provides any compensation or any rehabilitation support to the families of such victims in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cooperation with MCC of USA**

2419. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has joined hands with Millennium Challenger Corporation (MCC) of United States of America to strengthen regional integration and connectivity, particularly in the area of energy, trade and investment in Third World countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether USA and India have shared a strong commitment to promote economic growth, development, regional cooperation and connectivity and the proposed cooperation between MCC and Government's Development Partnership Administration was also in line with that spirit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Crackdown on illegal immigrants**

2420. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of

crackdown on illegal immigrants announced by Government of the United States of America (USA);

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

(c) whether any high level talk is being held with USA to see that Indian nationals are not harassed or expelled;

(d) whether USA would continue to give exemptions to certain classes or categories of people from enforcement and those illegal immigrants who arrived as children there; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by Government to protect all such Indian nationals?

**Indian Students in USA and UK**

2421. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Indian students studying in United States of America (USA) and United Kingdom (UK) has come down recently, in view of anti-immigration policy adopted there;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with these countries for relaxing the visa norms in favour of Indian students for training and taking up employment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Reforms in management of embassies and consulates**

2422. DR. VINAY P.  
SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister  
of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism of

seeking any feedback from Indians staying abroad and also citizens of different countries about the functioning of Indian embassies and consulates, in place and if so, the details of manners in which it is being done and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the major reforms, if any, introduced in management of embassies and consulates of India after May, 2015 and what is the nature of such reforms; and

(c) what has been the overall impact of these reforms so far?

**Road projects with neighbouring countries**

2423. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government has taken up the construction of India-Mayanmar-Thailand trilateral highway, Bangladesh-China-India-Mayanmar (BCIM) economic corridor, the Asian Highway (AH-1), and the reopening of Stilwell Road between India, Myanmar and China with China, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Thailand?

**Passport offices operating in rented buildings**

2424. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport offices/passport seva kendras operating from rented buildings in different parts of the country and the rent paid during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to shift these offices in its own buildings;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Indians stranded in strife torn countries**

2425. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian nationals stranded in various strife torn countries who sought Government of India's support during the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and

(b) whether the Indian nationals seeking such support have been rescued and brought back to the country and if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

**Compensation to displaced Indians**

2426. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of payment of compensation to Indians displaced from various countries during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has approached the United Nations Compensation Commission in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Action against illegal agencies sending Indians abroad**

2427. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made it clear that it would take strict action against illegal agencies that hire people for jobs abroad, especially in West Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had already requested the countries to recruit women as domestic helps only through agencies established by the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Agreement for protection of Indian workers in Saudi Arabia**

2428. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement is signed between India and Saudi Arabia for protection of general category of workers from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent this helps in protecting Indian workers;

(c) whether the above agreement facilitates in expediting the cases filed against our workers working in Saudi Arabia;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how many workers from India are working in Saudi Arabia, State-wise, particularly from Telangana?

**POPSKs in Tamil Nadu**

2429. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any head post office in the district of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu to commence its Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs) in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Hate killing in USA**

2430. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian techies are killed in the United States of America and other foreign countries due to hate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up the issue with those countries to stop such killings and to protect our countrymen; and

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

**Risk of deportation of Indian students from USA**

2431. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than ten thousand Telugu speaking students in the United States of America (USA) working on optional Practical Training (OPT) run the risk of deportation; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider taking up their problems with USA Government?

**Religious persecutions**

2432. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report on any religious persecutions taking place in Afghanistan and Pakistan after 1947 and in Bangladesh after 1971 for which the people of different religions had to come to India for shelter;



(b) if so, the details of religious persecutions taken place in those countries;

(c) the number of people who have come to India due to this, country-wise and religion-wise; and

(d) the number of total Hindu Bengali families who are taking shelter in Assam due to such persecutions?

**Identification of post offices for passport services**

2433. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of post offices that have been identified for passport services in the country;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any study to determine whether such added responsibilities would hinder the efficiency of employees of post offices and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to deploy additional personnel to the post offices for carrying duties pertaining to passport services?

**Home for homeless**

2434. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a scheme of land for landless and home for homeless and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal from States are pending with Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government on the request of the States for providing home for homeless during the last three years?

**Employment opportunities in urban areas**

†2435. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether large scale migration to urban from rural areas is the main reason for urban unemployment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the development of economic opportunities in urban areas is not at par with the extent of migration; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to create employment opportunities and to improve the capacity of urban areas through rapid development of urban manpower?

**Credit linked subsidy scheme under PMAY**

†2436. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

(a) the details of credit linked subsidy schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) whether Government has any record regarding financial assistance provided under this scheme during the last two years;

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- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to increase financial assistance under this scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereon?

**Housing for BPL families**

2437. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of achievements of promoting housing and urban poverty alleviation in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the action plan of Government to provide houses to every family belonging to BPL category of the country?

**Geo-tagging of houses under PMAY**

2438. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started geo-tagging of houses/construction sites under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding the advantages that may accrue by such geo-tagging; and
- (d) whether geo-tagging would help in prevention of misuse of facility of affordable housing being offered by Government and ensure that benefits of the scheme reach the eligible individuals and if so, the details thereof?

**Accessible housing for disabled people**

2439. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the lack of accessible housing for disabled people and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has issued any guidelines to ensure that all housing projects by public and private agencies comply with the requirement of accessibility to disabled people and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Residential units under Housing for All in Delhi**

†2440. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of residential units proposed to be constructed under the Housing for All scheme in Delhi by the year 2022 along with the locations thereof;
- (b) the details of categories of residential units being constructed under the above scheme; and
- (c) whether any special provision is being made under this scheme for the poorest of poor and if so, the details thereof?

**Missing of JNU student**

2441. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that still there is no trace of Najeeb, the JNU student who got missing from the campus;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether anybody accused in the assault on Najeeb has been arrested;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds under sub components of SSA**

2442. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocation and expenditure of funds under different sub components of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last three years;
- (b) the percentage of funds allocated and spent for promoting inclusive education under SSA during that period;
- (c) whether there is a gap between funds allocated and spent under different components under SSA; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Diversion of SSA funds**

2443. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the funds released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) are getting misused or diverted to some other expenses and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted on the veracity of the matter and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken by Government in this regard?

**New Education Policy by next academic session**

2444. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new Education Policy is going to be implemented by next academic session; and
- (b) if so, whether preparation of books as per new policy has been done?

**Implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

†2445. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the progress, so far, of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) introduced in the year 2000-01 related to primary education is satisfactory but not as per expectations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been a surge in implementation of SSA during the last two years and special efforts have been made to monitor the scheme continuously, the results of which are positive; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Performance of teacher's education and training**

†2446. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the detailed policy and legal framework for teacher's education and training are provided by Government but related programmes and schemes are mainly implemented by State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the performance of several States with regard to teacher's education

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and training is quite better while the performance of several other States is miserable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**National testing agency**

2447. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to create national testing agency for conducting entrance examinations at national level for admissions into various engineering colleges and UGC-net; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Report on pay hike of teachers**

2448. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC panel has given its report on pay hike of teachers of universities and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the UGC would release special grants to State Universities across the country to implement the revised scales?

**Recognition of one year Master's degree courses**

2449. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that UGC does not recognize one year Master's degree courses awarded by reputed universities across the world, including University of Oxford;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any measures to resolve the issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Education in mother tongue in tribal areas**

2450. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to improve the infrastructure of schools in tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is promoting education in the mother tongue, as a part of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act to promote and protect cultural values of tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Indian spending on research**

2451. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian spending on research is very low in terms of GDP;

(b) if so, how it compares with China, USA, Japan, Australia, etc.; and

(c) the details of our position regarding number of patents per million population *vis-a-vis* these countries?

**Reuse of textbooks for curtailing wastage and expenditure**

2452. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering

to implement, in schools and colleges, the USA practice of providing textbooks to students in the beginning of the academic year and taking it back at the end of the academic year so that same books could be used during the next year for the new batches in order to curtail expenditure and wastage;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Career counselling sessions in schools**

2453. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no necessary provisions for career counselling sessions for class 11 and 12 students in Government run schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is planning to make career counselling sessions mandatory in all Government senior secondary schools, keeping in view that students are quite confused on what they should study further; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Vacant posts in colleges and institutes**

†2454. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts of professors are lying vacant in

all the educational institutes and colleges in the country leading to total discontinuance of studies in a number of departments; and

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant as on date and by when Government proposes to fill up the vacant posts, the details thereof?

#### **Opening of new KVs**

2455. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in various States especially in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposals and by when new KVs would be opened there?

#### **Appointment of director in IIMs**

2456. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till November, 2016, 13 out of 20 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) were functioning without full time directors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the lack of full time directors;

(d) the impact of this on the functioning of IIMs and whether this is hurting the reputations of these premier institutions; and

(e) the steps taken to appoint full time directors and by when all the appointments would be made?

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**Objectives of technical and vocational education**

2457. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the objectives set out with regard to technical/tertiary education and training and vocational education have been met across the country;

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

(c) the number of beneficiaries and the budget allocation made for the same during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that targets set out under the programme are achieved and the results thereof?

**Bridging gender and social category gaps under SSA**

2458. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether bridging gender and social category gaps in elementary education is one of the goals of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has been successful in bridging the said gap and if so, the details thereof including the measures taken by Government in this direction;

(c) whether Government has identified Special Focus Districts and if so, the areas identified in the States; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the position so far with regard to education of girls and children belonging to disadvantaged groups in the country?

**Funds to Punjab under SSA**

2459. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to Punjab in the current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that school teachers under the scheme have been working without salary since October, 2016 in the State and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure timely delivery of funds and smooth operation of the scheme?

**Proposals pending for Central University**

†2460. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals received from States for establishing Central Universities are pending with Government;

(b) if so, names of the States from which proposals have been received, the details thereof along with names of the Universities and by when Government is likely to give approval to these Universities; and

(c) if not, whether Government would accept such proposals from State Government?

**Facilities in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas**

†2461. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for each

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student per day under meals-refreshment head at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs);

(b) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country having concrete made academic blocks and the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas having arrangement of safe drinking water; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Ranti falling under Madhubani district of Bihar runs its classes under asbestos roofs and lacks the facility of safe drinking water?

**Indian Institute of Management Bill, 2017**

2462. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the Indian Institute of Management Bill, 2017 which aims at permitting IIMs to grant degrees rather than diplomas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to declare the Indian Institutes of Management as institutes of national importance;

(c) whether the proposed Bill would also aim at providing complete autonomy to IIMs apart from accountability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Misleading advertisements by deemed to be universities**

2463. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in any

mechanism to monitor the advertisements of deemed to be universities across the country which, inspite of getting lower ranking, projects itself as recipients of higher ranking by NAAC viz. A+, A++, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of mechanism in place to check the indulgence in malpractices particularly regarding their ratings; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Research and infrastructure in IITs and IIMs**

2464. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would take steps to ensure that research and infrastructures are given a boost in IITs and IIMs in order to bring them at par with global standards; and

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

**Admission for vocational courses in NIOS**

2465. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of admission in vocational courses in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) during the last three years; and

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

**Students facing problems with English language**

2466. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of

students from Government schools are facing problems with English language;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this lapse is creating further problems for their future studies; and

(c) if so, the manner in which Government is considering to tackle this issue?

#### **Fellowship scheme for IIT scholars**

2467. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has finalized the fellowship scheme for IIT scholars;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether reservation in awarding fellowships is also followed and if so, the details thereof;

(d) to what extent this fellowship would help in tapping meritorious students going abroad in the absence of adequate research opportunities; and

(e) the students benefited from the above scholarship programme in Telangana?

#### **Democratic rights to university students**

2468. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increasing tendency on the part of authorities to deny democratic rights to university students;

(b) whether denying them rights to hold an opinion and express it, is denial of constitutional rights to them since most of them are voters;

(c) if not, the manner in which Government justifies its stand; and

(d) the reasons for increasing trend of intolerance spreading in the university campuses?

#### **Girl specific scheme under RUSA**

2469. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any girl specific special/exclusive component exists under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which was launched with the noble idea of achieving significant milestone in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would give importance to set up higher education institutions in rural areas to provide education in the close vicinity of rural areas where sending girls to schools and colleges are still considered as taboo; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Challenges of State universities in fulfilling criteria of API system**

2470. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State universities are facing various challenges in maintaining quality and in fulfilling the criteria of Academic Performance Indicators (API) system; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Ministry to resolve the problem?



**Closure of courses in IITs**

†2471. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to close down those branches or those courses in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) which have remained vacant;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any step in this regard; and

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

**Budgetary allocations for education**

2472. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been following the norms suggested by Kothari Commission in spending six per cent of GDP for education and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Ministry of Finance has allocated only ₹ 23,500 crore when this Ministry's estimated demand was at ₹ 55,000 crore for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) during 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has issued specific guidelines to States to spend more on education and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of spending on education in absolute terms and as percentage of GDP during the last three years?

**Reservation in institutes of higher education**

†2473. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SCs, STs and OBCs are not being given the benefit of reservation in teaching and management, in institutes of higher education like IITs, IIMs, IHMs etc. and universities;

(b) whether a large number of reserved posts are lying vacant there and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to effectively implement the provisions of reservation in institutes of higher education and universities; and

(d) if so, the dates on which Government has directed the institutes of higher education to fill up the vacant posts during the last three years?

**Response to vocational courses under CBSE**

2474. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of responses to vocational courses under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) across the country, particularly in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government would consider making these vocational courses attractive enough if the responses are poor?

**Improvement and promotion of open universities**

2475. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of

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open universities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of courses which are in high demand in such universities; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to improve and promote such universities to facilitate increased enrolment for higher studies?

#### **Framework plan of RMSA**

‡2476. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of education till higher secondary level was mentioned in the framework plan of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA); and

(b) if so, the reasons for not including higher secondary education under RMSA till date?

#### **Honorarium for graduate teachers**

‡2477. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether there is a need to provide ₹ 9,000/- per month per teacher as honorarium to graduate teachers in place of ₹ 6,000/- per month per teacher from the point of view of educational quality from the year 2008-09?

#### **Hurdles in CBFC**

2478. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to simplify the procedure for getting CBFC certificates;

(b) whether Government would take any measures to remove intermediaries/agents in CBFC; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **System for safeguarding films and non-film heritages**

2479. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system for safeguarding films and non-film heritages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money spent on this during the last three years?

#### **News broadcast through private FM channels**

2480. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has deposed in the Supreme Court that allowing news content to be broadcast through private FM channels poses a threat to national security as there is no way to monitor the news content that private FM channels and NGO-operated community radio services would broadcast;

(b) whether media giants are allowed to disseminate news *via* newspapers and TV channels owned by them, exercising self-restraint over their media content; and

(c) if so, the Government's comments thereon?

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**News broadcasting in FM Radio channels**

2481. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received any representations to give permission to broadcast news in FM channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has objected to such requests and if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor?

**Modernisation of AIR and Doordarshan**

†2482. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has modernised All India Radio and Doordarshan to make them popular;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of improvement in effectiveness and quality of broadcast after their modernisation?

**Fund to promote Indian cinema**

2483. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has created a film promotion fund to promote Indian cinema in international film festivals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the fund would provide financial assistance to create

a buzz around films selected for an international film festival of repute or for India's official nomination to the Academy Awards under the foreign film category; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Installation of FM transmitters along Indo-Nepal border**

2484. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the number of High Power FM transmitters installed for strengthening FM coverage along the border areas during the last two years;

(b) the number and locations of 10 KW FM transmitters installed along Indo-Nepal border during that period; and

(c) the number of FM transmitters proposed to be installed along the border areas during the next two years along with the details of schedule?

**Impartial news about marginalised sections**

2485. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the electronic and print media houses avoid hiring people from marginalised sections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that because of their less representation in media, there is an inherent bias against marginalised sections in media reports; and

(c) if so, what action, Government has taken to ensure proper representation as

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well as impartial news reporting with respect to marginalised sections of the country?

**Impact of shifting of News Service Division on Sindhi and Urdu**

2486. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the News Service Division of All India Radio is being shifted to various States according to the languages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the complete line of action; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are many languages like Sindhi and Urdu for which there are no native States and these languages may suffer a death knell?

**Overhauling of Prasar Bharati**

2487. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to overhaul the Prasar Bharati in view of repeated failure of the broadcaster to garner sufficient revenue to run its affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Defunct publications**

2488. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a

large number of defunct publications in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such publications; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Registrar of Newspapers for India to deregister their titles?

**Shortage of manpower in Information Services**

2489. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of manpower in Information Services;

(b) if so, the details of officials recruited for IIS (Indian Information Services) during the last three years;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to increase manpower in the service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Shifting of regional language news units**

2490. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prasar Bharati has already decided to shift the regional language news units from All India Radio, New Delhi to the respective State units of AIR;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a decision and the details of benefits Prasar Bharati or Government would get out of it; and

(c) whether Government was facing any financial or any other loss with these units operating from the National Capital?

### Legislation for CBI

2491. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enact an independent legislation to govern the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI);

(b) whether CBI has proposed any draft legislation for the purpose;

(c) if not, whether any draft legislation is prepared by Government; and

(d) the type of independence Government proposes to give to CBI, the details thereof?

### SCs/STs officers in Ministries

†2492. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Indian Administrative Service officers in the rank of Secretary, Joint Secretary in the Ministries of Central Government, Ministry-wise and department-wise;

(b) the action taken so far, to implement the theory of social justice through reservation and the effective measures to apply 15 per cent reservation for the Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent reservation for the Scheduled Tribes in the highest Government posts of class one; and

(c) the policy of Government and the actual position regarding reservation in promotion?

### Implementation of creamy layer criteria

2493. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of OBCs have been declared ineligible for job reservations after clearing UPSC Civil Services Examinations during 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for flawed implementation of creamy layer criteria by the Department of Personnel and Training; and

(c) what is creamy layer and how it is calculated to provide reservations to OBCs?

### Government officers facing corruption charges

2494. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding suicides of high level Government officers who were facing investigation on charges of corruption by CBI and other agencies;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints and the action taken by Government on those complaints; and

(c) the number of IAS and IPS officers convicted against corruption charges in various States and Union Territories during the last three years?

### Non-compliance with reservation rules for disabled persons

†2495. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge backlog has been created due to non-compliance of three per cent reservation rules for the disabled persons in the appointments to all Government services in the Centre and the States and if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the steps Government would take to clear the said backlog and to take action against the delinquent officers and by when; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against any officer during the last three years for slackness in compliance of the said rules?

#### **Reimbursement of LTC fares**

2496. SHRINEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether full fares charged under dynamic scheme of Railways is reimbursable under Leave Travel Concession (LTC) for Central Government officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons and rationale for denying the actual fares being paid to Railways by Government employees; and

(d) the details of notifications/rules as on 1st March, 2017 which restrict Government to reimburse full fares under dynamic scheme along with the date and number of notification?

#### **Inadequate facilities at Skill Centres**

2497. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Skill India Programme suffers from inadequate facilities at designated Skill Centres, as reported in a section of the media; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to revamp the scheme across the country, particularly in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Categories of skills**

2498. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out the different categories of skills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Entrepreneurship among women**

2499. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken steps to encourage entrepreneurship among women in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry plans to start a mentoring scheme to help the future entrepreneurs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry plans to work with the Ministry of Human Resource Development to encourage entrepreneurship as a career option by awarding academic credits or job deferment option for students across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Skill development fund**

†2500. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to establish a skill development fund for skilled workers through public private partnership (PPP), for training and

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infrastructural facilities so that they could be trained or tested and their existing skill could be certified for their acceptance at world level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Partnership with Ministries for skill training activities**

2501. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has entered into strategic partnership with some Ministries/Departments to collaborate on scaling up skill training activities in certain sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the sectors identified for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to set up state-of-the-art model training centres in each district of the country in order to increase the annual training capacity?

**Revamping skill development strategies**

2502. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters to empower National Skill Development Corporation, Sector Skill Councils, State Skill Development, Missions, etc. so as to promote skill development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to revamp skill development strategies with focus on industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Vocational university in Telangana**

2503. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal of the Ministry to set up central vocational university in Telangana;

(b) the aims and objectives of the proposed university;

(c) whether the Ministry proposes to have regional centres; and

(d) if so, the likely States where such centres would be established?

**Infrastructure of ITIs for skill development**

2504. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large infrastructure is available with ITIs in the country;

(b) if so, the number of technically qualified instructors in those ITIs, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to use such infrastructure for skill development with required modifications;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Dictionary of sign language**

2505. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of experts commissioned by Government has compiled a dictionary of sign language titled, Indian Sign Language for speech impaired and deaf people;

(b) whether the dictionary has been drawn from traditional sign language used by tribals and primitives all over the country using parts of body and finger signs; and

(c) whether the team of compilers have drawn heavily from sources abroad, since speech and hearing impairment has universal significance?

**Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana**

2506. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes initiated under the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) during 2014, 2015 and 2016; and

(b) the details of norms to declare any village as an Adarsh village?

**Data on beggars**

2507. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data on the total number of beggars in the country, especially child beggars and senior citizens;

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

(c) if not, whether Government is planning to collect any such data; and

(d) if so, by when?

**District Disability Rehabilitation Centres**

†2508. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a huge scarcity of employees in these centres and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds provided by the Central Government to such centres?

**Data on manual scavengers**

2509. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any credible data about the practice of manual scavenging and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the total number of latrines where manual scavenging is required and the number of individuals involved in this work, as per the latest data in Government record; and

(c) the details of efforts made by the Ministry to put an end to this practice and number of manual scavengers identified and rehabilitated during 2014 to 2016 and the corresponding figures for 2012 to 2014?

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**Cases of corruption**

2510. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is regularly monitoring or reviewing the functioning of various commissions/corporations under the Ministry in order to curb the increasing cases of corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases of corruption registered/noticed in these autonomous bodies during the last three years?

**Social Welfare Hostels in Telangana**

2511. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Telangana has requested the Ministry to release funds for construction of thirteen Social Welfare Hostels in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision regarding release of funds has been taken by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal for reservation to Muslims from Telangana**

2512. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Telangana requesting to provide twelve per cent reservation to muslims;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on this proposal;

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

(e) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Proposals from Chhattisgarh**

†2513. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for their disposal and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the developmental works are hindered due to lengthy procedure for approval of the proposals and if so, the manner in which increased cost of the work is adjusted?

**Betterment of differently abled population**

2514. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any new scheme for betterment for differently abled population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total

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amount allocated during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plans to provide appropriate skill/vocational training and provide separate employment exchanges and counselling centres to create specific job opportunities for differently abled people in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gender budgeting for transgenders**

2515. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to introduce separate gender budget for transgender community keeping in mind the new law to recognise a separate third gender and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding the number of transgender people in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for initiatives specific to the people of this community during the last two years?

#### **Residential schools for SCs/STs**

†2516. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential schools being run for students belonging to SCs and STs in the country and the number of such new schools likely to be opened, the details thereof including number of students, State-wise;

(b) the amount allocated and spent for running these schools during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether there has been decline in the number of students in these tribal residential schools due to lack of quality education at primary, secondary and higher secondary levels, weak teaching arrangements and lack of facilities and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistance for SC/OBC students**

2517. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Ministry to increase financial assistance/grants for SC/OBC students from Government and NGOs working for their welfare;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rates/norms for some of the schemes have been revised lately and there is scope for further revision; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### **Cases of manual scavenging**

†2518. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has strictly implemented the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act in order to stop the social evil of manual scavenging and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cases that have come to the notice of Government where manual scavengers were forced to do this job, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people against whom punitive action was taken under the above

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Act in the country, during the last three years till date, the details thereof?

**Capability of ISRO to launch satellites**

†2519. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the capability of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for successful launching of satellites *vis-a-vis* other space launch agencies across the world including the European Space Agency and the measures being taken to enhance the capability of ISRO and to make it more advanced in the wake of growing competition at global level; and

(b) the level of efficiency acquired by ISRO to make the space science more effective and the capability to set up a space station and future action plan in this regard?

**Vacancy of scientists**

2520. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts of scientists are lying vacant in the Department which is affecting its work and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that several new posts have been sanctioned recently by Government and if so, the details thereof and by what time these posts would be filled?

**Agreements with Israel on space research**

2521. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several partnerships/agreements have been signed between India and Israel in space research;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both the countries had collaborated in space research and technology in the past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Sector specific groups to review projects**

2522. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has directed to form ten sector specific groups to review pending projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any report from these groups and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there were any suggestions in these reports for smooth working of sectors and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of action taken by Departments and Ministries on the recommendations of these groups?

**Progress of India Statistical Strengthening Project**

2523. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and details of India Statistical Strengthening Project implemented by Government, State-wise; and

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(b) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years along with the status of its implementation, State-wise?

**Merging of Ministries of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Urban Development**

2524. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to merge the Ministries of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) and Urban Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Secretaries has recommended for the said merger; and

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

**Storm Water Drainage Project for Puri**

2525. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Storm Water Drainage Project for the holy city of Puri has been withdrawn by the Ministry; and

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to revive the project?

**Policy to promote living close to public transport**

2526. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated

any new policy to promote living close to mass public transport corridors like metro, monorail and bus rapid transit to avoid rising private vehicles on roads and pollution in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the viable and fast transport facilities in various cities in the country?

**New urban renewal mission**

2527. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to launch a new urban renewal mission;

(b) if so, how the new one is different from the earlier Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM); and

(c) the cities that are going to be covered under the new renewal mission?

**Funds for Swachh Bharat Mission**

2528. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided funds for Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and if so, the details along with the utilisation thereof;

(b) whether Government has to pay the World Bank some interest/surcharge/commitment fee over the funds provided for SBM and if so, the details thereof along with the payment schedule including the amount and the system;

(c) whether the World Bank has stopped releasing further funds for SBM and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is paying interest/surcharge/commitment fee over the unreleased funds and if so, the details thereof?

**Allotment of flats on seniority basis by DDA**

2529. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per New Pattern Registration Scheme (NPRS)-1979, applicants were to be allotted flats on seniority basis by Delhi Development Authority (DDA);

(b) if so, the reasons for changing the allotment procedure from seniority basis to computerized priority numbers and the person who authorised DDA therefor;

(c) the details of registrants who were not allotted MIG flats before the closure of the Scheme;

(d) the date on which the Scheme was closed; and

(e) whether any MIG flat was allotted to registrant No. 744 and Priority No. 32674 before the closure of the Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

**Policy revision to exchange quarters**

& 2530. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a policy revision/decision has been made to benefit the Ministry to exchange quarters from Departmental Pool to General Pool and *vice versa*; and

(b) if so, the rationale why the Ministry asks for one higher type quarter for exchange of one lower type quarter from Departmental Pool?

**Dilapidated Quarters in Vasant Vihar**

& 2531. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of type-III quarters in Vasant Vihar, CPWD colony;

(b) whether these blocks are in a dilapidated condition with severe seepage, leakage, etc.; and

(c) by when the proper maintenance of these blocks would be undertaken by CPWD?

**Funds for Smart Mosquito Density System**

2532. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sent any proposal to the Central Government for approval of and to provide funds to Smart Mosquito Density System, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the hi-tech war on mosquitoes would be proposed in other metropolitan cities including Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of efforts made by Government to fight the menace of mosquitoes in urban areas in the country?

**Assessing quality of city life**

2533. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

is coming up with a concept of assessing the quality of city life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rating of cities by JCCD**

2534. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of recent survey in urban governance affecting public service and quality of life undertaken by Janaagrah Centre for Citizenship and Democracy (JCCD);

(b) whether the score of Indian cities based upon the survey ranges from 2.1 to 4.4 whereas London and New York scores 9.3 to 9.8 on the same parameters;

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the remedial measures Government proposes to initiate to address the flaws pointed out in the prevailing municipal governance?

#### **Participation of Japan in developing Smart Cities**

†2535. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan proposes to participate in developing Smart Cities in the country;

(b) if so, whether it would also be a partner in developing Smart Cities in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rapid urbanisation**

2536. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rapid urbanisation happening in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps/measures for financially empowering the urban local bodies in the country and to hold them accountable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Implementation of Smart Cities Mission**

2537. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Smart Cities Mission as of January, 2017;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of 100 cities, 40 cities are yet to be selected by the Ministry and if so, the timeline thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a delay in implementation of the Mission in various States; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to fast track the implementation of the Mission in all the States and if so, the details and timeline thereof?

#### **Demand for land near Gujarat Bhawan**

2538. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of

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Gujarat has been demanding 4,000 Sq. meter of land in the vicinity of Gujarat Bhawan, Chanakyapuri in Delhi since a long time;

(b) whether it has represented this issue to the Ministry;

(c) whether Government has agreed in principal to allot the land to the State Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, by when the State Government would get the land?

#### **Corporatization of CPWD**

2539. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to corporatize the Central Public Works Department (CPWD);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received suggestions to make CPWD like that of National Building Construction Company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Amendment in Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act**

†2540. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of indecent and provocative advertisements featuring women in a vulgar manner;

(b) if so, whether the National

Commission for Women has recommended that the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 should be amended;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard, till date; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for stopping the violation of the above act?

#### **High level of malnutrition**

†2541. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the level of malnutrition is very high in the country inspite of various schemes like Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Public Distribution System (PDS) and the National Food Security Act and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether one third of the deaths of small children happen due to malnutrition and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government for checking the cause of high rate of child mortality due to malnutrition in the country?

#### **Shortage of Nirbhaya Centres**

2542. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for falling short of targeted 600 Nirbhaya Centres; and

(b) the detailed timeline, budget and implementation roadmap for the opening of these centres?

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**Sanitation facilities in Anganwadis**

2543. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanitation facilities are absent in a large number of Anganwadis;

(b) if so, the details regarding the number of Anganwadis and those without sanitation facilities, State-wise;

(c) the details of targets and time-frame to provide sanitation facilities in Anganwadis, if any; and

(d) the status of achieving those targets during the last three years?

**Cases under Sexual Harassment at Work Place Act**

2544. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases filed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the conviction rates in such cases reported during that period; and

(c) the number of pending cases under the Act currently?

**Districts covered under IGMSY**

2545. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the total number of districts covered under the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) including the number of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and disbursed under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken note of non-payment of benefits under the scheme in different parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken to include pregnant women not giving birth in Government institutions and the total number of pregnant women excluded under the clause?

**Implementation of laws of security of women**

†2546. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:  
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

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

(a) the measures taken for implementation of various special laws related to security of women;

(b) whether despite strict laws, crime against women is on the rise and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of progress in implementation of One Stop Centre scheme to provide integrated support and assistance to women; and

(d) whether implementing agencies are made aware of the implementation of women security laws, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Nutritious food supplement to adolescent girls of Chhattisgarh**

†2547. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued a

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direction that adolescent girls may be provided the same diet as given to pregnant women and lactating mothers, under Sabla scheme;

(b) whether nutritious food supplement is being given to adolescent girls and to pregnant women and lactating mothers at the rate of ₹ 5 and 7 per beneficiary per day respectively in Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether it is sufficient in such inflationary conditions;

(d) if not, whether Government would issue directions to the State Government to implement it in all the districts of the State by enhancing the Rate; and

(e) if so, by when?

**Status of Early Childhood Care and Education Policy**

2548. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Early Childhood Care and Education Policy and its implementation, district-wise;

(b) the number of children covered under this policy, district-wise;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to achieve the holistic development and whether active learning capacity of children are covered under this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise?

**NFHS report on educated and wealthy women**

2549. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently conducted National Family Health Survey (NFHS) has found that more educated and wealthy women received better medical care and had institutional births;

(b) whether it is a fact that their children received full immunization and had less chances of being stunted in growth and weight;

(c) whether it is reflection on the way various measures, introduced by Government to feed and nurse pregnant women, are implemented; and

(d) if not, in what manner these would be explained?

**Agreement on parental child abduction**

2550. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has agreed to reconsider its refusal to join an international agreement that makes parental child abduction an offence punishable with a jail term;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has consulted all the stakeholders in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of views expressed by them; and

(e) the details of benefits that would accrue as a result of signing of Hague convention on civil aspects of international child abduction?

**Financial benefits to old-age/  
destitute women**

2551. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any efforts to compile an Aadhaar enabled data base of beneficiaries under various schemes of the Ministry;

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

(c) the total number of beneficiaries getting financial/logistic benefits under various schemes of the Ministry, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has allocated any special funds for providing financial benefits to old-age/destitute women in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and disbursed during the last two years, year-wise, State-wise?

**Expansion of IGMSY scheme**

2552. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) was started on a pilot basis in the year 2011;

(b) if so, the number of eligible beneficiaries covered, budget allocated and expenditure under IGMSY since 2011, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any evaluation of IGMSY has been conducted by Government and if so, the details and findings thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to expand this scheme beyond the pilot districts and if so, the details thereof?

**One Stop Centres and Swadhar Grih**

2553. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of One Stop Centres (OSCs) and Swadhar Grih established and funded from the Nirbhaya Fund, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure safety and rehabilitation of women in distress and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking steps to protect women in school and college campuses across the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Launching of National Nutrition  
Mission**

2554. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to launch a National Nutrition Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Mission plans to provide sachets as take home rations for children and pregnant/lactating women under ICDS; and

(d) whether the hot cooked meals for pre-school children under ICDS would continue under the Mission?

**Pre-school learning through  
Aanganwadi Scheme**

2555. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to combine Aanganwadi Scheme with pre-school learning of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Curtailing ICDS**

2556. SHRIRITABRATABANERJEE:  
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government is planning to  
part way with the existing ICDS scheme;  
and

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

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