

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 9, 2017/Phalguna 18, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; Earth Sciences; External Affairs; Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Science and Technology; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

Declassification of files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

*91. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has requested countries like Russia, United States of America, United Kingdom, Japan, Myanmar and Singapore for declassification of files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; if any lying there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of infrastructural facilities around heritage sites under HRIDAY

†*92. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructural facilities around cultural and historical heritage sites developed under the Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) launched in the year, 2015;

(b) whether any review of this scheme has been conducted by Government, till date;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of funds spent till date out of the annual budget earmarked for this scheme?

Smart cities in Bihar

†*93. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in Bihar which

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are to be developed as smart cities during the next three years;

(b) the criteria fixed for inclusion of such cities from each State of the country; and

(c) whether these criteria have been conveyed to the respective State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

Availability of NCERT textbooks

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

(a) whether Government/Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to make National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks mandatory for all CBSE schools across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NCERT is prepared to make available, adequate number of textbooks in all subjects through its district vendors from the academic session 2017-18, if so, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any cell has been created to deal with the complaints from parents about non-availability of NCERT books on schedule; and

(d) if not, how Government/CBSE is going to resolve the complaints from parents?

Funds for upgradation of IITs

*95. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated for setting up/upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been delay in releasing funds to the State Governments and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any anomalies/ discrepancies have been found in purchase of equipments/machineries at these ITIs and if so, the details of action taken against the persons/institutions flouting the rules?

Encouraging young scientists to take up research work

*96. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking due measures to encourage young scientists to take up research work;

(b) the main characteristics of Young Scientist Research Programme together with the details of funds allocated for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) what is the age eligibility for obtaining benefits of this programme and the details of achievements made under this programme, so far;

(d) whether Government is offering any special plan or scholarships under this programme; and

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

Lengthy question paper for CBSE board examinations

*97. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of twelfth class education board examinations in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), invariably face one or two very lengthy and tough questions and this leads to fatal attempts by students due to fear of failure;

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

(c) the details of procedures adopted by the question paper setters to assess the length of question papers;

(d) whether the question papers are attempted and tested for their genuine duration before they are finalized for examination, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Soldiers in captivity of Pakistan

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the number of Indian soldiers/officers missing in action or Prisoners of War (PoW) in captivity of Pakistan and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of such soldiers/officers from Rajasthan;

(c) what steps have been taken to secure their release and what has been the result, the details thereof; and

(d) whether families of such soldiers/officers are given benefits like enhanced pension, gratuity etc. which are given to martyred soldiers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of qualified faculty in IITs and NITs

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

(a) whether the shortage of qualified faculty is affecting the quality of education in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs);

(b) if so, the details of faculty positions and other staff lying vacant in each IIT and NIT; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken and the time-frame to fill those vacancies?

Fund for hostels for disabled under RMSA

†*100. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are sanctioned for hostels under the scheme of Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) component of Rashtriya Madhyamic Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA); and

(b) if so, the details of amount sanctioned to different States during the year 2016-17, State-wise?

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Talks with Britain on visas

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

(a) whether Government has opened talks with Britain to facilitate short-term visa for Indian students, businessmen and academics;

(b) whether it is a fact that Britain has shown a discriminatory visa policy against Indians as opposed to other Asian countries like China; and

(c) what steps Government would take to negotiate with Britain to reduce the visa fee for Indians?

Job-oriented school education

†*102. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steps taken to make school education job-oriented are inadequate and organisations concerned with school education have been emphasizing on the need to make school education job-oriented and qualitative;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any study on making school education job-oriented and to improve quality of education at primary level so that the tendency of dropping out may be contained; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Collection of betterment fee

*103. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of URBAN

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to collect special charges or betterment fee if any for major infrastructure projects with public investment such as metro rail, express ways, industrial corridors or Special Economic Zones;

(b) whether the betterment fee or impact fee on land sale would be in addition to the stamp duty paid by buyers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Fund for skill development and training through CSR

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

(a) in what manner technical/vocational education and training is being financed in the country;

(b) whether the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is permitted in skill development and training; and

(c) if so, the details of funds, so far, provided by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and private companies, company-wise and State-wise?

Logistics University in Andhra Pradesh

*105. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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has been considering to establish Logistics University in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government

of Andhra Pradesh to this effect and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding the quantum of fund being allocated and the commencement of the University?

NEW DELHI;
The 3rd March, 2017

Phalguna 12, 1938 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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