

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 9, 2017/Phalgun 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 — 160

Establishment of new atomic power plants

†957. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the quantity of electricity estimated to be generated by establishing the atomic power plants proposed to be established by the previous and the present Government;

(b) the States where the proposals for establishing new atomic power plants were approved after 2014, State-wise; and

(c) by when the construction work of those power plants would be completed and the details of plans proposed to fulfil the increasing future demand of electricity in the country?

Use of radiation in agriculture

958. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of radiation in agriculture has resulted in developing improved varieties of seeds and this has increased the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;

(b) how many varieties of seeds have been improved by the Department using this technology;

(c) whether these seeds have any hazardous effects on the human health; and

(d) if so, what precautions are being taken to avoid these health hazards which may occur by use of radiation for improved seeds?

Projects under NERAMAC

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

(a) the aims and objectives of the North

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Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC);

(b) the names of existing projects under NERAMAC, State-wise; and

(c) the names of future projects proposed to be brought under NERAMAC, State-wise?

Achievement of NE States by special category status

960. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether conferring Special Category status on North-Eastern States has helped their economic development;

(b) if so, the achievements of these States on various developmental indicators during last five years; and

(c) growth of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), Per Capita Income, industrialization and employment provided and investments received during the last five years in these States?

Installation of DWRs in Himachal Pradesh

961. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Doppler Weather Radars (DWRs) installed in the country, location-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether some of DWRs are not functioning for a long time and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to ensure their functioning; and

(c) whether Government proposes to install DWRs in Kangra and other districts of Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Forecast of earthquakes and cloud bursts

962. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the technology used by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to forecast and prevent earthquakes and cloud-bursts situations in the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to improve the current forecasting technology so as to predict and prevent wide scale destruction from earthquakes and cloud-bursts in the country, especially in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh; and

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

Damage due to oil spill on Chennai coastline

963. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has been able to correctly predict the scale of damage done due to recent oil spill on Chennai coastline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to consult other stakeholders to revise the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP) so as to minimise damage in future due to such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Uncertainties in weather patterns

964. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country
is facing uncertainties in weather patterns
for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any
steps to provide the information to
individuals, farmers, fishermen, etc.
regarding changes in the weather and its
likely impact; and

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

Damage to marine eco-system

965. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of EARTH
SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether marine eco-systems in
Indian seas and sea coasts have been
damaged due to Sea-warming,
acidification, oil spills and other factors;

(b) if so, the details thereof with its
impact on the marine life system; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard the
natural habitat for marine species and to
protect fragile eco-system including coral
reefs, salt marshes, seagrass beds etc.?

Bilateral agreements with Portugal

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

(a) whether Government has entered
into bilateral agreements with Portugal
during the visit of Portuguese President to
Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of bilateral agreements
entered into for mutual cooperation?

**Exchanging lists of prisoners with
Pakistan**

967. SHRIAJAY SANCHETI: Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have
exchanged lists of nationals, including civil
prisoners and fishermen of each country
lodged in their respective jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by both the
countries to release those prisoners?

Liberalisation of passport rules

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
has liberalized passport rules making it
easier for single mothers, adopted children
and *sadhus* to apply by reducing paper
work and documentation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that
Government is considering to come up with
more reforms in the issuance of passport
so that the paper work is further reduced;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Passport Seva Kendras in Post Offices

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

(a) whether Government has embarked upon opening of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in Post Offices of every district headquarter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that such kendras are being set up in Kurnool and Kadapa districts of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these kendras would be operational?

Raisina Dialogue-2017

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

(a) whether Government has explored prospects and opportunities in gathering opinion/views of participating countries in the recently concluded Raisina Dialogue-2017 regarding various issues including Indian's entry into Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and China vetoing Indian's efforts on imposing ban on JeM Chief;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issuing of Indian passport to foreigners

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

(a) whether cases of issuing Indian passports to foreigners in an illegal manner have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard, so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issue of visa by Indian Embassies in Europe

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

(a) whether it is a fact that obtaining an Indian visa in European countries is a cumbersome process because the foreign nationals are issued visa only through couriers which charges hefty amount as high as ₹ 15,000 equivalent in Indian currency;

(b) whether applicants would not only save time but also a substantial amount of money which otherwise goes to the couriers and not to the Indian exchequer if such visas are delivered by hand; and

(c) whether Government would consider the matter and provide the facility of delivery of visas by hand if requested specifically?

Foreign aid under Development Partnership Administration

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

(a) whether India is a net recipient or donor of foreign aid;

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(b) the details of aids received and given by India during the last three years, country-wise;

(c) the details of all schemes during the last three years under Development Partnership Administration, DPA-I and DPA-III divisions along with status of these projects;

(d) whether the DPA has any plans for the coming year to provide aid to foreign countries; and

(e) if so, the details of these projects along with their status?

Budgetary allocation for implementation of foreign policy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of adequate budgetary allocations has resulted in lack of coherence in foreign policy implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the budgetary allocations for the year 2017-18 is adequate;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Ministry for getting more budgetary allocations?

Fishermen and boats in custody of Pakistan

975. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:
SHRI SHANKARBHAI N.
VEGAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 207 Indian fishermen are in the custody of Pakistan;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for their release;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ninety fishing boats are in their custody;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken for release of those boats; and

(e) whether Government has any data of the boats released so far by Pakistani authority, if so, the details thereof?

Indian national languishing in jail of Pakistan

976. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian national named Hamid Ansari is languishing in prison of Pakistan for many years without any charges pending against him;

(b) whether Government is going to take necessary steps to secure his release and bring him back to India; and

(c) the steps taken by Government, if any, or proposed to be taken to ensure his early release?

Retrieval of boats from custody of Sri Lanka

977. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of repeated requests by the State Government of Tamil Nadu and fishermen organizations

in the State, Government is unable to retrieve boats seized by Srilankan Navy while arresting fishermen on false and frivolous grounds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken in future to retrieve such boats?

Indian workers affected by visa/travel policy of USA

978. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indians, particularly those working in the IT sector in the United States of America (USA) are going to be affected by the new visa/travel policy being adopted by the USA administration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

Visa ban by US administration

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

(a) whether Government has taken a note of visa ban imposed by United States of America (USA) Administration;

(b) whether Government has assessed the loss to Indian IT industry due to such a ban; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Granting of H1B1 Visa by USA

980. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been granted H1B1 visas by the United States of America (USA);

(b) the number of Indians in the Information Technology (IT) industry in USA; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to protect Indians holding H1B1 visas in USA and suggest reforms to the new visa policy?

China's position in Arabian sea

981. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has strengthened its position in the Arabian sea;

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

(c) whether Pakistan is helping China in this matter; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the security interests of the country?

Work on India-Myanmar-Thailand connectivity project

982. SHRI SAMHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on major connectivity projects linking India with Myanmar through Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project and India-

Myanmar with extension further to Thailand through India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Project are still in progress;

(b) if so, what is the time-frame fixed for their completion; and

(c) whether both the projects are progressing behind the schedule and what special measures Government proposes to take to speed up the work for ease of commercial interaction?

Popularisation of National Urban House Construction Scheme

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

(a) whether the National Urban House Construction Scheme was launched in 4,042 towns in the country;

(b) if so, the list of the towns;

(c) what action the Ministry is taking to popularise or publicise the scheme; and

(d) the States which are implementing the scheme lackadaisically and the steps Government is taking to rein in such States?

Basic Services to Urban Poor scheme in Jharkhand and Gujarat

984. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aims and objectives of implementing the Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) scheme in the country are achieved and accomplished, if so, to what extent;

(b) whether some of the works/projects sanctioned under the scheme have missed their deadline, if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the works/projects sanctioned, completed and under progress, State/UT-wise, particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilised, State/UT-wise and project-wise?

Survey of homeless poor people under BPL category

985. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted survey with regard to the homeless poor people under the Below Poverty Line (BPL) category;

(b) if so, the list of such people, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any scheme to provide temporary houses to such poor homeless people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Universal Basic Income for poverty alleviation

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

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce a Universal Basic Income (UBI) as an alternative to subsidies for poverty alleviation in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent this can alleviate the poverty in urban areas of the country?

Dwelling unit to BPL families

†987. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any step to provide at least one dwelling unit to every Below Poverty Line (BPL) family free of cost, one dwelling unit to the persons of lower income category at 50 per cent construction cost and one dwelling unit to those poor families, who cannot pay the cost of unit at one go, by providing them one time interest free loan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Certificates issued to street vendors

988. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current status of surveys conducted on street vendors, as per the discussion on The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Bill, 2013;

(b) the number of certificates issued to street vendors upon completion of their survey, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of the ensuing rules formulated from the analysis of these surveys?

Housing units under MAPY

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

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

(a) the total number of housing units sanctioned against the targets under various categories in the last three years and in the current year under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), State-wise;

(b) the Central and State share in the construction of houses in each State; and

(c) the details of target fixed by Government to build housing units for poor under PMAY and the total number of houses completed in the last three years, State-wise and category-wise?

Houses constructed under PMAY in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

990. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since beginning of the Mission in June, 2015 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, district-wise;

(b) the details of target set by the Ministry for 2015 and 2016;

(c) whether any Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is entered into between

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the Ministry and the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under PMAY; and

(d) if so, details of MoA and the status of its implementation?

Low-cost housing complexes for slum dwellers

991. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of slums and population of slum dwellers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the number of low-cost housing complexes that have been constructed in the last three years and in the current year; and

(c) the details of the number of such houses that have been allotted, so far and the number of houses that are still lying empty?

Technical Cells under PMAY

992. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned Technical Cells at city and State level under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

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

(c) if not, the reason for not sanctioning Technical Cells, at city and State level in various States particularly in Rajasthan?

IHSDP in Rajasthan

993. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds approved and released to Government of Rajasthan in last three years under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), Phase-III;

(b) whether proposals for releasing second instalment under this scheme have been received from the Government of Rajasthan;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disbursal of funds for Murshidabad centre of AMU

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

(a) the status of setting up of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) centres in Murshidabad, Malappuram, Kishanganj, Bhopal and Pune;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that ₹ 60 crore out of ₹ 107-80 crore earmarked for the Murshidabad centre has been disbursed;

(c) whether the remaining funds would be disbursed soon; and

(d) if so, by when and whether such amount would lapse by March 31, 2017?

Braille printers in schools

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

(a) the number of schools in the country

which have Braille printers for the children with special need;

(b) whether there is any deadline by which such printers would be installed in all Government schools of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Refund on cancellation of vacancies

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

(a) whether bank drafts, postal orders of ₹ 1000 to ₹ 2000 are demanded from applicants for vacancies in Central Universities and if these vacancies are cancelled the aforesaid amount is not returned to the applicants;

(b) whether it is part of a big scam;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the policy of Government to refund such amount to applicants in case of cancellation of vacancies?

Poor admission rate under RTE

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

(a) whether Government is aware that admission rate is very poor under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of seats kept reserved

for admission under RTE during the year 2017, State-wise?

Targets for reducing dropout rates of girl students

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

(a) the dropout rates of girl students after matriculation examination during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the targets for reducing dropout rates of girl students after matriculation during the next three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of Government's plans to achieve these targets, State-wise?

Promotion of day care schools

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

(a) whether Government has any strategy to promote day care schools for 10th, 11th and 12th standards in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake educational institutes

1000. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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fake educational institutes are giving education certificates in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Appointments in National Book Trust

1001. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Trust has been without an Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for over a year now;

(b) whether in the absence of Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees, NBT could not take any major decisions during the last one year;

(c) whether NBT has already forwarded their recommendations for members to be appointed to the Board of Trustees long back and Government is yet to take action on it; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in appointing the members in the Board of Trustees of NBT?

Single entrance test for engineering and architecture

1002. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to have a single entrance test for all engineering and architecture seats from next year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the manner in which the Ministry would have one single exam when syllabus in various States are different;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with State Governments and other stakeholders; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the same?

Centres for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test in Telangana

1003. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced only a few examination centres in Telangana for conducting National Eligibility cum Entrance Test though the number of students appearing for the test is considerably more;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any request from the State Government for increasing the examination centres to facilitate the students to take the test and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of CBSE to such requests?

Separate toilets for boys and girls in co-educational schools

1004. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of co-educational public schools in Maharashtra;

(b) whether all the co-educational public schools have separate toilets for boys and girls;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the number of co-educational public schools that still requires toilets/separate toilets for boys and girls; and

(e) the number of such toilets constructed in these schools under Swachh Bharat Mission since 2014?

**Hostel facilities for girls in
Educationally Backward Blocks**

†1005. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for opening hostels in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) under the girls hostel scheme;

(b) the details of criteria fixed for identification of EBB;

(c) whether the target would be achieved by making arrangement for lodging of merely 100 girls in an EBB; and

(d) if not, by when the arrangement for extension of hostels would be made?

Quality assessment survey of students

1006. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no

regular surveys conducted to check the basic learning level of students in schools other than formal examinations;

(b) whether Government is planning to involve NGOs and other civil societies to conduct regular quality assessment survey of students; and

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

**Scholarship for students pursuing
education in foreign universities**

1007. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing any scholarship for students undertaking higher education in foreign universities in the field of art, agriculture, law, medicine, engineering, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Scholarship for college going students

1008. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various scholarship schemes for college going students run by Government;

(b) the details of beneficiaries under each scholarship programmes, State-wise, especially from J&K; and

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(c) the reasons for delay in providing scholarships to the shortlisted candidates and the plans of Government to reduce such delay and increase transparency?

Survey by NCERT to test learning skills

1009. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT is considering to undertake a survey to test children's learning skills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the learning outcomes would become part of the Right to Education;

(d) whether a number of States were positive about the methods and discussions that are going on to bring them on board as Government is hoping to introduce it out from the next academic session; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Autonomy for IIITs under Public Private Partnership

1010. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bill is under consideration for providing greater autonomy to the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) under Public-Private Partnership (PPP);

(b) if so, the status thereof; and

(c) if not, whether such a proposal would be considered?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jammu and Kashmir

1011. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Jammu and Kashmir, district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of forces are deployed in the State requiring more schools; and

(c) if so, the number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas proposed, district-wise?

Admission of foreign students in IITs

1012. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IITs have decided to open their gates for students from many countries from next year onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the students from these countries would be allowed to skip Joint Entrance Examination [JEE (main)] and appear directly for JEE (advanced); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fees for foreign students in IITs

1013. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided against granting any fee subsidy to foreign undergraduate and postgraduate students in IITs;

(b) whether such students can avail of scholarships provided through the Indian Council of Cultural Relations or institutional funding on a case to case basis;

(c) whether a committee set up by Government to look into the fee structure for foreign students, stated that such students should be charged the same fee as Indian students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality education scheme in rural areas

1014. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce quality education scheme in Government schools and Government aided schools;

(b) in what manner the Ministry proposes to improve the quality of education in rural and remote area schools run and managed by Government; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to amend the present RTE Act in order to ensure quality education for poor children of rural and remote areas?

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bihar

†1015. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened in Bihar.

(b) the numbers of Kendriya Vidyalayas needed to be opened in view of requirement of people of the State;

(c) the numbers of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened in this financial year; and

(d) the numbers of Kendriya Vidyalayas proposed to be opened as per the fixed criteria, during the next three years?

Steps against dropout rate

†1016. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate and the total number of dropouts from fifth, eighth, tenth and twelfth class in various States till date;

(b) the number of students seeking admission in colleges out of those passing class twelfth, their number and percentage and the rate of dropouts at this level; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the situation due to massive dropout rate?

Let us read together Campaign

1017. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to organize "Let us read together Campaign" pan-India, taking forward Madhya Pradesh's initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the outcomes of such Campaign in Madhya Pradesh held on February 18, 2017.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Maoist affected districts

1018. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up 11 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Maoist affected districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has also plans to set up Navodaya Vidyalayas in these affected districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial status of students seeking fee waiver in IIT

1019. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether from January this year the Indian Institutes of Technology would begin verifying economic status of students seeking fee waiver to prevent misuse of the scheme aimed at helping pupils belonging to low income families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this move is part of a plan to review the scheme following a sharp rise in undergraduate students seeking exemption from paying tuition fee after it was increased to ₹ 2 lakh from ₹ 90,000 per year from April, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Salaries for teachers under SSA

1020. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases where teachers in Government schools working under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have not received their due salaries during the last three years and the current year;

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

(c) what action/steps have been taken to ensure that the teachers employed under SSA get salaries without interruption?

Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store in Mid Day Meal Scheme

1021. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 81 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd February, 2017 and to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided by Government for construction of Kitchen-cum-Store for cooking and safe storage of foodgrains in Schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme across the country during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Kitchen-cum-Store constructed in Schools across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether cases of irregularities/corruption/under-utilisation of funds meant for construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores have come to the notice of Government during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise, and action taken thereon?

Interest subsidy on education loans for students from Rajasthan

1022. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Central Scheme to provide interest subsidy on education loans;

(b) the achievements of the said scheme;

(c) the number of students benefited from the said scheme since its inception;

(d) the number of students from Rajasthan who have benefited from the scheme;

(e) whether Government has received complaints for denial of subsidy on education loans to eligible students and other corrupt practices in implementation of scheme during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, along with the corrective steps taken/being taken by Government?

Fake educational boards

1023. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fake educational boards (excluding universities) are running in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to close these fake boards;

(c) how many fake board runners have been sent to jail during the last five years; and

(d) the details of fake educational boards in Delhi?

Seats in NITs

1024. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the seats in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof along with the actual demands of each State?

Verification of law degrees

1025. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has directed the universities to verify the certificates of practicing advocates in the wake of large scale complaints of fake law degrees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are 1.3 million lawyers in India as per 2011 survey and their certificates need to be verified by January, 2017;

(d) whether the drive is aimed at weeding out bogus advocates holding fake educational certificates; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for women specific schemes

1026. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether budgetary allocations for women specific schemes have declined during the last three years;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to get more funds from the Ministry of Finance, to accelerate womens empowerment programmes and comprehensive welfare schemes for older single women, including widows?

Number of attempts for NEET

1027. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to fix the minimum age of applicants/students appearing for this year's National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) examination;

(b) whether the number of attempts for NEET would be calculated from this year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Full autonomy to IIMs

1028. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to give full autonomy to the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to run their institutes and award degrees to their graduates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to bring any legislation in Parliament during the current session; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee on various aspects of education

1029. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Group of Secretaries on Education and Social Development has been constituted recently to look into various aspects of education;

(b) if so, the details of terms of reference given to the group;

(c) whether the group has recommended to make English compulsory in all schools and there should be at least one Government school in each block which should teach English;

(d) if so, the details thereof and what are other recommendations made by the group; and

(e) the details of action taken by Government on each of the recommendation made, recommendation-wise?

Shanghai technique for study of maths

1030. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian academicians are now experimenting with the Shanghai technique of making study of mathematics

a cakewalk and which is increasingly adopted all over Europe and Singapore;

(b) whether educationists in Hyderabad commenting on the adaptability of Shanghai technique to Indian classrooms called for a middle path approach between the Shanghai model and the local variant; and

(c) whether many Shanghai teachers are already working in UK and Singapore is also keen to emulate the Shanghai model for its mathematics classrooms?

Tribal University in Chhattisgarh

†1031. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Tribal University is proposed to be opened in Bastar in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, whether Government would consider it so that the educational standard of this scheduled region may be uplifted?

MGAHD in Nagaland

1032. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahatma Gandhi Academy of Human Development (MGAHD) under Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is a society, organisation, institution, or centre;

(b) whether Government is a stakeholder in MGAHD, TISS;

(c) if so, what kind of recognition the

Government has given to MGAHD, TISS, at Chuchuyimlang, Mokokchung, Nagaland; and

(d) the details of UGC mandate on this and whether it is approved by UGC?

Mahatma Gandhi Academy for Human Development

1033. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registration of society/ academy/institute of Mahatma Gandhi Academy for Human Development (MGAHD), Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Chuchuyimlang, Mokokchung, Nagaland, under Government of India;

(b) the authority who supervises and manage it, and its current status; and

(c) the future objective of Government regarding MGAHD?

Universities for minorities in Gujarat

†1034. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to set up some universities for minorities;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to open such universities in Gujarat also; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Change in no-detention policy

†1035. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to change the no-detention policy for students failing in examination;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes requiring mandatory Aadhaar identification

1036. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes under the Ministry to be covered under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016;
- (b) the number of schemes under the Ministry that require mandatory Aadhaar identification; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to make Aadhaar mandatory for all its schemes?

Toilets for girls in schools of West Bengal

1037. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many schools

in West Bengal still do not have toilet for girls;

- (b) the details of number of schools along with the number of schools lacking girls toilet block-wise in each district of the State;
- (c) the funds allocated and spent on building girls toilet, State-wise during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of any audit mechanism in place to check the usage and maintenance of currently built toilets?

Ban on smoking scenes on Doordarshan

†1038. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to issue guidelines to be followed before giving permission for the screening of serials or movies showing the scenes of smoking on Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status regarding imposing a ban on the scenes of smoking in movies and in the serials of Doordarshan?

Steps for effecting integrity amongst employees

1039. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) what steps have been taken by Government during the last two years to effect integrity and probity amongst Government employees;

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(b) whether any cases of corruption/ financial misdemeanors have come to the notice against Group A officers in the Central Government during that period; and

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Appeals pending with CIC

1040. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals pending with the Central Information Commission (CIC) and State Information Commissions along with the time since these are pending;

(b) whether Government is satisfied with the working of Right to Information (RTI) Act and the period/time taken for disposal of the appeals; and

(c) what steps Government has taken/ proposes to take to reduce the pendency of appeals?

Concluding corruption cases

1041. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fight against corruption is not so encouraging as corruption cases constitute just 0.06 per cent of total crimes during the last 15 years as per the study conducted by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is not even a single conviction in five States in the last 15 years;

(c) whether the acquittal is 100 per cent in three States; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry looks at these figures and what plans it has to bring corruption cases to their logical end?

Training of IAS officers

1042. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1057 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November 2016 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a capacity to train only 180 IAS probationers in the country resulting in increasing the gap between requirement and existing strength of IAS officers; and

(b) if so, in what manner, Government is planning to increase the training strength of these officers?

Review of training programmes

1043. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times, Government has reviewed various training programmes within the country and abroad during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of IAS, CSS, State Civil Services and other Group-A officers attending those programmes during the above period;

(c) whether any of the training programmes, which were not found effective during the review, have been dropped during the above period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the targets fixed for training of various level officers during the current year and the next two years?

Disparity in general trend of marks

1044. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is cognisant of the disparity in the general trend of marks secured by candidates in various optional subjects in the Civil Services Mains Examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether UPSC has developed/ adopted any objective criterion so as to minimise the disparity in the marks trend across various optional disciplines in order to ensure a level playing field among candidates from various disciplines;

(d) if so, the details of moderation or scaling methods implied; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of appeals received under RTI Act

1045. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Information Commission (CIC) is taking more time than the prescribed one for disposal of applications/appeals received under the Right to Information (RTI) Act and it could not meet the disposal target during the last two years;

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

(c) the action plan being formulated by Government for time bound disposal of

applications/appeals received under RTI Act?

Compensation to civil service aspirants

1046. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that civil service aspirants have demanded compensation in the form of additional attempts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they had lost the chance for additional attempts due to a discriminatory civil service aptitude test paper during the preliminary examination;

(c) whether the civil service aspirants have demanded that there should be a level playing field for all aspirants across the country, irrespective of their background; and

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

Role of cow urine and dung in curing diseases

1047. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to critically evaluate the role of cow urine and dung in curing diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no money has been committed or allocated for the said purpose; and

(d) whether the proposal is yet to pass strict scientific scrutiny?

ITIs in Himachal Pradesh

1048. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Industrial Training Institutes in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which they are likely to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to boost vocational education in various States including Himachal Pradesh?

(a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing unemployment in non-technical trades in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by Government to remove unemployment;

(c) whether Government contemplates to increase the employment opportunities by starting different new skill development and technical courses in the coming years; and

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

Special Indian service of skill development

1049. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is coming up with a proposal of creating a special Indian Service of Skill Development on the line of IAS and IPS, etc.; and

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

New Skill Development and technical courses

1050. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

Appraisal of public representatives regarding skill development programmes

1051. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is implementing skill development programmes by establishing skill development centres in every constituency and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that public representatives like MPs/MLAs are not being apprised about the programmes being organised in their constituencies and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to keep the local public representatives aware of such programmes that are being organised in his constituency/ jurisdiction?

**Skill development centres under
PMKVY**

1052. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of skill development centres under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) presently functioning, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to open such centres in each district of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has reviewed PMKVY to ascertain its shortcomings and the number of persons who got employment through it and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make PMKVY more effective?

**Regional vocational training centres
for women**

†1053. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the parameters to set up regional vocational training centres to provide training and employment to women under skill development in the country;

(b) the details of regional vocational training institutes established recently for women in the country, State-wise; and

(c) number of women who were provided training and employment in the

said institutes during the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and the current fiscal year, the State-wise details thereof?

Model ITIs for skill development

†1054. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) established during the last three years and in current year, State/ Union-Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to convert the existing ITIs into model ITIs for skill development;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when they are likely to be converted State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government also proposes to initiate public private partnership in the operation of ITIs to ensure job placement after vocational training; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Skill Development Centres in
Telangana**

1055. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether any request from the State Government has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government on such request?

NGOs associated with the Ministry

1056. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are associated with various skill development programmes under the Ministry;

(b) if so, names of such NGOs and courses offered by each NGOs, State-wise; and

(c) how many people have got benefited from such skill trainings so far, State-wise?

National Skill Development Fund

1057. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total Money accrued in the National Skill Development Fund and the amount so far used for skilling the people, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Skill Development Corporation is entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with various agencies, Ministries, etc., to promote and expand skill development in the country; and

(c) if so, details of each of such MoU and status of their implementation?

Establishment of small ITIs

1058. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making any efforts to establish small Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and promote technical education in various parts of the country particularly in Maharashtra;

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

(c) the details of ITIs established in the country as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of funds provided/utilised under various heads for ITIs in the country during the last two years, State-wise?

Skill development training centres in Bihar and Jharkhand

1059. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to open skill development training centres in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) the present number of these centres in both the States, separately;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that these centres have adequate infrastructure to give effective training to the youth of these States;

(d) whether any data has been prepared of those boys and girls who have been gainfully employed since the inception of the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the number of such persons?

Advance Training Institute in Andhra Pradesh

1060. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written a letter and submitted a proposal for setting up of Advance Training Institute in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposal has been submitted almost two years ago; and

(c) if so, the steps Ministry has taken to set up the same and by when it is likely to be established?

Training centres in Tamil Nadu

1061. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accredited and affiliated training partners/training centres notified in the State of Tamil Nadu for imparting short term fresh training and recognition of prior learning (RPL) to youths;

(b) the details of youths enrolled for training in these centres; and

(c) the amount released to these centres during the last three years?

Collaboration with Institute of Technical Education (ITE) of Singapore

1062. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would open six Institutes of Skills in India to be developed on the lines of Singapore's Institute of Technical Education (ITE);

(b) if so, the States where these institutes would be opened;

(c) whether Government, in partnership with the ITE, has decided to open an institute inspired by the Singapore model of training and if so, where; and

(d) the details thereof?

Amendment in guidelines of PMKVY

†1063. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any amendments in the guidelines of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and if so, the details of the salient features of the amended scheme;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government in the amended scheme for adequately focusing on employment and for streamlining the appointment of trained candidates and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government provides any other help to women, the differently abled people and candidates of Naxal affected

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areas after their appointment under this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Skill development and employment in Naxal affected areas

‡1064. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running any scheme to provide skill development and employment to youths in Naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government has any such proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Education to children begging on roads

‡1065. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA:
SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide education to children begging on roads; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for welfare of senior citizens

1066. SHRI AHMED PATEL:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes started and operated by Government which have been aimed at welfare of senior citizens;

(b) how much funds have been allocated/released to States for the welfare of the senior citizens and how much of these funds have been spent during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the amount allocated has not been fully utilised and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has received requests from various State Governments for enhancing funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

Separate Ministry for backward classes

1067. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than fifty per cent of population in the country belongs to backward classes;

(b) whether there is a need to have separate legislation for backward classes on the lines of legislation for SC/ST;

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking therefor;

(d) whether backward class unions have also been demanding for a separate Ministry for themselves;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to have a separate Ministry for backward classes; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Care and protection of disabled people in West Bengal

1068. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions in West Bengal for care and protection of disabled people along with the number of trained staff working in these institutions;

(b) whether these institutions have the required manpower to take care of current demand of disabled people and the details of plan to expand the same;

(c) the details of facilities provided during the last three years including the funds allocated and disbursed, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government is entering into partnerships with NGOs for welfare of disabled people there and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for post-matric scholarship to SC students

1069. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are not getting funds in time for the centrally assisted post-matric scholarship schemes for students belonging to Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to release old dues and make payments in time?

Abolition of reservation policy for jobs

1070. KUMARI SELJA: Will the

Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to abolish the reservation policy for jobs in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Muslims in OBC List of Karnataka

1071. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from the State Government of Karnataka for deletion of serial number 179 in the Central Other Backward Classes (OBC) List for Karnataka and inclusion of Muslim caste listed in category I & II A of Karnataka State OBC List;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that the above inclusion was recommended by the Karnataka Backward Classes Commission in March, 2016; and

(c) if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to include Muslims in Karnataka State's OBC List?

Accessible India Campaign

1072. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Accessible India Campaign, the Ministry had targeted to make at least fifty most important Government buildings fully accessible in many cities by July, 2016;

(b) if so, the status of the targets achieved, city-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether all international airports and A1, A and B category of railway stations were also to be made fully accessible by July, 2016;

(e) if so, the current status thereof; and

(f) if the targets have not been achieved the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Mandula and Konda Kumman in ST List

1073. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for inclusion of Mandula and Konda Kumman in the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST) in 2009 and 2011 respectively;

(b) if so, what are the reasons behind taking more than seven years in finalising the inclusion of above castes in ST list; and

(c) what is the present status of each of the above proposal and the details of comments made by the Registrar General of India (RGI) and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST)?

Proposal for declaration of SC/ST/OBC

†1074. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received proposals from States during the year 2015 and 2016 for declaring the castes as the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the number of proposals received from January, 2015 to December, 2016, State-wise and caste-wise; and

(c) the details of names of castes as received in the proposals which have been included under the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes?

Budgetary allocation for SCSP/TSP

1075. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budgetary allocations for Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan (TSP) is coming down from ₹ 50,000 crore and ₹ 32,000 crore respectively during 2014-15 to ₹ 38,000 crore and ₹ 24,000 crore respectively during 2016-17;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) which are the programmes and schemes that the Ministry has given less allocation in view of reduction in the budget;

(d) what is the allocation made during 2017-18 and whether it is sufficient to run all programmes/schemes for SCSP and TSP; and

(e) if not, how the Ministry is going to pool resources for these schemes?

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Implementation of welfare programmes for disabled

1076. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to lack of uniform procedures across the country, there is inordinate delay in implementing various welfare programmes envisaged in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would come forward to solve this problem on pan-India basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accommodation for persons with locomotor disabilities

1077. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to provide reasonable accommodation for persons with locomotor disability as per the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 to ensure that they enjoy and exercise their rights equally with others in the community;

(b) whether the Ministry has received petitions from persons with such disability during 2017 for providing accommodation; and

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

Devices for Assistance to senior citizens below poverty line

†1078. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a plan to provide devices for assistance to senior citizens living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expected number of beneficiaries, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government has written letters to all the Chief Ministers to start the process of identifying beneficiaries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received thereto; and

(e) whether Government has constituted any committee to ensure proper identification of beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

Reconstitution of Commissions

1079. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and National Commission for Safai Karamcharis;

(b) the reasons for delay in their reconstitutions;

(c) whether there is a proposal to do away with these commissions;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, how long it would take to reconstitute these Commissions?

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Rehabilitation of mentally ill patients

1080. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of facilities available for the rehabilitation of persons with mental illness in the country;
- (b) whether Government has started any rehabilitation schemes for such persons; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fellowships in space law

1081. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to provide fellowships in the field of research in space law;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plans for commercial space tourism and travel

1082. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department plans to foray into commercial space tourism and travel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is willing to tie up with other corporate entities both national and international to carry out such projects in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of satellites to improve agricultural production

1083. DR. VIKAS MAHATME : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is easy to monitor, assess and advise the progress of agriculture produce using satellites;
- (b) whether common agriculturists are not getting any benefits from the information provided by satellites;
- (c) what was the percentage of agriculturists in the country who were benefitted and improved their agriculture production because of information provided by satellites during the last five years; and
- (d) what steps Government is taking to improve this facility which could eventually help in increasing agricultural production and help the poor farmers?

Record in deployment of satellites in orbit

1084. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with ISRO deploying as many as 104 satellites in the orbit with a record breaking launch on February 15, 2017, the country has made a record of sorts, marking a huge leap from the Russian record of 37 satellites;
- (b) whether the historic launch of PSLV C37 has catapulted the country to global satellite market with immense commercial potential with its 714 kg cartosat carrying 96 American Nanosats as its piggyback load; and
- (c) whether the country is nearing its ultimate manned space mission?

Achievements in research and launching

†1085. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made so far in space research and launch of satellites during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the details of targets and action plan fixed for the next five years, space research centre-wise?

Financial criterion for malnourished children

†1086. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had fixed ₹6/- and ₹9/- per day to every malnourished and seriously malnourished children respectively in the age group of 6 months to 6 years by means of enhancing financial criterion for supplementary nutritious food in 2012 under strengthening and restructuring of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS);

(b) whether supplementary nutritious food is possible to be procured in ₹ 6/- and ₹9/- to malnourished and seriously malnourished children considering the rise in rates of food items in the last five years; and

(c) if not, whether Government would enhance the financial criterion and by when?

Time/cost overrun of infrastructure projects

1087. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many infrastructure projects with a cost of more than ₹150 crore or above have been delayed with respect to their original schedules, the details thereof;

(b) whether the reasons for delay were analysed and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the pro-active suggestions made or actions taken to complete the major infrastructure projects on time to avoid time and cost overrun?

Merging of Institutes

1088. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state whether the merger of Institute of Mathematics and Application, Bhubaneswar with Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata would be considered during the current financial year?

NCRPB plans to control pollution

1089. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the meeting of the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) Government has asked the concerned States to submit action plans to control air pollution in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and of the States which have submitted the plans;

(c) whether the States like Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi etc. have been asked to increase forest and tree cover in NCR in a phased manner; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof and the projection of forest cover to be increased during the next 20 years?

Occupied bungalows in Lutyens' Bungalows Zone

1090. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of bungalows occupied by political parties in Lutyens' Zone in spite of having been allotted land at other locations for the purpose;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of these bungalows and flats have been used as guest accommodation for a long time against the rules;

(c) if so, what are the addresses of such bungalows and flats being used as guest accommodation; and

(d) what are the guidelines in this regard?

Conversion of properties from leasehold to freehold

1091. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, L&DO and DDA launched the schemes of conversion from leasehold to freehold of prime location properties and flats in Delhi and elsewhere;

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

(c) the dates on which these schemes were launched;

(d) the details of prime location properties, plot holders, flat holders and others benefitted under the schemes, scheme-wise; and

(e) whether the provisions of any law prohibit the change of floor of freehold flats to ground floor and if so, whether there is any proposal to amend those laws for the benefit fo divyangjan?

Level of open defecation

1092. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under the Swachh Bharat Mission Government is to construct 2.5 lakh community toilets, 2.6 lakh public toilets and a solid waste management facility in 4401 towns of the country in five years and if so, the details of the target achieved, till now; and

(b) whether the level of open defecation has gone up or down during the last five years with the construction of toilets, the details thereof?

Rise in metro fare

1093. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise metro fare;

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

(c) the formula for calculating the proposed enhancement; and

(d) whether it would discourage people to use the public transport?

Improvement of roads in metropolitan cities

1094. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to get a special study conducted about the existing condition and the annual maintenance schedule of main arterial roads of major metropolitan cities, in view of their very bad state of maintenance;

(b) whether there is any plan to take over the maintenance of these roads from the concerned municipal authorities and hand them over to CPWD or National Highway Authority or a new public sector undertaking for better maintenance and upkeep; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Houses in different Departmental Pools

1095. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of houses of different types in General Pool Accommodation in Delhi, type-wise and area-wise;

(b) the total number of such houses in different Departmental Pools, type-wise;

(c) the ratio of houses compared to General Pool *vis-a-vis* in Departmental Pool in different types in Delhi; and

(d) the number of vacant houses in different types in General Pool, as on date?

Status of AMRUT in Karnataka

1096. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) Scheme in Karnataka;

(b) the number of cities selected in that State and the funds released so far, under the scheme for developing these cities; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to expedite the work under the scheme?

Development partners in Swachh Bharat Mission

1097. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many development partners in Swachh Bharat Mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the role of such partners and how much financial aid from Asian Development Bank (ADB) is received for the Swachh Bharat Mission, the details thereof;

(c) what is the role and how much financial aid is received from United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for the Swachh Bharat Mission, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the role and how much financial aid received from the World Bank for the Mission, the details thereof?

Redevelopment plan of Delhi

†1098. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:
Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of areas of Delhi which have been notified in redevelopment plan;
- (b) the time-frame given to allottees of these areas to vacate the place;
- (c) whether there is any plan to start work simultaneously in all the areas; and
- (d) the amount likely to be given to these allottees for compulsory shifting?

Land census

1099. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister's Office has directed all the land owning agencies in the country such L&DO, DDA, DRDO etc. to initiate land census in the country to ascertain the quantum of ownership and encroachment;
- (b) whether any time line has been fixed for the agencies to reply; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the benefits expected from this drive?

Assistance to States under Nirbhaya Fund

1100. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation has sent a proposal on women safety for financial assistance under Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action contemplated by the Ministry on the above proposal, so far; and

(d) the status of assistance provided to various States under Nirbhaya Fund so far, State-wise and year-wise?

Gender budgeting concept

1101. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:
Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's efforts in implementing various women and child development programmes/schemes are hamstrung due to inadequate budget allocation amounting to a mere one per cent of total outlay with a stagnant share of gender budget allocations amounting to 5 per cent of outlay;

(b) whether the gender budgeting concept introduced in 2005 has not seen much headway with the current allocation remaining abysmally low and inadequate;

(c) whether Government expects NGOs and corporate sector to make up for the resource crunch, by coming forward to sponsor many of Government initiatives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Functional Anganwadi Centres in Rajasthan

1102. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN
SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister
of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Anganwadi and Mini-

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Angandwadi Centres which are functional in Rajasthan, as on date, district-wise;

(b) how many of them are having basic facilities like drinking water, toilets, buildings, kitchen, etc.; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to provide basic facilities in all the centres of the State?

Nutritious food to expecting mothers

1103. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to deal with the problem of expecting mothers and malnourished children in Odisha;

(b) the support/schemes proposed or assistance provided to States to tackle the issue; and

(c) the target date to ensure that nutritious food reaches expecting mothers and malnourished children in all the States?

Slow pace of schemes for safety of women

1104. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of schemes/measures for ensuring safety of women in the country are being implemented at a slow pace;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the present status of such schemes/measures; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for speedy implementation of the same?

Child marriages and underage deliveries in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1105. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems of child marriages and underage deliveries are serious in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) if so, what steps Government is taking to reverse such trends through developmental scheme, awareness programmes and regulatory measures?

Foster care scheme for orphan children

1106. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists or Government is planning to initiate a foster care scheme for orphan children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and what are the alternative living options for such children?

Details of Nirbhaya project

1107. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Nirbhaya project worth ₹ 79.6 crore was devised in the year 2015-16 for the safety of women; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and the amount spent, so far, and purposes thereof?

Malnourished children

1108. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that every third malnourished child of the world is in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that 150 million Indian children are at the risk of becoming malnourished as on date and out of the total infant mortality cases, 59 per cent are girls; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take for proper growth, development and survival of children in the country?

Payment for child births

1109. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child births during the last three years in the country;

(b) how many children died during delivery in these years; and

(c) how much money would be needed annually to pay these mothers ₹ 6,000 at the time of delivery as declared by the Prime Minister?

Beneficiaries of Nirbhaya Fund

1110. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries of 'Nirbhaya Fund' since its inception;

(b) the quantum of funds unutilized year-wise and the reasons for underutilization; and

(c) what specific steps have been taken by the Ministry to curb the menace of rape/molestation of women in the country?

Schemes for benefit of widows, destitute and aged women

1111. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey and research in recent times to have a census of widows, destitute women and aged women population in the country; and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is implementing any special schemes for the benefit of widows, destitute and aged women; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated during the last three years, year-wise in various States/UTs for various such schemes?

Rehabilitation of trafficked women and children from North East

1112. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trafficked women and children during 2015 and 2016 in the country, State-wise particularly in the States of North East; and

(b) the name of schemes/projects for rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration of trafficked women and children?

Gas stoves and cylinders for preparation of Mid-day meal

1113. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

preparation of mid-day meals at Anganwadi Centres is making adverse impact on the health of persons engaged in preparation of nutritious food using chulhas;

(b) whether Government would come forward to mitigate their problem by providing gas stoves and gas cylinders so that their health is not affected;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

State-wise grants for Anganwadis

1114. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the emoluments paid to Anganwadi Workers per month, State-wise; and

(b) the grants released therefor State-wise?

Income criteria for grant of widow pension

†1115. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) the income criteria of adult family members of a widow while considering her for pension, State-wise;

(b) whether the application of a widow could be approved in case the adult members of her family do not provide her subsistence allowance;

(c) when the amount of widow pension was prescribed and the details of proposals for amending it, in view of current trend of inflation;

(d) the details of steps taken to approve or reject the pension of a widow on the basis of her own income?

Cases of harassment of women

1116. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 41 per cent of Indian women face violence before the age of 19;

(b) whether it is also a fact that six per cent of females experience harassment before they are 10 years old;

(c) whether low conviction is responsible for rising crime on women; and

(d) if so, whether Government is considering to address this issue effectively?

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