

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

**Nuclear reactors at Kovvada built by
Westinhouse**

2721. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Westinghouse Electric, the company that was supposed to build nuclear reactors at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh has become bankrupt, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering the project proposals of other companies to build nuclear reactors there;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has started land acquisition on the site without holding a public hearing in violation of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013; and

(d) whether villagers have protested against acquisition of land for the project and if so, the details thereof?

**Nuclear power plants to reduce use of
fossil fuels**

2722. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up more nuclear power stations to curb the use of fossil fuels;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has undertaken survey to identify the locations for the proposed nuclear plants; and

(c) whether Government has taken a decision to understand the feelings of the people of any area before Government takes steps to set up nuclear plants, if so, the details thereof?

**Commissioning of Unit-3 of
Kudankulam NPP**

2723. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has analyzed the reasons behind the delay in commissioning of Unit-3 of nuclear power plant (NPP) at Kudankulam, if so, the details thereof;

(b) by what time, it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) the details of reasons behind lesser production from the first two units of Kudankulam NPP?

**Establishment of eight additional
power reactors**

†2724. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accorded in-principle site approval for the establishment of eight additional nuclear power reactors of 6800 Megawatt capacity, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Department of Atomic Energy has set a target of achieving installed capacity of 20,000 Megawatt of nuclear energy by 2020 with internal resources and foreign collaborations under the nuclear energy programme and if so, the details thereof?

Improving connectivity in Manipur

2725. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a working group on Improvement and Development of

Transport Infrastructure in the North-East under the National Transport Development Policy Committee has submitted a report;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations for improving connectivity in the North-East with special focus on Manipur; and

(c) whether the Ministry has started/proposes to start any project for transport infrastructure in Manipur on line with those recommendations under NLCPR and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Protection of boundaries of Arunachal
Pradesh**

2726. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has been claiming Arunachal Pradesh as their territory and has renamed some of the places in that States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any dialogue has taken place between the two countries in this regard to protect the boundaries of that State and if so, the details thereof?

India-Japan nuclear agreement

2727. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the landmark India-Japan civil nuclear agreement has come into force, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the agreement would provide an enhanced cooperation in energy security and clean energy and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Work on economic corridor

2728. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked China to stop work on its 'economic corridor' passing through Pakistan, Occupied Kashmir (PoK);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Chinese Government thereto; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to be taken by Government in case China does not pay heed to our request?

Indian migrant labourers held in prisons

2729. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian migrant labourers presently held in the prisons of eighteen countries of West Asia and the reasons for which they are being held country-wise;

(b) the number of complaints received by the Indian Missions located in those countries regarding the migrant labourers, country-wise; and

(c) the actions taken by the Indian Missions in those cases?

Visa to mother of Kulbhushan Jadhav

2730. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has written to the Government of Pakistan to grant Visa to mother of Kulbhushan Jadhav if so, the

details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what has been the reply from the Government of Pakistan;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to seek consular access for Kulbhushan Jadhav; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of such steps?

Indians in foreign prisons

2731. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian nationals lodged in foreign prisons convicted and under trials, domicile-wise, gender-wise, offence-wise and category-wise;

(b) the total number of applications for repatriation received and the total number of Indian nationals repatriated from foreign prisons since the enactment of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act, 2003;

(c) the number of countries with which India has bilateral agreements in regard to repatriation of prisoners; and

(d) the details of inter-ministerial process of interaction between different Ministries and Departments within Government and the average time taken to process such repatriation requests?

Inclusion of India in NSG

2732. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to America and Netherland, any discussion was held about including India in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Declaring Syed Salahuddin as global terrorist

2733. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hizbul Mujahideen leader Syed Salahuddin has recently been declared as specially designated global terrorist by Government of United States of America, on a specific request from Indian Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its effects on the activities of Salahuddin;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Salahuddin was emboldened enough to participate soon thereafter in a television interview where he leisurely promised more terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Talks during G-20 Summit

2734. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India exercised, major influence on counter-terrorism, held talks on trade investment and migration at G-20 Summit;

(b) whether the fate of IT people, who have been displaced due to impact, of United States of America's present policies seeking jobs in their countries figured in the talks; and

(c) if so, the reaction of those countries to provide job opportunities to our IT people?

Belt and Road Initiative of China

2735. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China which aims to link Asia with Europe for trade and other exchanges, represents an opportunity for India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even if some portion of what is proposed in the BRI is implemented, it would markedly change the economic and strategic landscape within which we operate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Meeting with Foreign Secretary of Sri Lanka

2736. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary met his Lankan counterpart recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the issues of attacks on Indian Tamil fishermen were taken up during the discussions, and if so, the details thereof?

Indians imprisoned and dying abroad

2737. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imprisoned Indians including fishermen who died abroad during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has taken up the matter with the authorities of the respective countries;

(c) whether the autopsies of dead bodies of the imprisoned Indians were conducted by the authorities concerned and if so, the findings thereof, case-wise; and

(d) whether the mortal remains of all those who have died have been brought back to the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, case-wise?

Increase in business with China

2738. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite growing tensions between India and China, there is an increase in doing business with China in as much as several Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) worth over ₹ 10,000 crore have been signed/executed by Public Sector Units (PSUs) in various States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Chinese vendors have captured 49 per cent of the Indian mobile handset market and Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi, despite reports of data security breaches by the IAF, alone would generate \$2 billion revenue from its operations in India this year, if so, the details thereof?

Abduction and conversion of Hindu girls

†2739. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindu girls are being abducted and converted in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has taken any steps in this regard; and

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

Low cost houses for poor and slum dwellers

2740. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor and slum dwellers in the urban areas/cities of the country are provided/being provided low-cost houses under various schemes of Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the intended beneficiaries/allottees do not occupy their houses and keep them vacant;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for keeping their houses unoccupied; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to stipulate any timeline for occupying the houses by the allottees or otherwise to identify the persons/people waiting for allotment of such houses?

Illegal jeans dying factories in Delhi

†2741. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that illegal jeans dying factories are being operated in various residential areas of Delhi, particularly in Shiv Vihar in North East Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the chemicals and contaminated water flowing out of such factories are causing cancer and other deadly diseases to the public and also contaminating the groundwater; and

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(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Sanitation ranking of NDMC of Delhi

†2742. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the sanitation ranking of Lutyen's Delhi-NDMC has gone down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the lacunae in the steps taken to improve this ranking and the details of steps taken to do away with them;

(c) whether any action has been taken against any employee for negligence towards sanitation; and

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

Surrendering of DDA houses

†2743. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) the number of old houses included in Delhi Development Authority (DDA) Housing Scheme, 2017 which were

surrendered by allottees because of deficiencies during the previous schemes;

(b) the improvements made and the repairs undertaken of such houses during 2014 to 2017 so that successful allottees of the current scheme do not surrender the houses; and

(c) whether the financial penalty proposed to be imposed on allottees for surrendering the houses in the current scheme is an attempt to forcibly handed over rejected houses to successful allottees revealing the shortcomings of DDA?

Assistance under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme

†2744. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana;

(b) whether Government has any record related to financial assistance provided during the last two years under the Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase financial assistance under the scheme?

Land Pooling Policy in Delhi

2745. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently declared 89 villages as urbanizable areas and 95 villages as development area of DDA thus paving the way for implementation of Land Pooling Policy

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(LPP) in Delhi and if so, the names of these villages;

(b) by when DDA would notify the rules and regulations for implementation of Land Pooling Policy in Delhi and announce the operationalisation of LPP; and

(c) whether Government would expedite the issue of notification of rules and regulations and operationalisation of the policy soon as a substantial time has already lapsed since the policy was notified in 2013?

Progress of smart cities

2746. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any monitoring mechanism to evaluate the progress of smart cities selected under Phase-I;

(b) if so, the current state of physical progress;

(c) whether Government has any plan to advance the time-limit for completion of works identified for Phase-I cities as has been done in case of New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of integrated sub-cities in Delhi

2747. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has invited bids for development

of three integrated sub-cities in NCT of Delhi and for development works along Yamuna Bank, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of sub-cities, area to be covered, smart features, etc.; and

(c) the details regarding the total estimated cost involved in these projects and the schedule of their completion?

Housing deficit

2748. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current housing deficit in the country stands at 19 million units, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the interventions that Government has made to overcome this huge deficit?

Assessment of increase in metro rail fare

†2749. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified various destination areas in the National Capital Territory before raising the metro rail fare and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether increase in fare would affect the poor, the lower middle class and the students; and

(c) if so, whether Government has made any impact assessment of increase in metro rail fare on commuters of various backgrounds residing in National Capital Territory and if so, the details thereof?

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Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

2750. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started rehabilitation of slum dwellers under PMAY-U across the country including Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is facing any difficulty in resettling the slum dwellers under this project due to non-availability of suitable land in all the States including Tamil Nadu, and if so, the details thereof?

Housing, sanitation and lavatory facilities to urban poor

2751. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of homeless urban poor, category-wise, SC, ST and others and State-wise;

(b) the total number of urban poor households without any sanitation facility, category-wise, SC, ST and others and State-wise;

(c) the total number of urban poor households without toilets, category-wise, SC, ST and others and State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide housing, sanitation and lavatory facilities to urban poor during last two years and outcome thereof, State-wise?

Infrastructure development schemes

2752. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of urban and

infrastructure development schemes running or proposed to begin in the country including the small and medium towns/cities, State-wise;

(b) the proposals received by Government during the last three years and the current year, so far, under the schemes, city and State-wise;

(c) the proposals cleared, the funds sanctioned and the works undertaken under the schemes during the above period, city and State-wise; and

(d) the proposals that are lying pending, city and State-wise and by when these pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

Funds for smart cities

2753. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned/ released for development of smart cities, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to include more cities in the list of cities to be developed as smart cities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring any change in the criteria for selection of smart cities and if so, the details thereof?

Private investment in PMAY

2754. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for modification in the guidelines for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) to invite private investment in the project;

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

(c) the number of houses which have been constructed during the last three years, including the current year, under the Housing for All scheme?

Houses to urban poor in Rajasthan

†2755. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has formulated any action plan to provide houses to the urban poor in Rajasthan during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the population of urban poor in that State and by when houses would be provided to them?

Perspective plan for engineering courses

2756. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has asked States to submit a 10 year perspective plan for engineering courses, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of vacant seats in engineering colleges is increasing across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

New degree colleges in Himachal Pradesh

2757. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government for opening new degree colleges ;

(b) whether Government proposes to open new degree colleges in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Asha project in NIOS

2758. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

(a) whether Government has any data about the Asha project started in National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);

(b) whether Government has any data of the staff employed in Asha project in NIOS in the country;

(c) whether NIOS has finalised the Asha staff in all the States for the Asha project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Continuing literacy programme

2759. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

- (a) the States in which the continuing literacy programme is going on;
- (b) the funds earmarked for the programme during 2017-18; and
- (c) the initiatives Government would take to implement skill upgradation and vocational training programmes under the programme in States like Maharashtra?

Quality improvement programme in technical education

2760. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have started quality improvement programme in technical education to impart training to teachers of engineering colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any study has been made to know the extent to which the training has helped better knowledge transfer from lecturers to students, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the focus on research and development and innovative techniques have improved after training for the lecturers and if so, the details thereof?

Dubious applicants under NEET

2761. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) aspirants are claiming domicile of multiple States in order to improve their chances in State Government colleges, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the list of such dubious applicants are with Government; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Packed food for students under MDMS

2762. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to replace the present freshly cooked food with that of the packed food for the students under Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) if so, by when Government proposes to switch over to the supply of packed food system;
- (c) what would be the time gap between the preparation and packaging of food and its supply for actual consumption by students; and
- (d) the details of companies which have come forward for providing packaged food and what would be the procedure for awarding the contract?

Treating skill development courses as higher education

2763. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to treat long term skill development courses as higher education for the purpose of calculating the country's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER);

(b) whether it is also a fact that GER in higher education in the country is calculated for the age group of 18-23 years; and

(c) whether the inclusion of skill courses in GER calculation is not expected to bring in significant improvement in higher education data immediately, if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for new IIMs and IITs

2764. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed five new IIMs and IITs in the budget for the FY 2014-15 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps in this regards and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the proposed IIMs and IITs along with their status, as of now, State/UT-wise?

Proposal for school of planning and architecture

†2765. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Chhattisgarh for setting up a school of planning and architecture in the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry is actively considering this proposal and if so, the details thereof and by when the said school is proposed to be set up?

Opening of Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas in MCDs

2766. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas established in Minority Concentrated Districts (MCDs), district-wise;

(b) the number of national institutes established in MCDs, district-wise;

(c) whether a Committee headed by Afzal Amanullah has recommended setting up a three tier educational system for minorities comprising of central schools in MCDs, community colleges and national institutes;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has accepted the recommendations and the same would be implemented;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Muslims continue to lag behind on education indicators and if so, the reasons therefor?

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Ranking of colleges

2767. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of methodology adopted for ranking of colleges by the Ministry;
- (b) the details of prominent colleges which did not participate in the process of ranking of colleges;
- (c) the details of colleges from Rajasthan in the list of top 50 colleges; and
- (d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to make qualitative improvements in the education standards in colleges, especially in Rajasthan?

Closure of engineering colleges in Maharashtra

2768. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council for Technical Education has recently closed many engineering colleges in Maharashtra and other States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise and the reasons therefor?

New KVs and JNVs in Telangana

2769. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any request from the State of Telangana to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the State including in the newly created 21 districts, if so, the details thereof; and

- (b) the total number of KVs/JNVs presently existing in the State?

Books in regional language

2770. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government has received any information and taken any steps for not giving the text books for standard 10th in the regional languages including Gujarati for the examination in April, 2017, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Permanent and contractual staff in NIOS

2771. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formed any rule which allows to pay pension as well as consultancy in the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS);
- (b) the details of the permanent and contractual staff in NIOS, State-wise;
- (c) the details of incharge Regional Director's working at regional offices in the country; and
- (d) the details of work distribution and responsibilities at NIOS Head quarter and at Regional Offices, State-wise?

Deficiency of funds under SSA

2772. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any gap between Ministry's estimated resource demand

under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for 2017 and the allocated funds towards SSA for the aforesaid period; and

(b) if so, whether any alternate funding mechanism is proposed to fill the deficiency?

Standards of schools under RTE Act

2773. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the detailed estimate of funds needed for bringing up the schools to the standards mandated under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years towards bringing the schools to the mandated standards, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any concrete proposals and timelines for allocation of additional funds to address under allocation of funds in the budget, if any?

Right to Education Act for minority institutions

2774. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institutions that are enjoying 'Minority Institution' status, State-wise;

(b) the details of institutions that are enjoying 'Minority Institution' status under linguistic minority tag as per Article 30(1) of the Constitution;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the religious institutions are exempted from the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act;

(d) if so, whether linguistic minorities also enjoy the same facility; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor in spite of Article 30(1) which protects the interests of linguistic minorities?

Exemptions for linguistic minorities under RTE Act

2775. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of institutions that have been exempted before and after Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act (RTE), State-wise;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that in many States linguistic minorities are deprived of exemptions under RTE in spite of the fact that Article 30(1) is applicable to both the linguistic and religious minorities; and

(c) the manner in which the Ministry is protecting the constitutional rights of linguistic minorities under Article 30(1)?

Infrastructure of KVs, JNVs and KGBVs in Manipur

2776. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in Manipur;

(b) whether the infrastructure of those Vidyalayas are very poor and if so, the details thereof and the plans of the Ministry for their improvement; and

(c) whether there is any plan to set up more such Vidyalayas in the State and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey for quality of education in Government schools

2777. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether any survey has been made to find out improvement in quality of education in Government schools in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons for poor quality of education among students in Government schools as compared to private schools; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed by Government in this regard?

Benefits of Pay Commission to employees of KVS and NVS

2778. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in spite of orders issued by the Ministry of Finance for extending the Seventh Pay Commission recommendations to the employees of Autonomous Bodies, the staffs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) have been denied its benefits;

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

(c) whether any effort has been made to implement the said recommendations to KVS and NVS employees;

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

(e) by when it would be implemented in KVS and NVS including disbursal of arrears?

Toilets for girls in schools

2779. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lack of toilets for girls' schools in the country is the main reasons for drop-out rate of girls in schools;

(b) what is the status of building toilets for women and girls in schools; and

(c) the time-frame by when they would get proper toilets?

Single higher education regulator

2780. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to replace the UGC and the All India Council of Technical Education with a single higher education regulator, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to eliminate overlap in jurisdiction of two bodies and to remove irrelevant regulatory provisions?

Common entrance test for teachers

2781. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed common entrance test for teachers would incorporate different linguistic and cultural conditions in the country; and

(b) if so, on what parameters these teachers would be adjudged?

Meetings of Committee on Official Language

†2782. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of meetings held by the Committee on Official Language Implementation and Advisory Committee from the year 2014 till date with reference to annual programme issued by department of Official Language of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the replies to letters in Hindi and English originally received in English and the total number of remarks made and letters written by head of the Ministry in Hindi and English respectively?

Quality education and skills for engineers

2783. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 60 per cent of the eight lakh engineers graduating from technical institutions across the country every year remain unemployed;

(b) if so, the percentage of engineering graduates unemployed in the country;

(c) whether the corporate sector often complains that most of the engineering graduates in the country do not get the necessary skills and talent; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to ensure quality education with required skill and talent in engineering courses across the country?

Timeline of Higher Education Financing Agency

2784 SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has missed the operational timeline of the Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) during 2016-17, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what would be the strategy for fund raising for HEFA?

Improving education System

2785. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of students getting education from Government Schools do not have the required knowledge and skills;

(b) whether the present Government school courses do not meet the practical requirements and expectations of the current education system and needs changes; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of steps taken by Government in this regard to improve the education system?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National Eligibility Test

2786. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has now decided to conduct the National Eligibility Test (NET) once in a year instead of twice;

(b) if so, the pass percentage of students who took NET exam earlier;

(c) whether the pass percentage would increase if it is held once in a year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Skill training centres through NIOS

2787. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) would train handicraft workers belonging to the Scheduled Castes; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NIOS would set up the skill training centres in many parts of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Funds for primary education

2788. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds for primary education has been reduced during the last three years and if so, reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the details thereof and the percentage of budget allocated therefor during those years?

Suicides among engineering students

2789. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming rise in the number of suicides among engineering students in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has launched any inquiry into the matter;

(c) the reasons behind young students resorting to suicide;

(d) whether there is a problem with the curriculum of the colleges; and

(e) the details of number of suicides during the last three years, State-wise?

Nutrition value of food under MDMS

2790. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of ₹ 3.76 per day per child for primary stage and ₹ 5.64 per day per child for upper primary stage would be able to provide sufficient food under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);

(b) the manner in which the nutrition value of meals provided to the school children under MDMS is measured; and

(c) the calorie count fixed by the medical boards for each child per day and the calorie count provided through the mid day meals to each child of all stages?

Rankings of education institutes

‡2791. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released the India Rankings 2017 for educational institutes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India Rankings, 2017 is committed towards bringing about change in the quality of education for the students of the entire country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shortcomings in SSA

2792. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed any shortcomings in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of measures taken to improve the pupil-teacher ratio to achieve the objectives of SSA; and

(c) the details of findings of the independent study commissioned for assessing the present status of school drop-outs and the action taken by Government thereon?

Facilitating internships for students by AICTE

2793. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has signed an agreement to facilitate internships for

Indian students, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the AICTE is set to mandate internships for all students enrolled in institutions recognized by it in a bid to enhance the employability of students, if so, the details thereof?

Vacant posts of teachers in Maharashtra

‡2794. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Right to Education Forum more than five lakh posts of teachers are vacant in the country including Maharashtra whereas 6.6 lakh of teachers require training and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the total number of posts of teachers and principals sanctioned and vacant in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country including Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts?

Pensionary benefits to JNV teachers

2795. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) where Government has any proposal to resume the pensionary benefit to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) teachers as it was there earlier, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details regarding the financial and legal lacunae, if any?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Earn While Learn Scheme

‡2796. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to provide jobs to youths under 'Earn While Learn' Scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard; and

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

Digitization of Cable TV in Andhra Pradesh

2797. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry requesting to extend Phase-III and IV of Cable TV Digitization by two more years that is upto December, 2018 in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Ministry on the same?

Misuse of permissions by channels

2798. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the permissions are being misused by channel in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is security threat/violation by giving sub-contract of channel permissions by the registered service providers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to control service providers?

Withdrawal of issue of annual certificates to channels

2799. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the issuing of annual certificates to television channels has been withdrawn in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken to control those channels who have stopped the service?

Expenditure on advertisements by Ministries

2800. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by Government on advertising and visual publicity during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount spent on advertisement and visual publicity, Ministry-wise; and

(c) the total amount spent by public sector organisations on Government schemes for advertisement and visual publicity?

Digital addressable system

2801. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has become the first State in the country to receive the digital addressable system, if so, the details in this regard; and

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether any request has been received from Governments of Bihar and Jharkhand in this regard?

Effects of GST on small budget films

2802. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently introduced GST would push up the cost of exhibition of films and affect the screening of small budget films; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider measures to promote small budget films and documentaries and also to ensure their screening in theatres?

Compliance with directions of Department of Official Language on advertisements

†2803. DR. SATYANARAYANJATIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the Ministry-wise advertisements given to newspapers, magazines, hoardings-banners and electronic media in Hindi, English and regional languages every year starting from 2014-15 along with their respective amount and the reasons for complying or not complying with the directions regarding advertisements issued by the department of official language, Ministry of Home Affairs, every year?

Non-implementation of CAT orders

2804. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large

number of judicial orders of Central Administrative Tribunals (CATs) are not being implemented by the Ministry and its subordinate offices;

(b) if so, the details of such cases along with the reasons for not implementing the orders; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the orders which are five years old?

Grant of permission to FM radios

2805. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FM radios which have been given permission and are functioning in the country;

(b) the number of private FM channels given permission in Kerala;

(c) the conditions required to run an FM radio channel;

(d) the mechanism in place to check the content of an FM radio channel;

(e) whether any complaint has been raised against FM radio channels for vulgar and objectionable content and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the names of FM radio channels given show-cause notices for broadcasting defamatory or derogatory comments?

Launching of health care channel

2806. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that separate television channels for almost every field have already been launched;

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(b) whether Government has plans to launch a healthcare channel for creating awareness among the public especially for the people of rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in public broadcasting

2807. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several committees, including the 2014 Sam Pitroda panel recommended structural reforms in public broadcasting, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a top panel of Secretaries had recommended to make public broadcasters, Doordarshan and All India Radio corporate entities to reduce their dependence on Government funds and give them elbow room to take decisions; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Grants to Prasar Bharati

2808. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of money spent by way of giving grants to Prasar Bharati during the last three years;

(b) whether the grants are mostly spent on meeting salary and related expenditure and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of employees whose salaries are paid through these grants and the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the expenditure

of remaining amount of the total grants given to Prasar Bharati?

Expenditure on advertisements

2809. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent on advertisements during the last three years under the heads—print publicity, audio/visual, outdoor publicity, exhibition, year-wise and Ministry-wise;

(b) whether there was an increase in Government spending on advertisements since the announcement of demonetisation *i.e.* 8th November, 2016 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of amount spent on promotion of digital transaction during the last three years, year-wise?

Recruitment rules of autonomous organisation

2810. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the autonomous organisations under the Central Government and the organisations registered under the Society Registration Act are free to change the Recruitment Rules (RR) at any point of time or they need to take approval from the Ministry in advance, the details thereof;

(b) in what manner the Ministry keeps a check on such organisations; and

(c) the provisions to check maneuvering in the name of governing board decisions as it has come to the notice in several organisations?

Procurement procedures of Kendriya Bhandar

2811. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of brands of basmati rice, pulses, mustard oil, sugar and atta purchased by Kendriya Bhandar in consumer packs together with their purchase and selling prices;

(b) the details of procedures adopted by Kendriya Bhandar procurement of these items;

(c) whether popular and branded haldi/lal mirch/haldi powder are not available in Kendriya Bhandar stores and consumers are forced to buy these items of unbranded and inferior quality; and

(d) by when popular and branded items would be made available in stores of Kendriya Bhandar?

Appointment of Lokpal

2812. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is unable to appoint Lokpal in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in their appointment; and

(c) by when Lokpal would be appointed for bringing more transparency in Government institutions?

Exchange of academicians and Government professionals

2813. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any serious thought on exchange of academicians working with the universities and scientific/technical research institutions and the professionals working with Government and PSUs at senior positions to derive the benefits of academics into the respective professional fields and *vice-versa*, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government has any plan to constitute a high-level working group to develop upon this issue and make recommendations, if not, the reasons therefor?

Drawal of facilities from subordinate offices

2814. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Ministries are drawing staff, cars and other facilities from their Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), subordinate and other offices thereby causing a huge financial burden on these organisations;

(b) whether Ministry would seek details from all Ministries of such facilities being used in their respective Ministries, in the offices of Ministers and other dignitaries as their personal staff or otherwise;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that Ministries meet their requirement of staff and other facilities from their own resources; and

(d) whether drawing such facilities from PSUs is admissible under the rules?

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to fill up these vacancies?

Return of examination fee

†2815. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fee charged from candidates for examination to fill Government appointments published through advertisements by various departments is not refunded in case the appointments for the posts are cancelled due to any reasons;

(b) the number of cases in the country wherein fee charged from candidates was not refunded in case of cancellation of appointments; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider a proposal to charge fee only from those candidates who get new Government appointments so that unemployed candidates are not put under a financial burden?

Vacancies in OBC category

2816. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine key departments have a large number of unfilled vacancies in OBC category totaling to about 11,000, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to fill up these vacancies; and

Submission of immovable assets by IAS officers

2817. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of IAS officers have failed to submit details of their immovable assets to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, service and cadre-wise; and

(c) the corrective steps, including denying promotion and empanelment, taken by Government in this regard to ensure strict implementation of rules in this regard?

Contractual appointments in Government Departments

2818. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired Government employees are being re-appointed on contractual basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions and the remunerations, benefits/facilities provided to them;

(c) whether the retired officers appointed on contractual basis could be given higher ranks and salaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the interests of the unretired serving employees who are eligible to higher posts are protected?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Posting of law officers in Ministries

2819. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for posting of law officers in the Ministries/ Departments;

(b) if so, the details of Ministries/ Departments which have approached the Government in this regard; and

(c) the action that has been taken, till date?

Cases of corruption

2820. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of corruption registered during the last two years by CBI;

(b) the number of traders, officials and politicians involved in them;

(c) the number of cases which are pending in courts and out of them the number of politicians, officials and businessmen facing charges; and

(d) in how many corruption cases, courts have issued judgements during these years and how many have been punished?

Administrative officers on Central deputation

2821. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific guidelines are there to determine the number of administrative officers who are placed on Central deputation from State cadres;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether any questions have been raised

about preferential treatment of certain State cadres and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of officers from West Bengal cadre deputed to the Centre during the last three years; and

(d) the number of IAS officers at the Centre, cadre-wise, till date?

Three year Action Agenda of NITI Aayog

2822. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of three year Action Agenda of NITI Aayog released recently;

(b) the manner in which NITI Aayog is concerned about introduction or non-introduction of Genetically Modified seeds in the country; and

(c) what is the role of NITI Aayog in the recently approved GM Mustard by Genetic Engineering Approval Committee?

Privatisation of select services in hospitals

2823. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to moot privatisation of select services in district hospitals of the country;

(b) whether Government has received any reply from the State Governments in this regard;

(c) the project proposals of Government under PPP model along with the funding details thereof; and

(d) the suggestions of Government for the poor patients and patients from BPL families?

Status of MoU signed by States

2824. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is contemplating on checking the status of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed by the States for various projects, as most of the MoUs have failed to take off and are only on paper;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Legislative reforms for generating jobs

2825. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to bring in legislative reforms in the area of tax and land in order to generate jobs;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any plans of Government to set up labour intensive industries and if so, the details thereof?

Ending poverty and other problems

2826. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has urged the United Nations to end poverty in all forms everywhere, ensure food security, achieve gender equality and empower women and girls, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that India had submitted a report on voluntary national review of the implementation of sustainable development goals, and if so, the details thereof?

Starting more skill training centres

2827. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to start more skill training centres with the support of NITI Aayog, top educational institutes and public and private sector companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for employment of skilled/trained workforce;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to increase the numbers of strategic partners for enhancing the capacity for skill training facilities in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and of the strategic partners in that State affiliated to NSDC and other arms of the Ministry?

Quality of training in ITIs

2828. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in various parts of the country for imparting industrial training to more and more youth

and developing their skills, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a need to improve the quality of training being provided by ITIs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Reduction in skill centres

2829. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of skill centres in the country, State-wise; and

(b) whether it is a fact that initially the Ministry had 12,000 skill centres in Phase-I and then reduced the number to 1,400, if so, the reasons therefor?

Skill development centres in Bihar

†2830. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skill development centres opened in Bihar, district and block-wise;

(b) the trades in which skill development training is being provided by these centres;

(c) whether Government has carried out any study to find out the effectiveness of skill development being provided through NGOs and to what extent it has reached to the ground level; and

(d) if so, whether it has also come to the notice that training provided by NGOs has remained just on papers?

Regional Directorates for apprenticeship training centres

†2831. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up more Regional Directorates for apprenticeship training centres during the current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to set up Regional Directorates for apprenticeship training office and if so, the details thereof?

Jobs under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

†2832. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the availability of jobs under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana is almost nil;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether any effort would be made to provide jobs along with training to the unemployed under the above scheme; and

(c) if not, the number of persons trained under the said scheme and the number of persons who got employment?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

New ITIs in Chhattisgarh

‡2833. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to establish new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the remote areas of Chhattisgarh to provide industrial training to maximum number of youth there and for their skill development and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of ITIs being run in remote areas of the State, at present, area-wise; and

(c) whether there is a need to improve the quality of training being imparted in these ITIs and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Shortfall of skilled trainers

2834. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lack of skilled trainers is proving to be the biggest impediment in the success of Skill India Initiatives; and

(b) if so, the estimated shortfall of skilled trainers in the country and the steps taken by Government to meet this shortfall?

Multi Skill Training Institutes

2835. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had planned for setting up of 1,500 Multi Skill Training Institutes across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of this proposal as well as the number of such institutes established till now, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has also been providing financial assistance to the States for this purpose;

(d) the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose; and

(e) the total number of beneficiaries under this programme since its inception, State-wise?

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

2836. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned a sum of ₹10,000 crore to the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in August, 2016 to train cumulatively 50 lakh apprentices by 2019-20;

(b) if so, the respective targets for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(c) the funds released for both these States to achieve the targets; and

(d) whether a monitoring cell has been set up in Vishakhapatnam to co-ordinate skill development activities, if so, the details thereof?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Establishment of Skill Universities

2837. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the States have submitted their views regarding establishment of Skill Universities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government has arrived at any conclusion after obtaining the views of the State Governments, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Registration of training partners under PMKVY

2838. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the registration of private partners/training partners (TPs) under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) has been closed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, along with the district-wise details in case of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the present procedure for registration of private partners/TPs under PMKVY;
- (d) the details of registration of private partners/TPs under PMKVY during 2017-18, State-wise and district-wise in case of UP; and
- (e) the details of steps Government would take to simplify the said registration in a time bound manner?

Skill development schemes of Ministries and Departments

2839. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes under skill development and entrepreneurship currently being implemented by Central Ministries/Departments;
- (b) the details of people trained under the Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) programme during the last two years and the current year and the credit linkage/financial assistance, if any, provided during the said period, State-wise; and
- (c) the amount of funds allocated to Maharashtra for the skill development during that period and the actual utilisation of funds?

Reservation for SCs/STs under skill development programmes

2840. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) the reservations provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under skill development programmes and the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe candidates provided training during the last three years;
- (b) the number of persons including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes provided job in Government and Non-Government Organisations after skill development training and the details of their average income/wages/remuneration; and

(c) the total number of organised workers including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes provided job during the last three years after providing special training?

Agreement with foreign countries for professional skill development

2841. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed agreements with some foreign countries for professional skill development in various sectors and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of persons who have been imparted professional skills and employed in the country and abroad, so far?

PMKVY in Rajasthan

†2842. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of training centres functioning under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of financial assistance given to such centres during the last three years; and

(c) whether there has been any report about fake candidates in these training centres and if so, details thereof, district-wise?

Blacklisting of NGOs

2843. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has blacklisted thirteen Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) across the country for violating guidelines under different schemes and committing irregularities;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to monitor proper fund utilisation and the corrective measures taken to weed out dissembled NGOs?

Disabled persons getting medical help

2844. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the percentage of disabled people in the country, at present, according to 2011 census;

(b) the number and the percentage of such people in the age groups of zero to five years and five to twenty years;

(c) the number of such people getting medical help, from both the groups;

(d) the number of those who have got no medical help so far; and

(e) the number of such people between age group of five to twenty years enrolled in educational institutions and continuing studies without dropping out?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Beneficiaries of grants under IPOP

2845. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether only 23,095 older persons were the beneficiaries of grants under the Integrate Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) scheme out of the estimated number of 116 million during 2016;

(b) in what manner the Ministry proposes to improve the number of individuals covered; and

(c) what is the time-frame that the Ministry has set in this regard?

Training institutes for physically challenged persons

2846. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the number of training institutes for physically challenged persons functioning in the country, at present, State-wise and location-wise, including Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to open more such institutes;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the same during the last two years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) by when new institutes are likely to be opened?

Making Government and public buildings disabled friendly

2847. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government has issued any notification to make all Government and public buildings compatible to ensure easy access to such buildings and toilets by the differently abled people in the country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to check the effective implementation of Government's order/notification in this regard; and

(c) whether there have been any violations by any of the departments or agencies in this regard and if so, what action Government has taken against them?

Developments under Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan

2848. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL Will the
Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of developments carried out as per the guidelines of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (SBA), State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has any grievance cell for the problems faced by the physically challenged persons at various places and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of complaints received by the Ministry since the enforcement of SBA guidelines along with the status of those complaints; and

(d) whether any penalty has been provided, if the guidelines under SBA are not being carried by companies, builders, institutes, offices, etc.?

Strategy to curb drug abuse

2849. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact despite the request of the Government, several States and UTs have not devised any strategy/ action plan to curb the drug abuse, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of States/UTs which have submitted their action plans; and

(c) the role of National Consultative Committee on De-addiction and Rehabilitation in prevention of drug abuse?

Sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes

2850. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any requests from the States for sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes in their States, particularly from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes is allowed as per the existing rules based on the requests from the State Governments?

National overseas scholarship for SC/ST/OBC students

2851. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of SC, ST and OBC students who received

national overseas scholarships during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned during that period; and

(c) the details of institutions where these students were admitted?

Benefits of twin disabilities

2852. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an employee having a disability of forty-one per cent which consists of twin disabilities of Ortho 28 per cent and ENT 18 per cent is entitled to all the benefits available to a disabled person under the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016;

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

(c) whether Government has received any representations from Punjab or any other States seeking clarifications in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the clarifications given thereon, representation-wise; and

(d) whether Government has referred this issue to some other Ministry for clarifications and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Construction of Social Welfare Hostels in Telangana

2853. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken thereon and if so, the details thereof?

Misuse of funds by NGOs

2854. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial grants to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the country for implementing various schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the monitoring mechanism for preventing misuse of funds by NGOs; and

(c) whether a number of NGOs have been found misusing the funds and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them?

Venus mission of ISRO

2855. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Venus mission is still a distant dream for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the launch would require around ₹ 9,000 crore; and

(c) whether initially Ten lakh rupees only have been sanctioned for the project, and if so, the reasons therefor?

Growth rate in different sectors

2856. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of services, manufacturing, mining and agriculture sectors during the last quarters of financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(b) the reasons for lower growth rate in the above sectors?

Adoption of UN Fundamental Principle of Official Statistics

2857. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics which have been adopted by Government;

(b) what has been the impact of adoption of these principles; and

(c) whether the same principles are being adopted by the State Governments, as well, if not, the reasons therefor?

Contribution of services sector in GDP

2858. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regular data on services sector which contributes over fifty seven per cent to its GDP is inadequate despite high growth and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is proposing to check administrative feasibility of a

regular annual survey of services and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has carried out any annual survey on services sector in six States based on the framework provided by the fifth Economic Census; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Broadening of scope of works under MPLADS

2859. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to broaden the scope of works permitted under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of status of works undertaken under the MPLAD scheme in Jharkhand and Gujarat during each of the last three years and the current year?

Selling of babies to buy meals

2860. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards media reports regarding poverty, forcing women to sell their babies to buy meals in Bihar, West Bengal and other parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to prevent recurrence of such cases in the country?

Working women hostels in Rajasthan

†2861. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and the details of hostels for working women in major cities of Rajasthan, district-wise at present; and

(b) whether Government proposes to open hostels/increase their number in major cities in view of the increasing demand of residences for working women in Rajasthan and if so, by when?

Exemption from GST on sanitary pads

2862. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that sanitary pads would be taxed at 12 per cent after the introduction of GST;

(b) if so, whether it would be affecting women;

(c) whether Government has any plans to exempt GST on sanitary pads and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any assessment of number of illnesses and deaths due to lack of access to sanitary napkins and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Domestic violence

2863. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp increase in percentage of domestic violence in different parts of the country during the last two years;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has recommended for tax exemption on the maintenance allowance for women who are victims of domestic violence, if so, the details thereof?

Capacity Building Programmes for National and State Women Commissions

2864. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has been engaging with State Women Commissions all over the country and if so, what has been the nature of such engagements and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry has given any thought to conduct Capacity Building Programmes for the Members of National as well as State Women Commissions and if not, the reasons therefor?

One Stop Centres

2865. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the One Stop Centres and the Help Lines for women in a State are meant to work in an integrated manner to provide access to integrated range of services including medical aid, police assistance, legal aid, counselling, temporary shelter and more over all case management of women in distress;

(b) if so, the details related to the number of One Stop Centers and Help Lines working in an integrated manner; and

(c) whether any assessment of their performance was conducted and if so, the results thereof?

Strike of Anganwadi Workers

2866. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) have been demanding a minimum salary of ₹ 10,000 per month and they remained on strike across the country recently for the same, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to fix a uniform salary for all AWWs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in Women's economic and governance indicators

2867. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra, one of the high performance State in terms of women's economic and governance indicators, has seen sharpest decline since 2005;

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

(c) the remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

Upgradation of AWCs under CSR

2868. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to make an appeal to corporate sector to spend a certain percentage under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for upgradation of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the corporate sector thereto?

Gender disparity

2869. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status regarding the gender disparity in the country, State-wise;

(b) the legislative action plan drawn to stop exploitation/harassment of women and prevent discrimination and gender disparity; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to overcome gender disparity and provide equal status to women in the country?

Participation of male in policy making for children

2870. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum was recently sent to the Prime Minister's Office mostly by fathers who had been separated from their children after a divorce, questioning why child welfare is only under the domain of a woman alone;

(b) whether they have demanded a separate Ministry for children, with men being stakeholders in the process of policy making for children;

(c) if so, what is Government's stand on the issue; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take to ensure better participation of men as a stakeholder in the process of policy making for children?

One Stop Sakhi Centres

2871. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of One Stop Sakhi Centres in the country, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up at least one centre in every district of the country;

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

(d) the total quantum of funds allocated till now to set up the centres, State and UT-wise?

Child marriages

2872. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India contributes to 33 per cent of the total number of child brides in the world;

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

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government for eliminating child marriages in the country?

Child sex ratio *vis-a-vis* crimes

2873. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the declining child sex ratio reflects increasing trend in the crime against girl child as compared to male children;

(b) if so, whether these crimes are more or less spread evenly among the major States or these are localised in certain States;

(c) if so, what are the basic reasons for localization of such crimes against female foetus; and

(d) what preventive measures are proposed to be taken in this regard?

Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund

2874. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not been able to properly utilise the Nirbhaya Fund for empowerment, safety and security of women;

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

(c) whether discrepancies/irregularities have been reported in the utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the guidelines/mechanisms put in place by Government for judicious utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund?

Review of National Plan of Action for Children, 2016

2875. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed implementation, monitoring and review system for National Plan of Action for Children (NPAC), 2016; and

(b) if so, the details of progress made in the areas such as constitution of National and State Level Coordination and Action Groups (NCAG and SCAG), development of data collection and analysis mechanism and decentralized child budgeting?

Cases pending in POCSO courts

2876. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that, as on July 31, 2016, figures by Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) showed that 4,274 cases were pending in 11 POCSO courts across Delhi and at the current rate, it may take 10 years to decide these cases; and

(b) whether the Ministry has comprehensive data for each State and UTs on the pendency and disposal of cases under the POCSO Act, Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act, 1956, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and if so, the details thereof?

Crime against children

2877. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received reports from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) under Section 44 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO) Act, 2012 read with Rule 6 of POCSO Rules, 2012, for the purpose enumerated in the provisions and if so, the details thereof and whether the monitoring has aided in bringing about improvement in the crime rates against children;

(b) whether NCPCR has prepared the annual reports for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 which includes the work done for protecting the children from sexual abuse; and

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

Features of IGMSY

2878. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) implemented by Government for pregnant and lactating women along with budgetary allocations made thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the funds released and utilisation reported along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of districts covered and likely to be covered under IGMSY, State/UT-wise, especially in Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to check utilisation of funds under IGMSY and make it more effective?

Abuse and assault on children

2879. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children abused and assaulted during the last three years;

(b) number of cases in which culprits have been apprehended during that period;

(c) the average time taken for delivering judgement in such a case; and

(d) the other ways that are sought by Government to save the children from such dastardly attacks?

Physical torture by employers

2880. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of teenage girls from Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, etc. are deployed as domestic help in the capital and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at work, these girls face a hazard-filled life with extreme hard work, unhygienic living conditions, insufficient and irregular wages and often physical torture by the employers; and
(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

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