

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

Survey of uranium deposits in Nallamala forest

1281. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department is all set to take up the survey of uranium deposits in Nallamala forest in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) whether the proposed survey has been cleared by the National Board for Wildlife and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the local villagers and tribals in the forest are opposing the survey as it impacts country's oldest tiger reserve and disturbs protected Indian primitive tribe, Chenchu; and

(e) if so, in what manner the Department is planning to go ahead in this regard?

Irradiation facilities for horticultural produces

1282. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has asked the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre to set up irradiation facilities in the country to deal with bumper production of onions, potatoes and other perishable produces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the shelf life of horticultural produces would be increased with the help of irradiation facilities and what would be the cost and who will bear it; and

(d) by what time, these facilitation centres would be established in all the major producing States?

Joint venture for generation of nuclear power in Tamil Nadu

1283. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether setting up of any joint venture has been proposed in Tamil Nadu for generation of nuclear power;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

New Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority Bill

1284. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department is in the process of drafting a new Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority Bill, as the previous Bill could not be passed in Parliament;
- (b) if so, the details of substantial changes proposed therein; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Environmental Impact Assessment for Neutrino Observatory project

1285. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department has sought a Category-A Environmental Impact Assessment for its India-based Neutrino Observatory project, in line with the National Green Tribunal (NGT) Order of March, 2017 which mandated it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of bilateral relation with Pakistan

1286. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that bilateral relations with Pakistan have been very tense during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether Government would review our relations with Pakistan in a fresh manner;
- (c) whether Government would have an all party discussion on this sensitive issue; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of India's relation with China

1287. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's relations with China have gone bad during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether Government would review our foreign strategy regarding relationship with neighbouring countries; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Difficulty in obtaining H-1B

1288. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian professionals are facing difficulties in obtaining H-1B visa;
- (b) whether share of India's IT firms for H-1B visa is reduced;

(c) if so, the percentage share of H-1B visa received by top IT companies in India during financial year 2015 and 2016 respectively; and

(d) whether Government is negotiating with United States of America to resolve H-1B visa issues for Indian professionals?

Bilateral agreements with Portugal

1289. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently visited Portugal and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the bilateral discussions pertaining to combating terrorism, curtailing dual taxes, nano technology, exchange of astronomical knowledge, climate study, establishment of start up industries etc., held with that country?

Security bridges with ASEAN countries

1290. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is building security bridges with other Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members; and

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

Fishermen and boats detained by Pakistan

1291. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has detained more than hundred Indian fishermen and eighteen fishing trawlers on 26th March, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up this issue with the Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indians in captivity in Mosul, Iraq

1292. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till now there are no traces of the Indians who were in captivity in Mosul, Iraq; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Taking up the matter of intrusion with Chinese Government

1293. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese army has intruded more than 120 times in Indian territory during May-June, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of Chinese intrusion during 2016 and 2017, so far, month-wise and response of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese authorities;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 (e) the details of the response of Chinese Government thereto?

H-1B Visa guidelines by USA

1294. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United States of America (USA) has issued two fresh H-1B guidelines which impact entry level computer programmers from India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that clarifications have been issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration services on the above guidelines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Chinese aggression along LAC

1295. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Chinese aggression along the Line of Actual Control (LAC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the action plan of Government; and

(c) how many times Chinese soldiers have introduced into Indian territory during the last three years, including the current year, year-wise?

Indian Passport for Tibetans

1296. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued any orders that Tibetans who are seeking Indian

Passport would need to leave their settlements and benefits which are available from Central Tibetan Administration; and

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

Permission for Mansarovar Yatra

1297. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:
 SHRI SANJIV KUMAR:
 SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has not given permission for the Indian Contingents to visit Kailash Mansarovar through Nathula Pass;

(b) if so, whether Chinese authorities have given any reasons for the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has found the same to be genuine; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take to resolve the stalemate?

Change of surname in Passports after marriage

1298. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to permit ladies to use their old surname in Passports even if they get married; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Outcome of PM's visit to Israel

1299. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the outcome of the Prime Minister's recent visit to Israel; and
- (b) its impact on India's relations with Palestine?

Indians in Qatar

1300. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that thousands of Indians in Qatar have become unemployed due to recent crisis there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for their rehabilitation on coming back to the country?

Indians attacked in foreign countries

1301. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any records of Indians who were attacked overseas during the last year;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any rule for this;
- (c) whether the Ministry has contacted the concerned country about Indian people getting attacked there; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Pakistani civil prisoners in Indian jails

1302. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has alleged that India had deliberately delayed the release of Pakistani civilian prisoners;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) the number of Pakistani prisoners released during the last one year and the current year and the number of prisoners still in Indian jails;
- (d) the number of Indian civilian prisoners released by Pakistan during the above period and the number of prisoners still languishing in Pakistani jails; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to get them released?

Demand of nurses in Great Britain

1303. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge demand of Indian nurses in Great Britain;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to send Indian nurses to that country to meet their shortage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the impact of large number of nurses leaving the country for serving in foreign countries including Great Britain?

Houses under PMAY

1304. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the target of 1.7 crore houses to be constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Government has, so far, approved only 18.76 lakh houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that States have been given the task to identify the beneficiaries and come up with a proposal to the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the total number of proposals received from State Governments in this regard?

Houses for urban poor

†1305. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is acting on a scheme which aims to provide houses to every urban poor during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether urban poor have been identified for successful implementation of this scheme in all States;

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

(e) the number of urban poor in Madhya Pradesh and by when it is proposed to provide houses to all the poor and the present status of progress in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Funding and investment pattern for Smart Cities

1306. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under the Smart Cities Mission, 80 per cent of the total funds, *i.e.* ₹ 1.31 lakh crore, would go into less than 3 per cent, 246 sq km of the total 9,065 sq km area of the mission cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the funding and investment pattern for the Smart Cities Mission?

MoUs for Development of cities

1307. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the details of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed with foreign companies/countries for the development of cities, under Smart City Mission, Swachh Bharat Mission and other urban development schemes recently; and

(b) the details of assistance received by Government in this regard, scheme-wise and company/country-wise along with the names of cities for which assistance has been received?

Multi level parking system in Delhi/ NCR

1308. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

proposal to set up 'Multilevel Parking System' in Delhi/NCR to solve the congestion problems;

(b) if so, the details of lay-out plan and organizational set up of the aforesaid proposal, if any; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

Assistance to Punjab under AMRUT

1309. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken up by the Central Government for sanctioning of ₹ 2,767 crore under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme for Punjab with a Central assistance of ₹ 1,225 crore;

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

(c) the details of measures taken by the Central and State Government for utilisation of the amount of ₹ 153.24 crore released to the State under AMRUT scheme?

Progress of Smart Cities Mission in Amritsar

1310. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures are being taken by Government for the progress of Smart Cities Mission sanctioned during the year 2015-16 for Amritsar; and

(b) the main reasons for continuous delay in completing this project?

Beneficiaries under Smart Cities Mission

1311. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) with regard to the Area Based Development (ABD) under the Smart Cities Mission, what is the estimated number of residents or population of the respective cities who are expected to be benefited under these projects;

(b) the percentage of population of cities they would represent and the socio-economic status of residents of this section of the cities;

(c) the per capita GDP of this section of the cities; and

(d) the estimated per person expenditure for this project, city-wise?

Strengthening of municipal system

1312. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the success of Swachh Bharat Mission is mainly dependent on strengthening the municipal system in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government therefor;

(c) whether Government has also taken adequate steps for strengthening the infrastructure of municipal system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Metro Rail projects in various cities

†1313. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) names of cities for which studies have been undertaken for Metro Rail projects;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the names of cities in which Metro Rail has already started running; and
- (d) whether the Metro Rail operating in Jaipur is getting expected revenue and ridership?

Notifications on RERA from States

1314. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received notifications from the States on the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA);
- (b) if so, the details of infrastructure and authorities set up in this regard;
- (c) the details regarding the present status and the applications received under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Government thereon and the implementations thereof by the nodal agencies?

Funds for sewage treatment plants in U.P.

†1315. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds provided to Uttar Pradesh Government under Swachh Bharat Mission and Waste Management during the last five years;
- (b) the quantum of funds provided for sewage treatment plants during that period, city-wise; and
- (c) the details of progress made there under?

Treatment of urban/rural sewage by STPs

1316. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage and the details of total sewage in urban and rural areas which is treated by Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs);
- (b) whether the figure is very low and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken or proposes to take steps to increase the quantum of sewage treated and if so, details thereof; and
- (d) the details of targets, if any, set for this in the near future?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Plan to decongest Delhi and other cities

1317. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of overcrowding/over-population in majority of urban areas in the country including Delhi and Mumbai and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to decongest over-populated urban areas including Delhi and Mumbai and also to address rural migration to urban areas; and

(c) the reasons for failure of the plan to decongest Delhi by developing ring towns?

Vacancies of ministerial cadres in CPWD

1318. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of vacancies of ministerial cadres in CPWD are not being filled regularly causing hardships to the staff as eligible persons are retired/being retired without getting their due promotions;

(b) if so, the vacancy position with sanctioned strength in respect of such staff during the last three years, post-wise on All India basis;

(c) the proposed time required for promoting the eligible staff against these vacancies; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against the officers for non-implementation of timely promotions?

Proposed school and baratghar in Aali Gram

†1319. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gazette Notification issued by D.D.A. *vide* letter No. F.3(32)96/MP/132-G dated 30th May and 30th March, 2016 through letter No.770 for the proposed 1.83 hectare land in Aali gram for school and baratghar under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana;

(b) the reasons for not allocating the above land to the concerned departments for the above works even after issuing Change of Land Use (CLU) and Gazette Notification of the above land; and

(c) by when the above land is proposed to be allocated by DDA, the details thereof?

Collection of dues from customers by construction companies

†1320. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to allow construction companies to charge money from customers only after completion of housing schemes;

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

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

Fund allocated for smart cities

1321. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated for

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construction of smart cities, State-wise and the details of smart cities sanctioned and the funds allocated for each city;

(b) when the construction of the smart cities was started, date-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Smart Cities Mission is progressing as per schedule; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

Development of a township at Kolar Gold Fields

1322. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal from Government of Karnataka for planning and development of a modern township at Kolar Gold Fields owned by Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML); and

(b) if so, what conditions the Central Government would put before approving such a proposal in view of the fact that this is a drought prone region, with significant bio-hazards due to mining in the past and that many other satellite townships continue to be established in the State without providing proper essential services for water, sewage disposal and waste management?

Land pooling scheme in States

†1323. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by the Central Government on the proposal of land pooling scheme proposed by Delhi Government;

(b) whether any plan has been formulated for this project by DDA and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of States where this scheme has been proposed besides the above?

Construction of toilets in slums and unauthorised colonies

1324. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

(a) whether the people residing in slums and unauthorised colonies in urban areas are being provided benefits of Government schemes for construction of toilets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilised for construction of toilets in slums and unauthorised colonies in urban areas?

Target of PMAY

1325. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to release grants to State Governments to achieve the target fixed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have requested the Central Government to expedite the proposals sent by them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is also

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considering to carry out the scheme in rural areas as well; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of RERA on realty sector

1326. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the introduction of the Real Estate (Development and Regulation) Act (RERA), the realty sector in the country has started facing an unprecedented slump;

(b) if so, whether any study regarding the impact of RERA has been done to gauge the health of the sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption and malgovernance in Local Bodies

1327. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2426 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 2014 and state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) have rampant corruption and mal-governance and in many cases, captured by vested interests like builders; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider reviewing 74th Constitution (Amendment) Act (Part IX-A) to structurally reform urban governance in view of the fact reforming urban governance, ensuring citizen participation and transparent use of public assets and money at the ULB level is missing in many cities?

Smart city features at Ghitorni, Delhi

1328. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to develop smart city features at Ghitorni, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would have residential complexes, office buildings and shopping malls;

(d) the details regarding the total cost involved and the pattern of funding;

(e) by what time the whole project is expected to be completed;

(f) whether any dedicated corridor would be developed to connect the main city; and

(g) if not, how the transport problem would be solved for the commuters?

Expenditure on smart cities

†1329. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent on construction/renovation/infrastructure of the sixty smart cities in the country after their announcement on the basis of the prescribed norms out of the ₹ 4.13 lakh crore allocated for the same; and

(b) the details of total amount spent on the smart cities, smart city-wise?

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House rental policy

1330. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would soon come out with a house rental policy, a component of the ambitious National Urban Rental Housing Policy, which would allow migrants in cities to take a house on rent from Government bodies and subsequently own them by paying the entire cost in easy installments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for implementing the scheme?

Satellite towns around major cities

1331. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create satellite towns around the major cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of existing satellite towns and the proposed new towns, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce special schemes and provide funds for setting up of such satellite towns in Gujarat and Jharkhand; and

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

Construction of quarters for Central Government employees

1332. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

suggestions for construction of quarters for Central Government employees in various States; and

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

Illegal possession of Government accommodation

†1333. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal possession of Government accommodations is still going on;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government proposes to take any steps to get them vacated; and

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

Progress of HRIDAY

1334. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

(a) the total funds allocated to the HRIDAY scheme, city-wise?

(b) whether new cities have been identified under the project;

(c) the progress made under the scheme and its details;

(d) whether the scheme would be completed by its intended target of November, 2018; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the new timeline for completion of the project?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Monitoring of learning outcomes of students

1335. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to monitor the learning outcomes of around 3 million students of classes 3, 5 and 8 of Government schools, through the latest edition of the National Achievement Survey to be launched by NCERT;

(b) whether the NCERT has planned to launch the survey in September and prepare its report based on findings, by December, 2017 itself;

(c) whether it is proposed to link the learning outcome of each student to his or her Aadhaar number and whether Government expects every student to possess an Aadhaar number by end-August, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Instructions related to internal financial resources of universities

†1336. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry is contemplating to withdraw the instructions issued to universities regarding generation of internal financial resources by the universities;

(b) the names of universities where students staged protest after issuance of such instructions;

(c) whether it is a fact that the protest after the instructions has affected the study work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of more resources for higher education

1337. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether allocating more resources or focusing more on higher education would solve some of the gripping issues faced by nation and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of education in the country?

Monitoring of drug addicted students by teachers and parents

1338. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has suggested teachers and parents on drug addicted students to watch out for erratic or deviant behaviour;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when a circular would be sent to the teachers and parents on this account to protect future generation from drug peddlers?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Colleges offering MBA courses

1339. SHRIMD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges both private and Government offering MBA courses in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total number of students graduating from these colleges during that period, year-wise;

(c) the total number of management students getting placed both from private and Government colleges, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase the employment ratio for MBAs?

Quality affidavits from B. Ed. colleges

1340. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued show-cause notice to nearly 4,000 B. Ed. colleges in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had asked quality affidavits from B. Ed. colleges and so far only 7,000 of them have submitted;

(c) whether the existing B. Ed. colleges would have to undergo a quality audit;

(d) whether it would be a zero year as far as opening of new B. Ed. colleges are concerned; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Collaboration with foreign universities

1341. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with top universities in foreign countries with Indian universities to have academic nexus and research activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make migration of students from Indian universities to foreign universities easy and *vice-versa* to have higher education/research pursuits?

Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences

1342. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission (UGC) plans to establish an Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose for which the centre is being established;

(c) whether UGC had constituted a panel to assess the feasibility of establishing an Inter-University Centre for Yogic Sciences;

(d) if so, whether the panel has submitted its report;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the universities shortlisted by the UGC for setting up yoga departments along with amount granted to each of them?

Education centres for children below 6 years age

†1343. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any plan for child centred education for the children aged 3 to 6 years on the lines of its commitment towards the education of children aged 6 to 14 years; and

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

Funds under various schemes for Manipur

1344. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA), the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan (RMSA) and the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) released to Manipur during the last three years, district-wise and year-wise;

(b) the names of schools and colleges constructed and the number of teachers appointed under those schemes;

(c) the details of funding, district-wise;

(d) whether teachers under the schemes get salaries at the end of months together and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether duplicate teachers work in many schools in the State and if so, the steps taken to prevent it?

Uniform fee for same courses in Delhi University

†1345. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that fee is being charged at different rates for the same course in different colleges of Delhi University;

(b) the details of the fee being charged by Delhi University, subject-wise and college-wise;

(c) whether it is justified to charge fee at different rates for the same course by different colleges and the steps taken in this direction to make it uniform; and

(d) the details thereof?

Depiction of Aksai Chin in NCERT Book

1346. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has decided to replace the map of East and South East Asia in the Class XII political science text book which depicted Aksai Chin as a disputed area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that decision was taken after online media highlighted

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the map on page 56 of the book under the heading Aksai Chin belongs to China; and

(d) whether the map on page 56 of the book is not a map of India, but a map of East and South East Asia?

Examination and valuation reforms in CBSE

1347. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has embarked on examination and valuation reforms for class X and class XII from 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CBSE proposes to hold examination for above classes in February instead of March next year; and

(d) if so, the need in this regard?

Kendriya Vidyalayas as model schools

1348. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to expand Kendriya Vidyalayas as model schools and extend it to poorer sections of society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to open more Kendriya Vidyalayas in unrepresented areas and/or districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed in this regard?

Unspent amount returned by Delhi University

†1349. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that University of Delhi could not spend the amount received from University Grants Commission/Ministry due to which it had to return the same; and

(b) the details of unspent amount returned to University Grants Commission/Ministry during the last three years?

Permission for distance learning courses

1350. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of recommendations of Prof. N. R. Madhava Menon Committee, the University Grants Commission proposes to permit only universities to offer and conduct distance learning programmes in India;

(b) whether stand alone institutes falling outside the ambit of AICTE could no longer run programme *via* distance mode and have to cease their operations as UGC's recognition would not be forthcoming;

(c) whether new rules stipulate that the study centres cannot be located outside the concerned university's jurisdiction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Suicides by students of IITs

1351. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of suicides committed by the students of IITs, during the last three years;
- (b) whether the number of suicides has increased;
- (c) whether the IITs have set up any committee to inquire into the causes of such suicides or otherwise addressed the issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Madhya Pradesh

†1352. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of functional Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Kendras/schools and the number of students present, in each district of Madhya Pradesh during the year 2016-17 and in the beginning of July, 2017; and
- (b) funds provided, total amount sanctioned, Centre's contribution and balance of amount to be paid under SSA of the State during the last two years, year-wise?

Provision of playgrounds in schools

†1353. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the actual status of the provisions made to materialise the concept

of playgrounds along with schools in public and private sector and its implementation?

Toilets in schools

†1354. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is determined to construct toilets for boys and girls in every school of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; ,
- (c) whether a separate provision has been made to construct toilets for differently-abled children in every school; and
- (d) if so, the number of schools in the country where toilets are yet to be constructed, the State-wise details thereof?

Scholarship to students from Islands and North-East

1355. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to offer scholarships to meritorious students of North-Eastern States applying for higher education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any report that Delhi University has taken initiatives to support such students from Islands and North-East; and
- (d) if so, the proposal of Government to encourage the students from remote area through special support to pursue higher education?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Yoga courses for students

†1356. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feels that Yoga should be taught as a main course of Health and Physical Education instead of partial education;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made in this regard;

(c) whether the National Curriculum Framework, 2005 had recommended to make Yoga as compulsory part of Health and Physical Education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the copy of the same; and

(e) the number of Yoga teachers working presently and the number of Yoga teachers that would be required after Yoga education is made compulsory, the details thereof?

NIOS examination in regional languages

1357. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the students giving exam in regional language in April, 2017 at National Institute of Open Schooling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for 10th and 12th standards?

Distribution of books by NIOS

1358. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the late distribution of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) text book for 10th and 12th standards for the examination in April, 2017;

(b) if so, the details of time table for text book distribution; and

(c) the details of the planning of text book distribution including placement of order, compilation of printing, details of distribution, receipt of the text book by the students?

SC/ST members in UGC

1359. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of members in the University Grants Commission (UGC); and

(b) the number of SC/ST members therein?

Delayed construction activity under RMSA

1360. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that due to cost difference in civil works a number of construction activities for school building are non-starter in many States including Tamil Nadu under the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);

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(b) whether Government is also aware that due to the cost difference the sanction made during the previous years from 2011-12 to 2013-14 is still pending; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve this problem?

Mandatory safety norms in schools

1361. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the mandatory safety norms that the schools need to follow in order to safeguard the students;

(b) the number of fatal accidents reported within the premises of schools due to negligence of school management in Delhi during the period starting from April, 2015 to January, 2017;

(c) whether the Ministry would consider cancel the permission of schools in such cases; and

(d) what other measures would the Ministry suggest in such cases in order to safeguard the children from meeting such accidents?

Ad-hoc and guest teachers in KVs of Himachal Pradesh

1362. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country including in Himachal Pradesh are on *ad-hoc* basis and guest teacher;

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

(c) whether Government has decided to fill up the vacancies of such teachers on permanent basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these teachers are likely to become permanent?

Vacancies of teachers and their absenteeism

1363. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of vacancies of teachers in Government schools;

(b) the initiatives taken by Government to fill up these vacancies in the absence of a Teacher Recruitment Commission;

(c) the percentage of teacher absenteeism in such schools; and

(d) the initiative taken by Government to curb teacher absenteeism?

Permanent building for KVs in Telangana

1364. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in Telangana do not have permanent school buildings;

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

(c) since how long each of the above

KV is running from a private/other building;

(d) by when a permanent building for each of the above KV is going to be built; and

(e) the funds sanctioned for 2017-18 for construction of permanent KV school buildings, with a particular reference to Telangana?

Scholarship and fee for Ph.D. programme at IISER

1365. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fee for Ph.D. programme at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) has been increased by more than three times;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the research scholarship for Ph.D. programme has been reduced; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider restoring back the scholarship and review the fee structure which is depriving the deserving poor students who are unable to continue their studies at the Institute due to the fee hike?

Acting principals in DU colleges

1366. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Colleges under University of Delhi are being run by Acting Principal since last several months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that University of Delhi is delaying the approval of the present Acting Principals of Bharati College without any plausible reasons;

(c) whether the delay is on the part of University of Delhi, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the responsible officials for according approval in University of Delhi in such matters?

Leakage of chemical near a school in Delhi

1367. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 300 girl students had recently fallen ill after leakage of chemical from a container depot in the National Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action Government has taken thereon;

(d) whether Government proposes to shift those schools which are located near hazardous places in the country; and

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

People with bogus degree

1368. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any measures to check the bogus degree/Ph.D. rackets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any cases of people holding bogus degrees/ Ph.Ds, doing teaching jobs in higher education institutions/universities have been reported during the last three years; and

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

Seats for girls in IITs

1369. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to create 20 per cent supernumerary seats for girls in Indian Institute of Technology (IIT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 20 per cent increase would not be done in one go and girls have to wait for about 4-5 years;

(d) what constraints the Ministry has in providing additional 20 per cent seats in one go; and

(e) the recommendation made by the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Director, IIT, Madras, on the above issue?

Enrolment ratio of girl students at higher secondary stage

1370. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment ratio of girl students at the higher secondary stage is coming down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently conducted any survey to find this out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to increase this ratio?

Depiction of Aksai Chin as part of China

1371. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has shown Aksai Chin as part of China in page 56 of XII Political Science Book;

(b) the manner in which NCERT's clarification is justified when it says that the map is of East and Southeast Asia and not of India;

(c) whether Aksai Chin could be shown as part of China if the map is of East and Southeast Asia and would be shown as part of India if it is India's map; and

(d) the action Ministry has taken against officials concerned for this grave mistake and 'blatant' justification for their mistake?

Fund for model schools

1372. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government has not released funds for the model schools in various States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of dues pending during the last three years, State-wise, particularly for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Closure of schools in Andhra Pradesh

1373. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has given order to close 3,778 primary and 2,384 upper primary schools thereby depriving nearly one lakh students to abandon their education;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government has closed down 2,825 schools in 2015 in the name of clusterisation or rationalization or consolidation;

(c) whether it defeats the objectives of SSA and RTE which aims to get 100 per cent education at the primary and upper primary education; and

(d) the steps Government would take to reopen all the schools?

Moderation process of CBSE and other boards

1374. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that this year a lack of consensus among several boards and the intervention of the Delhi High Court has created a disparity among the marks secured, as few boards have released the result without moderation and few with moderation;

(b) the steps taken to provide relief to the students whose percentage was impacted without moderation, as they would compete for admissions with students who secured marks with moderation; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that repetition of such grave disparity does not happen again which risks students future?

Restriction of re-evaluation options by CBSE

1375. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE had come out with a notification which restricted the re-evaluation options available to students;

(b) if so, the rationale for restricting re-evaluation in a particular subject to 10 theory questions only;

(c) the manner in which a student is expected to choose these 10 questions;

(d) whether they would be chosen by evaluators randomly;

(e) the rationale for reflecting increased marks in mark sheets only if there is an increase of five or more marks; and

(f) whether CBSE would revisit the notification in light of Delhi High Court order, if so, the details thereof?

Formulation of New Education Policy

1376. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the New Education Policy would be out;

(b) what further steps need to be taken/ are being taken for formulation of the Policy;

(c) the reasons for the delay in implementation of the report of the Committee for Evaluation of the Policy; and

(d) whether the Ministry has accepted the recommendations of the report?

Less candidates for NET examination

1377. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of candidates for the UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) examination was less this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is also considering to conduct the UGC-NET examination twice in a year or once; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Target of Prime Ministers Special Scholarship Scheme

1378. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a Prime Ministers Special Scholarship Scheme for students;

(b) the target of the scheme during 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the achievements in numbers; and

(c) the number of students from Jammu and Kashmir benefited from this scheme?

Land for new university in Manipur

1379. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government formed any new university in North East region;

(b) if so, the area of land acquired for the university in Manipur; and

(c) whether Government has finalised any date for completion of this university?

Vacant seats in IITs

1380. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of seats remained vacant in IITs all over the country during the last three years and current year;

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

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to fill up the vacant seats?

Merger of Central Institution for Classical Tamil

1381. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to merge the autonomous Central Institute of Classical Tamil with the Central University of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such a decision?

Central evaluation system for teachers

1382. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is mulling over a Central evaluation system for teachers on the lines of Common Admission Test (CAT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT);

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) by when and where the first pilot project of such system would be introduced first, the details thereof?

Decision to stop funding by UGC

1383. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has decided to stop funding to centres of many universities in the country, including Jawaharlal Nehru University;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether it is also a fact that this move takes academicians across universities by surprise;
 (d) whether Government has received many representations to revise the said decision; and
 (e) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

Community radio stations in Chhattisgarh

†1384. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of community radio stations operated by Government and the number of community radio stations being operated in Chhattisgarh;
 (b) whether Government proposes to start community radio stations for tribal community of all the States including Chhattisgarh; and

- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is proposed to be started?

AIR support to Make in India

1385. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Make in India is not a Government scheme/programme and if so, the details thereof;
 (b) the details of reasons for its inclusion in the Government programmes/schemes which AIR is extending support to, along with the amount used to propagate it on AIR's 418 stations since its launch, till date; and
 (c) the total expenditure incurred on publicising the initiative?

Rate of AIR time slot for Mann Ki Baat

1386. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Mann ki Baat episodes that have been aired till date;
 (b) whether it is a fact that it is being translated in regional languages and if so, the details thereof along with the funds incurred per episode;
 (c) the details of rate of AIR time slot; and
 (d) the duration of the episodes in respect to, rate as per time slot in respect to all the AIR stations along with the details of the sponsors for this programme?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Radio Channels in Rajasthan

1387. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of radio channels, MW, FM and others, being operated by All India Radio (AIR) in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of employees working in these channels, channel-wise;

(c) the details related to the cost of running of these channels;

(d) the sources of revenue of these channels and the quantum thereof during the last three years; and

(e) whether any steps are being taken to make these channels financially more sound and viable and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of one stop regulatory authority

1388. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a one-stop regulatory authority to receive complaints against broadcasting of programmes on private radio and television channels in violations of the code, thus ending the practice of self regulation; and

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

Tendering process of Prasar Bharati

1389. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received some complaints against the tendering process of Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to keep the tendering process transparent and free from any allegation?

Separate allocation for advertisements to Ministries

1390. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Ministries are having separate allocations for being spent on Government advertisement campaigns apart from the allocations to Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these Ministries issue advertisements through DAVP only or on their own within the allocations of their departments; and

(d) the amount spent on Government advertisements during the last three years?

Anchor specific programmes made otherwise

1391. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some programmes in DD News like Aamne-Saamne, Seedha Samvad were anchor specific being done by one particular anchor/TVNC but these were made rotational with many anchors doing it now and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether after this, other programmes

like 'Tejaswini' and 'Do Took' were given to particular anchors in sharp contrast of stand taken earlier, that programmes should not be anchor-specific;

(c) whether the particular anchor/TVNC has been kept away from major events like VVIPs coverage abroad, coverage of elections, budget, etc. during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Nomination of TV/NCs/ANCs for foreign training

1392. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy followed by DD/DD News in nominating officers for training and conferences abroad;

(b) whether some TV/NCs/ANCs were never nominated for any training or conferences abroad for which officers of a particular cadre are mostly nominated;

(c) whether some TV/NCs/ANCs were never sent for any VVIP coverage abroad during the last five years though it is their job while some junior contractual reporters are being sent repeatedly; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the absence of guidelines could be the ground for discrimination ignoring the right to equality guaranteed by the Constitution?

Films held up by Censor Board

1393. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films held up by Film Censor Board or equivalent committees

objecting to certain scenes during the last three years;

(b) whether Government is aware that there is widespread criticism by public about the way film censoring is done and Government have intervened in this matter very often; and

(c) the concrete and proactive steps Government has introduced or intends to introduce in the matter?

Discrimination in evaluation of answer sheets of regional language in UPSC

†1394. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of such candidates getting selected who adopted Hindi and other regional languages as their medium of examination has continuously been coming down since 2010 in civil service examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received complaint letters/memoranda from the aspirants citing that discrimination is being done in evaluating answer sheets of humanity subjects along with Hindi and other regional languages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Removal of officers belonging to All India Services

1395. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain officers belonging to All India Services have been removed from services during the last three years including the current year;

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(b) if so, the details regarding the number of such officers, their State cadres and the reasons for their removal;

(c) whether Government is considering to remove more such officers from services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Family pension for mentally retarded or physically handicapped dependents

1396. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to grant family pension to mentally retarded or physically handicapped children of retired Government employees even after completion of twenty five years of age; and

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

Attestation of documents by gazetted officers

1397. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the procedure of attestation of documents by any authority has been done away with;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many organisations, including Government, are still insisting on attestation of documents by gazetted officers/Government authorities in the absence of a Government notification to this effect;

(c) if so, whether the decision has been notified by Government and circulated to all the State Governments for implementation; and

(d) if not, by when it would be circulated to the State Governments for implementation?

CVC report on corruption

1398. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in its 2016 report has recorded that no action has been taken in more than 50 cases of alleged corruption, nepotism, high handedness and red-tapism by the concerned departments;

(b) if so, the details of such cases, Ministry-wise along with the reasons for inaction in the matter; and

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

Career growth of IRAS/IDAS officers

1399. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Members of Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) and Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) do not have career growth like promotion, pay scales, etc. as being enjoyed by IAS officers;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to treat officers of different services at par with IAS officers ensuring their career growth accordingly?

Sanctioned posts of IAS/IPS officers

†1400. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the current number of sanctioned posts of IAS and IPS officers in the country, cadre-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of IAS and IPS officers from State Cadre of Rajasthan posted on deputation in Central Government; and

(c) whether there is a need to increase the number of posts of IPS and whether Government is going to increase it?

Reservation to employees of Kendriya Bhandar

1401. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation is being provided to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority community employees of Kendriya Bhandar in services and promotions; and

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

Raising in ceiling of creamy layer

†1402. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the income fixed for creamy layer in OBC category at present and whether the Ministry is considering to raise the ceiling after the implementation of

recommendations of Seventh Central Pay Commission;

(b) the level of Government officers whose families have come under the ambit of creamy layer and got ineligible to avail the benefits with the implementation of recommendations of the Commission; and

(c) the details thereof?

Meeting of Chief Secretaries of States at NITI Aayog

1403. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has convened a meeting of Chief Secretaries of States/UTs to have discussion with the Prime Minister and the top officials of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog;

(b) if so, the details and the positive outcomes thereof along with its impact on development of various States, including Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the landmark decisions taken by Government and its bearing on growth of States/UTs in the country during the last three years?

Financial assistance for Nava Kerala Mission

1404. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is considering to provide financial assistance to the Nava Kerala Mission being

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implemented by the State Government of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Progress in achieving Sustainable Development Goals

1405. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry monitors India's progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN; and

(b) if so, the current progress of the country *vis-a-vis* SDGs of the UN?

Review of schemes implemented by States

1406. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government reviews the Central schemes implemented by States to evaluate the achievements *vis-a-vis* targets periodically;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any penalties for non-performing States under various schemes; and

(d) in what manner Government ensures that benefits under various schemes reach the targeted population in non-performing States?

Skill development targets under PMKVY

1407. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government has achieved its skill development targets in the last three years particularly under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) both in urban and rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action Government proposes to take to remedy the same?

Target for skill development

1408. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the annual target for skill development during the last two years and the current year the percentage of target achieved, Ministry-wise;

(b) the reasons for the shortfall in achieving the targets during the last two years;

(c) details of the fund(s) allocated for skill development programmes and the actual utilization in the last two years; and

(d) the targets and proposed initiatives by Government for the next five years?

Delay in appointment of selected principals

1409. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a letter from Government of Uttarakhand for advice of State Advisory Committee regarding delay in appointment of selected principals under Hill Cadre by UPSC on 2000;

(b) if so, whether as requested by Uttarakhand Government and also directed by High Court, Nainital the matter raised has been referred to State Reorganisation Advisory Committee and if so, the decision taken thereon;

(c) whether the State Government has been informed about the decision in this regard; and

(d) if not, by when the matter would be placed before the Committee and its decision would be conveyed to the State Government?

Employment and certification for unskilled workers under PMKVY

†1410. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unskilled workers in the unorganised sector who have, so far, been provided with employment by imparting training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), State-wise including the number of the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, women and the persons with disabilities; and

(b) the number of workers in the unorganised sector with skill and experience who have been certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and who have been enrolled for the higher education, State-wise including the number of workers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and persons with disabilities ?

Skill Development Centres in rural areas

1411. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND

ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of people provided jobs under skill development schemes/ programmes during the last two years; and

(b) whether Government is formulating any scheme for establishing more Skill Development Centres in rural areas so that the unemployment situation may be reduced to some extent, and if so, the details thereof?

PM Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan

1412. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of recently launched PM Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan (YUVA);

(b) whether it is a fact that special emphasis is being given on women in said Abhiyan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is implementing TREAD Scheme and Ministry of Women and Child Development STEP scheme whose objective is also the same as of PM-YUVA; and

(e) if so, the manner in which the Ministry coordinates all the three schemes and achieves the ultimate objective of benefiting women entrepreneurs?

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Global Skill Parks

1413. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is setting up Global Skill Parks to boost the various skilling programmes in the country; and

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

Upgradation of ITIs in Jharkhand

1414. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state the details of the steps Government has taken to upgrade ITIs in the country especially in Jharkhand during the last three years?

Agreement with private companies for skilled labour

1415. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Skill Development Corporation has entered into agreements with various private companies to support the requirement of skilled labour;

(b) whether any private companies from Bihar and Jharkhand have also been involved in this effort; and

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

Apprentices trained under Apprentice Protsahan Yojana

1416. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has envisioned a target for training 20 lakh apprentices under Apprentice Protsahan Yojana;

(b) the current state of progress of Apprentice Protsahan Yojana along with number of apprentices trained under this Scheme till date, State-wise;

(c) the details of the industries having registered to avail this scheme till date, State-wise; and

(d) the details of changes in training curriculum as well as financial support to be provided to Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for promoting apprenticeship in country?

Branches of National Skill Development Council in Chhattisgarh

†1417. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to improve the condition of unemployment among the Scheduled Tribes in States including Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to open the branches of National Skill Development Council in the tribal dominated districts of Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof?

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Welfare works for differently abled persons

‡1418. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH
NAGAR:

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

- (a) the expected number of differently abled persons in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether separate department has not been set up in some States for taking care of the welfare works of differently abled persons;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to persuade States/Union-Territories to set up separate department for the differently abled for addressing their concerns, issues, problems and difficulties so that they can be included in the main stream of the society?

Drug de-addiction centres in States

‡1419. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken decision to increase the number of de-addiction centres in States;
- (b) if so, the names of the districts of these States;
- (c) whether the Ministry would consider establishing two additional de-addiction centres for each district in view of the geographical conditions of hilly States; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusive India Campaign

1420. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched a new initiative Inclusive India to include differently abled persons in mainstream education, employment and community opportunities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether under this initiative Government would focus on three core areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has earmarked any amount for these three core areas to achieve the target, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to connect people with intellectual and development disabilities, their families, civil society organisations and the State Governments?

Hostel facilities in Manipur

1421. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (b) the details of hostels built under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana along with their locations and attached schools in Manipur with funds released therefor;
- (b) the number of such hostels being planned for the current year; and
- (c) the proposals received from the State Government and the status thereof?

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Financial assistance for skill training of PwDs

1422. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated under the Scheme of financial assistance for skill training of Persons with Disabilities for 2015-16 and 2016-17 by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of disabled persons who have applied for financial assistance under the Scheme; and

(c) the total number of disabled persons who have received the benefits/assistance as proposed by Government along with the categories of their disabilities?

Fund released under Special Central Assistance

1423. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released fund under Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) for the financial year 2016-17 to all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly for Rajasthan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loan to students belonging to OBC

1424. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of

backward class students who applied for loan with National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to pursue education during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the details of the students getting loan to pursue education during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(c) the details of the students who applied and got loan to study abroad during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise; and

(d) the details of the students getting loan to pursue education during the last three years from West Bengal, year-wise and sector-wise?

Health insurance plan for disabled persons

1425. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has a health insurance programme for disabled persons in cooperation with New India Assurance Company;

(b) whether the Department is aware that Social Security Mission has completed proceedings to enroll one lakh disabled people who are Below Poverty Line (BPL) and paid ₹ 3.57 crore as beneficiary contribution to the New India Assurance Company;

(c) whether they could not be enrolled so far in the Insurance project since the Central Government has not paid its matching share of ₹ 27.90 crore; and

(d) whether it would take immediate steps to pay it?

**Proposals under DDRC and ADIP
from Madhya Pradesh**

‡1426. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of the proposals received from Madhya Pradesh under District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) and Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase of Appliances (ADIP) schemes;

(b) the numbers of the cases in which approval has been granted;

(c) the numbers of the cases pending approval; and

(d) by when cases would be approved along with the number thereof?

Policy to empower Divyangs

1427. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy to empower and facilitate Divyangs is being implemented by all Government and semi-Government departments;

(b) if so, how far the objective of this policy has been fulfilled by all of the Ministries/Departments; and

(c) the details of those which are lagging in implementing this policy?

Release of funds under DDRC

1428. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received proposals from Rajasthan for providing grant-in-aid for Special Schools and Vocational Training Centres under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS);

(b) whether Government intends to release the amount;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New satellite launch pads

1429. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to build new satellite launch pads in the country;

(b) whether the Kulasekarapattinam has been proposed by Government to be ideal location for being a launch pad and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to build a new satellite launch pad; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Updates on Mars Orbiter Spacecraft

1430. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mars Orbiter Spacecraft which had entered into Mars orbit on September 24, 2014 is performing as per the expectations;

(b) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientists have started interpretation of data and photographs being transmitted by the Spacecraft; and

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(c) if so, the highlights of the observations drawn by space scientists?

Delay in releasing MPLAD funds from Karnataka

1431. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Members of Parliament from Karnataka whose members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) Funds have not been released, so far;

(b) the reason for the delays and the persons responsible for such delays; and

(c) the corrective measures taken to prevent such delays in future?

Difference in GDP calculation under Value Added and Expenditure Method

1432. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the difference in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) based on Value Added Method and Expenditure Method calculated by the Central Statistics Organisation (CSO), Revised Estimates in crores and in percentage terms for 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for the discrepancies in GDP calculation; and

(c) whether CSO has taken initiatives to improve data collection and estimation of GDP and if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure projects in Gujarat and Jharkhand

1433. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major central sector infrastructure schemes/projects being implemented in Gujarat and Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether a large number of infrastructure projects are stalled/running behind schedule in the country and if so, the details thereof including reasons therefor and consequential time and cost overrun;

(c) whether Government proposes to abandon some projects and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action plan chalked out by Government to expedite/complete the ongoing projects in the country without any further delay?

Remedial steps to arrest malnourishment among children

1434. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether the National Family Health Survey showed that 20 per cent of children under five were acutely malnourished and 48 per cent were chronically malnourished;

(b) if so, the details of remedial steps taken since 2014 to eliminate this pitiable state of affairs; and

(c) the details of provisions made, both in terms of financial allocations and implementation of existing or new schemes, for children during the current Five Year Plan?

Legislation against trafficking of women and children

1435. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring a legislation to tackle trafficking of women and children and address slavery and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by what time, the legislative measures would be finalised?

Achievements of BBBP scheme

1436. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of Government's Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated and spent under the scheme during 2016-17?

Expenditure from Nirbhaya fund

1437. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds received in Nirbhaya Fund since the fund was established by the Government in 2013;

(b) the schemes which have been launched to spend money from the fund;

(c) whether States and Union Territories have demanded money from the fund for rehabilitation, safety and protection of women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds released for the same?

Deaths due to malnutrition

1438. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children reported dead due to malnutrition during the last one year in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has made any specific task force to visit the vulnerable areas to identify the risk groups and find a solution of malnutrition there;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Malnutrition among children of Jharkhand

1439. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's malnutrition among children is said to be even worse than Burkina Faso, Bangladesh or North Korea;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on this count Jharkhand is placed amongst the worst in all the States in the country;

(c) the details of roadmap, if any, drawn by the Ministry in this regard; and

(d) if no roadmap has been drawn, the reasons therefor?

New child adoption policy

1440. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring a new child adoption policy in order to make the process simpler;

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

(c) the number of children adopted in the country during the last two years under various Government agencies?

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