

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, February 8, 2018/Magha 19, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Development of North Eastern Region; External Affairs; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Housing and Urban Affairs; Human Resource Development; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Social Justice and Empowerment; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 15

Proposal to increase interest subsidy under RRY

*61. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed Home Owners Mortgage Equity Subvention Scheme (HOMES) in August, 2014 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not launching it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that interest subsidy provided under the Rajiv Rinn Yojana (RRY) was proposed to be increased from 5 per cent to 5.5 per cent under HOMES and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether RRY was the parent scheme which paved the way for HOMES and if

so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Employment of teachers by more than one college/university

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent survey conducted for all higher educational institutions, which reported that over 80,000 teachers are found to be employed by more than one college or university;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken against the erring teachers/professors of colleges/universities in various parts of the country?

Performance indicators for central universities

*63. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has prepared 'performance indicators' for each of the 43 central universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry proposes to sign an MoU with each university and make the performance indicators mandatory to get funding; and

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

Status of North Eastern Region Vision 2020

*64. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of implementation of the North Eastern Region Vision 2020 unveiled by the then Prime Minister in 2008; and

(b) what is the status of construction of new airports at Itanagar, Kohima, Tuensang, Gangtok, Lunglei, Tura, Belomia and Churachandpur as outlined in the Vision Document?

Difficulties in online procedure for passports

*65. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) operationalized all over the country and the number of passports issued during the last three years till date;

(b) whether Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by applicants on account of online procedures, including getting appointments for submission of documents for passports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken to address those issues and to further ease the process of issuance of passports?

Monthly payments to Anganwadi workers

*66. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monthly payment to Anganwadi workers is lower than even the minimum wages;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase their payment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hike in DMRC fares

*67. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DMRC has effected steep hike in fares twice during the last year;

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

(c) whether Government of NCT of Delhi has offered to share the burden of DMRC on account of rise in maintenance and operational cost to the extent of 50 per cent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not providing any relief to commuters even after an offer from the State Government?

Integration of traditional wisdom with educational methods

*68. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to integrate traditional wisdom with educational methods to empower tribal students of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints from beneficiaries of PMAY

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

(a) whether Government is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received a number of complaints from the beneficiaries that the intended benefits are not reaching them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government for monitoring the performance and for promotion of the scheme to reach the really needy and deserving people?

Infrastructure building in Doklam by China

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

(a) whether China has occupied major portion of Doklam and is engaged in building infrastructure there;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter at diplomatic level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of Chinese authorities thereto?

Cities of West Bengal identified under various schemes

*71. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cities of West Bengal which are identified by Government under its schemes of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) and Smart Cities Mission;

(b) the details of funds allocated under each scheme during the last two years under various heads; and

(c) whether the progress being made in setting up sewage treatment plants in cities located along Ganga has been slow and if so, the progress thereof and the time-lines set for each project, city-wise?

Trafficking of girls

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

(a) whether Government is aware that despite under-reporting, trafficking of minor girls has surged 14 times during the last decade and there was 52.8 per cent increase in the procurement of minor girls during the year 2015 in comparison to 2014;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware of the true size of the problem;

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

(d) whether Government considers taking up the issue of trafficking urgently by using technology and creating an inter-ministerial group to tackle the scourge?

Special funds for construction of houses in Tamil Nadu

*73. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from Tamil Nadu Government for release of special funds for construction of 3.42 lakh houses fully or partially damaged during the heavy floods during 2015 and 2016 in its 13 coastal districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has released any amount since December, 2015 till date and if so, the details thereof?

Interim report of CABE

*74. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) has recently submitted its interim report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made and Government's reaction thereto?

Rehabilitation of women manual scavengers

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

(a) the number of women manual scavengers who have been rehabilitated, as per the employment scheme for rehabilitation of manual scavengers in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the number is small, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such women who are yet to be rehabilitated?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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