

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Nuclear energy collaboration with Canada

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Canada have discussed various aspects of uranium and nuclear energy collaboration;

(b) if so, whether India is planning to sign MoUs with Canada for steady supply of uranium; and

(c) the details of socially relevant purposes for application and extension of atomic energy in the coming future?

Execution of unit I and II of Kudankulam nuclear plant

642. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were a number of deficiencies in the execution of

Units I and II of Kudankulam plant which ended up in significant cost escalation and delays in the commissioning of the units,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheduled date of completion was postponed from October 30, 2007 to December 31, 2011 for Unit I and from October 30, 2008 to December 31, 2012 for Unit II, due to delayed completion of different activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for North Eastern States

643. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned funds for development of North Eastern States of the country;

(b) if so, the details of allocations made and funds utilised during the last three fiscal years;

(c) the achievements made towards development of culture and tourism sectors and employment generated, year-wise;

(d) whether different sectors are not getting funds even after due approvals and sanctions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

functioning at present, the details thereof State-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the places from where services to issue passports through post offices have been started, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has received proposals to open passport seva kendras at post offices; and

(d) if so, the views of Government with regard to Pune district of Maharashtra?

Stoppage of data sharing by China on Parchu river

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

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to date:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has stopped providing information and data regarding flow of the Parchu river of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether lakes in the catchment areas are said to be dangerous on the basis of pictures received from satellite and it is apprehended that in case of breach massive destruction may be caused; and

(c) the steps being taken to get correct information and to avoid probable damage due to sudden water flow?

Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in Maharashtra

†645. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport kendras

Opening of PSKs in Punjab

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

(a) the details of the Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in the country which have been made operational during last three years till date, State-wise;

(b) by when the remaining PSKs would be made operational, location-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to open more Passport Offices and PSKs in the country, including Punjab and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by Government to cut down the delay in issuing passports and mitigating the hardships being faced by the applicants?

Permission for MoUs with Chinese companies

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry did not give permission for signing of five Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs) between the State Government of West Bengal and different Chinese companies in

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the Bengal Global Business Summit 2018; and

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

Chinese objection to remarks made by Chief of Army

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

(a) whether it is a fact that China has strongly objected to the remark made by the Chief of the Army Staff of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that China has said that such remarks did not conform to the spirit of the September talks in Xiamen between Chinese President Xi Jinping and the Prime Minister of India; and

(d) if so, the response given to China in this regard?

Building of road in Arunachal Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese have tried to build road in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a group of Chinese were undertaking track alignment activity about one km. inside the Line of Actual Control at Tuting;

(c) whether China has again and again reiterated that it did not recognize Arunachal Pradesh as a part of India; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

Unemployment rate among SC, ST and minority population

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

(a) the details of unemployment rate among SC, ST and minority population of the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the details of percentage of SC, ST and minority population engaged in agriculture sector as agricultural labourers, State-wise and year-wise?

Leasing right of Hambantota Port in Sri Lanka

651. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has secured the operational lease rights of the Hambantota Port in Sri Lanka for 99 years, in pursuit of its 'One Belt One Road' dream project; and

(b) whether by letting this opportunity go the China way, India has underestimated the strategic importance of Hambantota, both in terms of maritime dominance in Indian Ocean and shipping trade originating from India?

Colour schemes for passports

652. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the newly proposed colour schemes passports for Emigration Check Required (ECR) category will be in orange colour;

(b) whether such a colour scheme for ECR category will protect vulnerable sections, who form the bulk of ECR category, from exploitation; and

(c) whether such a colour scheme for ECR category will also make it easy to segregate Indian citizens on the basis of socio-economic profiling and discriminate against vulnerable sections?

Committee for woman deserted by NRI husbands

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

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a committee to look into various legal and regulatory challenges in the backdrop of several complaints lodged by women deserted by their NRI husbands;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) how many of them have been accepted or are under consideration to help abandoned women get justice?

Indians lodged in Pakistani jails

654. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians currently lodged in jails in Pakistan and since when, the details thereof for less than five years, more than five years but less than ten years, more than ten years but less than fifteen years, and more than fifteen years;

(b) whether our consulates in Pakistan have relevant details of all Indian prisoners and whether they extend all legal/financial support to such prisoners and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of Indian's fishermen detained in jails in Pakistan, as of now, and the efforts made to secure their release?

Indian officials banned in Gurudwaras

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian officials have been banned in Gurudwaras of many foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons cited by Gurudwaras abroad for imposing this ban; and

(d) the action Government has taken or propose to take in the matter?

Rationale for colour coding of passports

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

(a) whether Government proposes to review the proposal of issuing orange passports to unskilled migrants;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the rationale for colour coding the passports of Indian nationals;

(c) whether there is any proposal to link passports with Aadhaar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Visit of Foreign Minister of Maldives

657. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Foreign Minister of Maldives visited New Delhi recently to discuss bilateral relations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the efforts made by Government to achieve full potential of relationship between India and Maldives in view of chinese influence in Maldives and their signing of Free Trade Agreement with China;

(c) the progress made in finalizing the Free Trade Agreement with Maldives; and

(d) whether talks were held to resolve the issue of delay and ensure early progress on all the pending development projects that India is supporting in Maldives and if so, the details thereof?

Visit of Israeli Prime Minister to India

658. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the main points in the comprehensive talks Israeli Prime Minister (PM) had with our PM during his recent visit to India;

(b) the details of bilateral agreements signed between India and Israel during the visit; and

(c) the details of defence and strategic partnership agreement signed between the two countries and in the field of indigenous development of missile?

Passport Laghu Seva Kendras

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

(a) whether Government proposes to open any Passport Laghu Seva Kendras (PLSK) in Tamil Nadu during the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of ICP at Nepal border

660. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a single agency for construction of Integrated Check Post (ICP) is under consideration given the lack of coordination between the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) under Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA);

(b) the reasons for rescheduling the opening of ICP at Raxaul (Bihar), Birgunj (Nepal) to March 2017;

(c) how many deadlines have been missed for its construction; and

(d) the reasons for the construction of MEA funded mirror border, facilities at Raxaul (Bihar), Birgunj (Nepal) and Jogbani (Bihar), Biratnagar (Nepal) border being inordinately delayed and by when these ICPs would be fully operational?

Support for Palestine

661. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy towards Arab countries;

(b) whether it continues to uphold a policy of friendliness towards them;

(c) whether it supports Palestine State and the resolution adopted by UN in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chinese names given to Indian places in Arunachal Pradesh

662. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of China naming six places along Line of Actual Centre (LAC) in Tawang region of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the manner in which India look at this move since some of the names given by China are matching with some of the places located along LAC on the Chinese side later to claim that they belongs to them;

(c) whether any Chinese names were given to Indian places in Arunachal Pradesh earlier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Return of Italian marines to face trial

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

(a) whether Government has taken up this matter regarding return of Italian marines accused of killing Indian fishermen with Government of Italy;

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

(c) the details regarding the position of the Italian Government on the question of return of Italian marines to face trial in India?

Integrated check post on Nepal border

664. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated dialogue with Nepal to facilitate cooperation in providing infrastructural support, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether project milestones were tracked so that mirror border facilities are developed simultaneously, if so, action

taken to address slippages, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether meetings with Nepal authorities were held to review construction of Integrated Check Post (ICP) on Nepal side of the border since, 2013, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the estimated loss in trade incurred by India due to delay in ICPs becoming operational along the India-Nepal border since 2014?

Participation of China in Bengal Global Business Summit 2018

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

(a) whether it is a fact that China wanted to be the partner country in the Bengal Global Business Summit 2018 but was denied permission by the Ministry; and

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

Phase-II of FAME India

666. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot phase or phase I of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) was launched by Government in 2015, which expires on March 31, 2018;

(b) whether Government is considering to launch phase II of the FAME India;

(c) whether Government has announced the launch of multi modal transport based on electric power train; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**SC, ST and OBC employees
in PSUs**

667. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of the Ministry; and

(b) the total number of employees in such PSUs and the number of SC/ST/OBC persons employed in various posts in these PSUs, as on date?

Provisions of air bags in car

668. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry in view of the driver/passenger safety, considers making provision of air bags in every car that is manufactured in the country mandatory;

(b) if so, whether the matter would be taken up with the Car Manufacturers Association; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Potential of employment generation
of CPSEs**

669. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed/ reviewed the employment generation potential of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in the country;

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

(c) whether Government plans to increase the intake in CPSEs in the coming years; and

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

**Fully electric fleet for Public
Transport**

670. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to make the country's public transport system fully electric;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is targeting a fully electric fleet for public transport, including buses, taxis and auto rickshaws under the second phase of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME) scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Closure of PSUs

671. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning closure of about 20 PSUs profitable as well as loss making for strategic sale;

(b) if so, the timeline for the closure fixed by Government for each of these units, timeline for the disposal of movable assets and sale of land; and

(c) the number of employees affected, the VRS package offered and retrenchment of employees not opting for VRS?

Mid-term evaluation for heavy industries

672. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mid-term evaluation done during the current Five Year Plan for development of heavy industries;

(b) the details of schemes for enhancement of competitiveness in capital goods industry, amount allocated and actual expenditure incurred during the last three years and the currency year; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken for development of heavy industries in the country?

Digital employment exchange for PSUs

673. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions is planning a digital employment exchange to enable job-seekers to know vacancies, job opportunities in various departments/ Ministries;

(b) if so, whether there are any plans to follow such pattern for all jobs in PSUs so that they do not clash with each other and job-seekers get an opportunity to appear in whichever exam/interview they wish to attend; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Smart Cities Mission

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

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

(a) the names of towns included under the Smart Cities Mission and the funds released therefore, so far, State-wise;

(b) whether most of the funds released under the Mission has not been spent and due to this the Mission is far behind its targeted success; and

(c) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of funds?

Shortcomings in houses surrendered by allottees

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

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

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is contemplating to carry out changes in the houses surrendered by successful allottees of the Housing Scheme, 2017 of the D.D.A;

(b) the shortcomings found in the houses surrendered by the successful allottees of this scheme and the number of houses surrendered, so far;

(c) whether many lapses on the part of officers are also included in the drawbacks of surrendered houses of DDA; and

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(d) the locations where construction work of park, road and drain has not been completed, so far, in the housing scheme of 2014?

Investment under Smart Cities Mission

676. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on 407 projects accounting for about 14 per cent of the total investment envisaged under the Smart Cities Mission has started;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 72 per cent of the indentified projects are still at the stage of preparation of detailed project reports;

(c) whether out of 90 cities that have been approved under the Smart Cities Mission, only 31 have completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds under Smart Cities Mission

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 27 cities which have been chosen under Smart Cities Mission have not issued a single tender for works to be carried out under the mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has released so far a sum of ₹ 9718.20 crore under the Mission programme to various States; and

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

Identification of 90 smart cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that only 5.2 per cent of the total identified projects have been completed with just 1.4 per cent of the total envisaged investment of ₹ 1,35,958 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 90 smart cities have identified 2,864 projects;

(d) of these 148 projects worth ₹ 1,872 crore have been completed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Regulatory mechanism for Proximity of offices and homes

679. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would incentivize or issue regulatory mechanism to public and private employers to ensure proximity of offices and homes of employees so that traffic congestion is reduced due to commuting for offices and to avoid travelling of long distances;

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

(c) whether a large number of employees of the offices in Delhi live far and even outside the city and *vice versa*, giving undue pressure on roads and rising pollution and if so, the details of action taken to tackle the situation?

Light metro for Amaravati

680. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to go ahead with light metro in place of Metro for new capital Amaravati of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, why DMRC is asking for payment of ₹ 60 crore when they have not prepared any DPR for light metro, etc.; and

(c) the present status of the project and what would be the fate of the project in the light of Government's changed policy towards Metro projects?

Practice of segregation of waste at source

681. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had initiated any action to ensure that all Urban Local Bodies are practicing segregation of waste at source;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any Urban Local Body has expressed any hardships/procedural difficulty/impracticability for this practice; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extension of PMAY to private houses

682. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to extend PMAY to private houses and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the said subsidy is also applicable to individuals along with the houses constructed by developers on private land and if so, the details thereof?

Release Deed as valid document to transfer leasehold rights

683. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA or L&DO considers Release Deed a valid document to transfer leasehold rights from an individual to a Pvt. Ltd. company in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether DDA or L&DO has ever accepted to give effect to such transfer to transferee in Delhi and if so, the details of provisions for such transfer; and

(c) the details of cases of transfer/mutation allowed by DDA or L&DO on the basis of such Release Deed?

Shelters for urban homeless under NULM

684. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shelters for urban homeless required under the National Urban Livelihood Mission, State-wise;

(b) the details of formula used to determine the number of shelters needed per State;

(c) the quantum of funds released for shelter construction, State-wise;

(d) the number of shelters that have been constructed; State-wise;

(e) whether there is an oversight mechanism for the time-bound creation of committees to oversee construction of shelters by urban local bodies under NULM;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of new cities under Smart Cities Mission

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for inclusion of any new city of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra under the Smart Cities Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering any proposal for developing the Mission under public private partnership scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Environment friendly housing projects

686. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constructed low cost, innovative and environment friendly sample/demo housing project with an objective of replication by the citizen;

(b) if so, the details of such projects undertaken during the last three years and the amount spent thereon during that period;

(c) whether Government has prepared any data regarding the number of people

who adopted the same technology as shown in the demo project while constructing their own houses;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of 74th constitutional amendment

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

(a) whether Government has reviewed the status of implementation of 74th constitutional amendment during the last four years and if so, the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the major reasons for non-implementation of 74th amendment and whether any steps have been taken in this regard; and

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

Modified draft of Land Pooling Policy

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

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

(a) whether as per draft modified Land Pooling Policy (LPP) for Delhi, minimum of 70 per cent contiguous land of developable area within the sector is required to be pooled for processing of development;

(b) whether developer entity must apply to DDA with a minimum pool of 70 per cent contiguous land in a sector;

(c) whether it is a tough clause under modified policy as many land owners may not be able to meet this requirement; and

(d) whether Government would consider doing away with contiguity clause and lowering minimum land to be pooled for smooth implementation of the policy?

FAR under Land Pooling Policy

689. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has proposed modifications in Land Pooling Policy for Delhi and has put draft policy on its website for inviting objections/suggestions;

(b) whether in the draft policy, DDA has proposed to keep Floor Area Ratio (FAR) as per existing Master Plan as against 400 per cent FAR provided in policy notified earlier; and

(c) whether Government would consider restoring the FAR to 400 per cent or at least giving a higher FAR under the pooling policy to make it lucrative for farmers to pool their land and also making the housing units affordable for middle class?

Rehabilitation of slum dwellers

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

(a) whether a working group of National Advisory Council (NAC) has stressed that slum dwellers should be resettled at the spot where they are currently living;

(b) if so, the present progress of rehabilitation of slum dwellers across the country, city-wise; and

(c) whether the aim of Government to

make urban India free from slums would be achieved within any specified period and if so, the details thereof?

Financial crisis in infrastructure development

691. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to borrow funds from market to overcome the financial crisis in infrastructure development;

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

(c) the details of project under construction under JNNURM, State-wise?

Quota of Maharashtra under PMAY

692. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present quota of houses allocated to the State of Maharashtra which are to be built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), district-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the quota of the State to meet the housing demand of the State; and

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

Guidelines for municipal reforms

693. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per guidelines set by Government for municipal reforms, States would come out with a policy to facilitate value capture financing

and under this mechanism, the revenue generated has to be shared with municipalities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that credit rating of municipalities is also aimed at helping municipal bodies to raise finance from market through bonds;

(c) whether municipalities are expected to recruit new employees through lateral entry for professionals as per the said guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Real estate projects under RERA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that around 20,000 real estate projects have been registered across India under the Real Estate Regulation Act (RERA);

(b) whether it is also a fact that keeping most of the ongoing or incomplete projects out of the ambit of RERA by States needs to be rectified;

(c) whether more projects would come under RERA and these would be tracked for the benefit of buyers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Smart Cities Mission

695. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by the Central Government for each city selected under the Smart Cities Mission, so far;

(b) the details of funds raised by each smart city independently and the means through which it was raised;

(c) the details of physical infrastructure and facilities created, so far, under the Mission by each smart city; and

(d) why the Mission has not included a universal design for infrastructure, for all smart cities to make them accessible and disabled friendly?

Elimination of manual scavenging under AMRUT

696. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recent deaths due to septic tank cleaning in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has been successful in curbing manual scavenging under Atal Mission of Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Smart Cities Missions

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

(a) the total number of Smart Cities Missions that are yet to be initiated and whether a deadline has been set for the same; and

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

Closure of existing Government Presses

698. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has

decided to close down the existing Government of India Text Book Presses (GITBP) and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of employees working in GITBPs, and the Government's scheme to rehabilitate its employees;

(c) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban Development has recommended for modernisation of all GITBPs on war footing instead of closing down and if so, the reasons why Government is moving in opposite direction; and

(d) whether, in view of excellent services rendered by GITBP Bhubaneswar, Government would consider to continue it with proper modernisation?

Amended guidelines for PMAY

699. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has amended the guidelines of housing scheme of urban areas under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY);

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was done with a view to enhance the coverage of PMAY;

(c) whether the areas falling within a notified planning or development area under the jurisdiction of an industrial development authority or urban authority or any such body under State legislation would also be included under PMAY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant posts of teachers in Karnataka

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that nearly 9,500 posts of teachers under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) are lying vacant in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill them in a time-bound manner;

(c) whether there is any plan to launch a special recruitment drive to fill these vacancies; and

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

Seeking Aadhaar cards from employees and students

701. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to seek Aadhaar cards from all employees and students to make sure that there is no duplication;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of ghost teachers identified, so far?

Enrolment in higher education

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

(a) what is the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education in the country;

(b) what is the target set to increase GER;

(c) what are the initiatives taken for the same; and

(d) whether any initiatives have been taken to improve the quality of education in terms of equity and shortage of teachers in the schools and if so, the details thereof?

Representation of teachers of various classes in higher education

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

(a) whether, as per the All India Survey on Higher Education for 2016-17, the Muslim representation among the teachers in higher educational institutions in the country is 4.9 per cent which is much lower than the community's proportion in population;

(b) whether the representation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is also lower than proportions of their population; and

(c) whether, at the all India level, the teachers belonging to the general category are more than half, *i.e.* 58.2 per cent of the total number of teachers and OBCs follows at 31.3 per cent?

Measures for marking students continue studies

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

(a) the number of students studying in Fifth, Eighth and Eleventh classes as on date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of measures taken to make students continue their education along with skills training after Eighth and Tenth classes and the number of such students, State-wise?

Omission of Charles Darwin's theory from curriculum

705. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether the Ministry believes that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution of man is scientifically wrong;

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

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to omit the theory from school and college curriculum; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electricity in Government schools

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

(a) whether electricity, library and computer facilities are available in all Government schools of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan

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

(a) whether Government is implementing Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan with the objective to ensure sufficient availability of quality faculties in all higher educational institutes and to

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build capacity at all levels of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme is performing as per expectations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Preference to foreign experience in appointments

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to prefer foreign experience for appointments in institutes of higher education;

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

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

National Testing Agency

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish National Testing Agency;

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

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

Making school education qualitative

†710. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) the details of steps taken to make school education qualitative during the last three years;

(b) whether it has been found in a study that the learning capacity of girl students of the age group of 14 to 18 years is very pitiable; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Ministry to make school education qualitative and employment oriented and the effects thereof?

Mid Day Meals during school holidays

711. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Mid Day Meals to school children during school holidays;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of implementation of the same, State-wise;

(c) the financial assistance proposed to be given to each child on account of Mid Day Meal charges for holidays;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the funds meant for Mid Day Meals for holidays to various States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken for speedy implementation/introduction of Mid Day Meals during school holidays?

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**Setting up of Telugu University in
Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for setting up of Telugu University in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any initiatives on this request and if so, the details thereof?

Distribution of overseas scholarships

713. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many boys and girls were provided with overseas scholarships during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount distributed in this regard;

(c) the number of scholarship holders belonging to SC, ST and minorities State-wise; and

(d) whether any of these scholarships were distributed very late and some are still remaining unpaid?

**Performance bonus to teachers and
principals**

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

(a) whether Government has considered incentivising Government schools by providing performance bonus to teachers and principals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Growth in Gross Enrolment Ratio

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is aiming at 30 per cent Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education by 2020 but the progress has been slow, of late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to increase Gross Enrolment Ratio with required expansion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Bringing Madarsa education into
mainstream**

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

(a) the details of works done to bring Madarsa education into mainstream;

(b) the number of Madarsas and Maqtabas where three or less teachers have been appointed, State-wise;

(c) the number of Madarsas and Maqtabas where English, Science and Hindi are being taught with the help of text-books, State-wise; and

(d) the total number of Madarsas and Maqtabas where computer labs are being run and the amount spent by Government on such labs out of the total budget allocated for computer education during the last three years, State-wise?

**Teacher's attendance in primary
schools**

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

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(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the World Bank's report which found that 25 per cent of Government primary school teachers remain absent from work;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve teacher's attendance?

Police verification and psychometric evaluation of teaching and non-teaching staff

718. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBSE has directed the schools to conduct police verification and psychometric evaluation of their teaching and non-teaching staff; and

(b) if so, what is the progress made in this regard?

Release of funds for NIT building in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government has received any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of funds for construction of a permanent building for the National Institute of Technology (NIT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision in the matter, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to release the funds?

Pupil-teacher ratio at school level

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the data base 2015-16, under the Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 33 per cent of the schools in the country did not have the requisite number of teachers as prescribed in the RTE norms for pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) at the school level;

(b) if so, the details of the PTR compliant schools in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to make more schools PTR compliant by recruiting sufficient quality teachers?

UGC Panel for complaints against Central Universities

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

(a) whether the Panel appointed by UGC for verifying the complaints against the Central Universities has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of the Panel and if so, the details thereof?

Central University in Kangra

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

(a) whether any land has been acquired for establishment of Central University in Dehra, District Kangra of Himachal Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the construction work of University building has been started;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to expedite the construction work a long with the time by which it is likely to be started?

Development of life skills and attitudes in students

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

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

- (a) whether the existing education system does not provide for development of life skills and attitudes in students and is only concerned with high percentage of marks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which Government proposes to tackle this issue in future; and
- (d) the views of public, NGOs and experts in this regard?

Overpayment due to promotion

724. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any cases of overpayment due to promotions given because of counting past services in violation of UGC rules and regulations have come to the notice in the Central Universities, like JNU;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UGC has given written instructions to the concerned universities for recovering the amount and if so, the amount that has been recovered; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey on higher education

725. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has released an All India Survey on Higher Education for 2016-17; and
- (b) if so, what are the salient findings of this Survey particularly with reference to the number of colleges per lakh of eligible population?

Age limit for appointment of Assistant Professors

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the age limit for the appointment of Assistant Professors in Central Universities has been fixed by Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would take steps to stay the decision of fixing such age limit by some States?

Merger of SSA and RMSA

727. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for merger of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)

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and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) from the academic year 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind this?

Policy for sports and physical fitness in schools

728. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a policy for compulsory evaluation of students on sports and physical fitness in schools;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any to increase the participation of students from schools in sporting events held abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Central aid for residential schools in Telangana

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

(a) whether there are demands for Central aid by States like Telangana which are setting up residential schools; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Inclusion of Indian heroes in textbooks

730. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans

to compulsorily include the detailed life history and achievements of Indian heroes in the textbooks up to secondary school levels rather than their brief mention based upon the history written by Britishers;

(b) how long the Indian heroes would continue to be portrayed negatively in the name of revision of textbooks by NCERT; and

(c) whether Government would identify such luminaries and instruct NCERT to revise the textbooks urgently to enthuse patriotism among children?

Vacancies of teachers

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

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

(b) whether Government has formulated any policy to make the Right to Education Act successful despite huge shortage of teachers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Credit transfer for courses through Swayam

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

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 76 universities have already approved credit transfer for courses taken through Swayam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government aims to achieve the target of one crore enrolment by 2018;

(c) whether Government is also looking at bringing in courses and faculty from foreign institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Autonomy to universities and colleges

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is introducing a number of policies such as graded autonomy to universities and autonomous status to colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a fear of education becoming unaffordable to certain sections of the society;

(d) whether the University Grants Commission has asked the private colleges to make education accessible to the poor; and

(e) if so, the response thereto?

Learning levels in primary schools

734. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the recent Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) survey, the reading as well as basic arithmetic level of primary school students continue to be low and have declined in most States;

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

(c) whether Government has analysed/proposes to analyse the reasons behind these dismal findings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures proposed to be taken to ensure satisfactory learning level?

Regularization of Shiksha Mitras

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

(a) whether Government's *ad-hoc* solution to overcome the shortage of primary teachers by regularizing Shiksha Mitras as *ad-hoc* teachers, has received a setback with the courts insisting that they should qualify the mandated Teacher Eligibility Test (TET);

(b) whether the courts have given Shiksha Mitras two attempts to qualify TET and stipulated extra marks for each year in service in the qualifying examination; and

(c) whether the Unified District Information System for Education has pegged the percentage of professionally trained primary teachers at the national level at 75.5 per cent?

Central University in Rajasthan

736. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan, though being the largest State of India in terms of geographical areas, has only one Central University which was established in 2009;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to establish another Central University in the State;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from that State for the same;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulating fake engineering colleges

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several fake engineering colleges in the country which are cheating students;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the provisions to regulate them; and

(c) the number of fake engineering colleges identified during the last three years and the details of action taken against them, State-wise?

Status of Vishwajeet scheme

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

(a) whether the ambitious Vishwajeet scheme of the Ministry had become a non-starter;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether IIT Directors have expressed their disappointment over the progress of the scheme; and

(d) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to make the scheme successful?

Complaints from students shown absent in examinations in DU

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

(a) whether, during the last year, there have been complaints from students being shown as absent in Delhi University undergraduate examinations when they had actually appeared in those examinations;

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

(c) the details regarding action taken on such complaints;

(d) whether such students are being asked by Delhi University to re-appear in such papers while filling up their next year's examination forms;

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

(f) the steps being taken to avoid such incidents?

Regulatory mechanism for deemed universities

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

(a) whether Government has any regulatory and oversight mechanism for deemed universities;

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

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard for the benefit of students?

Difficulties faced by Central Universities

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

(a) whether seventeen Central Universities established under the Central University Act, 2009 are as excellent as IITs and IIMs;

(b) whether Government has asked Central Universities to make and

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implement advance plans for vacant posts;

(c) the steps taken by Government to know about the difficulties being faced by the Central University and by when these difficulties would be addressed; and

(d) whether the shortage of professors is affecting the studies of students?

Drop-out rates in schools of Rajasthan

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

(a) the details regarding the drop-out rates at primary, secondary and higher secondary school levels during the last three years;

(b) whether the drop-out rates have declined during the last three years, especially in Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government is considering to expand the scope of Right to Education beyond the bracket of 6 to 14 years of children to reduce the drop-out rate; and

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

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

743. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to review their current policy and guidelines for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) the number of such Vidyalayas in the country at present and the number of proposals received during the last three years from the State Governments to open new vidyalayas; and

(c) whether Government has fixed any target for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country during the next five years?

Online courses in Hindi and other languages on SWAYAM

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to offer nearly 300 online courses in Hindi and ten other Indian languages on its online course portal SWAYAM;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the courses are aimed at those looking at developing soft skills or supplementing their education; and

(d) whether Government would also cover other Indian languages subsequently?

Registration of schools in Jharkhand

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

(a) whether CBSE has received a number of applications for registration of all kinds of schools from the State of Jharkhand for the academic year 2016-17 and 2017-18 and if so, the details of applications that are still pending;

(b) what steps CBSE would take to clear and approve all such applications to help the backward and rural areas get access to schooling;

(c) the measures proposed to fast-track all such pending requests and applications; and

(d) the details of plans to modify, improve and install better electronic administration system in CBSE?

**Teaching in KGBVs upto
12th class**

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

(a) whether there are any demands to extend teaching in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) upto twelfth class; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Boosting higher education

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India would tie up with USA, UK and other countries to boost the higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the joint research programmes aims to provide an opportunity to teachers to pursue academic/research activities and help in establishment of inter-university centres with the state of the art facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Women's Universities and
colleges**

748. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up women's universities and residential

degree colleges in every State and district including that of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such universities and degree colleges would be set up with the Central funding;

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

(e) whether Government is proposing to provide free education to women in the country from primary to post-graduate level and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Withdrawal of recognition by
NCTE**

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

(a) whether the National Council for Teachers Education (NCTE) has withdrawn recognition from thousands of teachers' education institutes in the recent past;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to make available names of the recognized teachers education institutes on the website of NCTE for the information of students seeking admission in recognized institutes and also to shutdown unrecognized institutions?

Opening of new institutes

750. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new IIMs IITs and NIT institutions that have been announced and opened after June, 2014, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have actually started functioning and the total number of students enrolled and qualified teachers recruited in these institutions, so far, institution-wise;

(c) what has been the state of infrastructure made available to these institutions; and

(d) the details of expenditure per-student, per-year in these institutions during the period?

Pension accounts linked with Aadhaar

751. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains data about pensions and if so, the details of pension accounts/pensioners who have been linked with Aadhaar, post demonetisation, till date along with the total number of pension accounts State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that 39 per cent of pensioners have not been able to access their pensions because of non linkage of their accounts and PAN with Aadhaar; and

(c) the details of Aadhaar centres that have been set up for the convenience of pensioners?

Appointment of Civil Servants on professional posts

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

(a) whether Government has any plan not to appoint/deploy civil servants on senior level positions exclusively meant for

subject specialists to avoid erosion in the academic standard of specialised institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of departments and posts wherein officers of civil services have been appointed/deployed on positions exclusively meant for subject specialists; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to appoint subject specialists on all such posts to bring in professionalism in the concerned Departments/institutions on an urgent basis?

Adjustment of merit holders against General category candidates

†753. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to adjust merit holder candidates of reserved category against general category and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to give the benefit to the deprived ones by making law in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Publication of work done by Ministries under RTI

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

(a) whether the Central Information Commission (CIC) has asked Government in April 2016 to publicise the details of work done by every Ministry and Department;

(b) if so, whether the instructions were issued to all the Ministries and Departments to publish such monthly reports;

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(c) if so, the progress thereof along with the Ministries and Departments which are following it;

(d) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism in place to check its progress; and

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

Mechanism to develop schemes at village level

‡755. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the prime objectives of NITI Aayog is to develop a mechanism to prepare credible schemes at village level and to gradually take all these to the higher level of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by NITI Aayog to meet the said target and the details of achievements made; and

(d) whether NITI Aayog has received proposals from the States also with reference to the above objectives?

Centre for support to women entrepreneurs

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

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NITI Aayog is contemplating on setting up of a centre to focus on offering financial assistance and mentorship to women entrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

BPL people in Odisha

‡757. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been uplifted above poverty line in Odisha, district-wise;

(b) whether there are such districts in that State where the number of BPL people has increased; and

(c) if so, the number of such districts and the reasons therefor?

Addiction report of PGIMER, Chandigarh

758. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey report reveals that in some States one out of 75-85 persons are dependent on drugs;

(b) if so, the details of age-wise addiction report of PGIMER, Chandigarh in this regard and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether Government also proposes to set up more rehabilitation centres; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Scheduled Tribes in Odisha

759. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of funds in the current Five Year Plan (FYP) for overall

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development of people of Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) how much of the fund has been earmarked for the development of Scheduled Tribes in the State of Odisha; and

(c) which are the schemes of the current FYP that have been implemented till 31st of January, 2017 for development of Scheduled Tribes in that State?

National Centres or model school for divyangs

‡760. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running National Centre or model school for blind, deaf, dumb and other handicapped people in Maharashtra;

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

(c) the number of people studying in these centres or model schools?

Outstanding amount of Post Matric Scholarships

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

(a) the number of Post Matric Scholarships (PMS) sanctioned during the last three years;

(b) whether the outstanding amount of ₹ 5,969.9 crore due to SC students under PMS for the year 2014-15 to 2016-17 has been distributed by now;

(c) whether there is any amount yet to be distributed; and

(d) if so, the balance amount and States which are to distribute it?

Aids to BPL senior citizen

762. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch a scheme to provide walking sticks, spectacles, hearing aids, etc., to BPL senior citizen;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of districts proposed to be covered and the estimated number of beneficiaries under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry has written to all the States to identify beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments thereto?

Proposal for inclusion of Washerman community in SC list

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to include Washerman (Dhobi) community in Scheduled Cast list from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has constituted any committee in this regard?

Reduction in budget for dalits

764. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of schemes for dalits in 2013-14 budget was 2.49 per cent of the total budget;

(b) if so, the reasons why the share came

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down to 1.96 per cent in 2016-17 and what is the status in 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(c) the reasons for coming down of the budget for dalits and what the Ministry is doing to convince the Ministry of Finance to increase budget allocations for them?

UDID cards issued

765. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards issued online and offline, State-wise, as on October, 2017;

(b) whether there has been delay in implementation of the scheme in Odisha; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the divergence in claims in this regard?

Hostels for DNT boys and girls

766. SHRIDEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of boys and girls which fall under the category of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs), State-wise;

(b) how many States have approached the Ministry for funds for construction of hostels for DNT boys and girls in their respective States;

(c) the funds allocated by the Ministry under this scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the details of hostels which have been constructed and the ones which are still under construction?

Arrest of destitute persons

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

(a) the reasons for withdrawing the draft of 'Persons in Destitution (Protection, Care and Rehabilitation) Model Bill, 2016';

(b) whether Government intends to draft a revised model law for States to rehabilitate and protect beggars and destitute members of society;

(c) whether Government maintains any data on the number of beggars or destitute persons arrested under anti-beggary laws;

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise since 2014; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vidyasri Residential School for Girls

768. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is introducing "Vidyasri Residential Schools for Girls" scheme for upliftment of Scheduled Caste girls in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such schools are being established in the State of Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to senior citizen

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

had announced schemes to provide financial assistance to senior citizen and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated for this scheme; and

(c) how many and in what manner senior citizens have been benefited under this scheme till 31st December, 2017?

Welfare of senior citizen

770. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any action to provide financial support and exploring ideas like additional tax benefit and higher interest rates and also to ensure security and healthcare for the welfare of senior citizen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare schemes for SCs, STs and OBCs

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

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

(a) whether Government is implementing welfare schemes for SCs, STs and OBCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the future action plan, if any, prepared for them?

Facilities for homeless people

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

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

(a) whether homeless people in the country had to face a lot of difficulties due to inadequate Rain Baseras/Shelter Homes and in many parts of the country deaths have taken place due to this during last December, 2017 and January, 2018;

(b) the States where the case of timely non-completion of Shelter Homes/Rain Baseras for homeless people in the country have come to the light; and

(c) the number of homeless persons as per Census 2011 and the number of persons not having Aadhaar, depriving them availing the benefits of social security schemes?

Upgrading of aerospace technology

773. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the failure of PSLV-C-39 mission on the 31st August, 2017;

(b) what steps would the Department proposes to constantly upgrade the aerospace technology;

(c) what is the budgetary allocations for the Research and Development Programme of ISRO;

(d) where it stands when compared to the R&D of other countries which are in space programmes; and

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(e) what effort the Department is making for obtaining certification for the products developed by our aerospace scientists?

Employment-Unemployment Survey

774. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether discrepancies have been observed in the data collected under the Employment-Unemployment Survey;

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

(c) whether Government has considered a survey exclusively for the informal sector to ensure proper data availability for proper policy framing of the unorganised sector?

Ashram Schools in Andhra Pradesh

775. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 64 Ashram Schools for boys and 14 for girls have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons why only 50 per cent of schools have been constructed and remaining are pending for construction; and

(c) by when the remaining schools would be constructed and the amount sanctioned this year for their construction?

Unutilised funds under Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana

776. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released under

Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana programme during each of the last three years and its present status;

(b) whether as per Government data, a large amount of the scheme's funds remained unspent in 2015-16, yet the annual report 2017 had stated that implementation of the scheme has been delayed due to lack of funds;

(c) the details of the States which have not spent the funds allocated under the scheme; and

(d) the reasons therefor and action taken against the States in this regard?

Backwardness of DNTs

†777. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to find out the causes of backwardness of denotified, nomadic and seminomadic tribes (DNTs) by surveying their population, educational qualifications and employment and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the pre-matric scholarship for DNT students of class 1st to 8th by 100 rupees and for students of class 9th and 10th by 150 rupees per month and to provide the same for 12 months in place of 10 months; and

(c) the details of proposals received so far from State Governments for construction of hostels for DNT students under Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme?

Primary schools for tribal population

778. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government proposes to open more primary schools in area/divisions/districts in which concentration of tribal population is more to bring the tribal literacy to a decent level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Low literacy rate among STs in Tamil Nadu

779. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for increasing literacy rate among STs in some States including Tamil Nadu where there is a gap of more than 18 per cent in literacy rate of STs as compared to total population during 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Eklavya Model Residential School

780. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools set up during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated therefor, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of both male and female students enrolled in these schools; and

(d) whether the enrolment has increased or decreased during the last three years and the year-wise details thereof?

Literacy rate of tribal communities

781. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a recent survey it has been found that tribal communities in Maharashtra and other parts of the country have low literacy level in comparison to other communities;

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

(c) the remedial measures Government proposes to take to substantially increase the literacy level of tribals?

Monitoring of implementation of POCSO Act

782. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2877 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 2017 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that under Section 44 of the POCSO Act, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) constituted under the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 have a legal obligation to monitor the implementation of the provisions of POCSO Act;

(b) whether NCPCR and SCPCRs have monitored the implementation of the Act in various States; and

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

Cash transfer scheme under PMMVY

783. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pregnant women covered up till now under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), State-wise;

(b) the reasons why the cash transfer scheme does not disburse claims *via* cash since a lot of these pregnant/lactating women do not have access to bank accounts and some banks also charge minimum account balance fees; and

(c) the reasons for exclusion of female employees of Central Government, State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) from this scheme?

Abhaya Project for safety of women and girls

784. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is implementing the Abhaya Project for safety of women and girl children proposed by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if so, the details of the project, status of the project and the physical targets set and the manner in which they are going to be achieved;

(c) whether any other scheme/project is being proposed to be implemented under Nirbhaya Fund in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Children staying on roadside

785. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of children in the country, mostly in the metropolitan cities, are staying on the roadside and selling things at the traffic signals;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for betterment of such children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Compensation under Nirbhaya Scheme

786. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of survivors of sexual abuse and acid attack that have been given compensation under the Nirbhaya Scheme during the last three years and the amount of compensation given in total, so far, State and year-wise;

(b) the details of survivors of sexual abuse and acid attack eligible for compensation but sanction is pending, State and year-wise;

(c) the details of operational One Stop Centres and the details of services provided by each such Centre, State-wise; and

(d) the details of projects undertaken for prevention of sexual harassment approved by the Empowered Committee under the Nirbhaya Scheme?

Sakhi centres

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

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

(a) whether Government has received

any proposals from the State Governments including Telangana regarding establishment of Sakhi Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of funds earmarked for each State and the amount being released at present; and

(d) by when these Centres would be established?

Grievance redressal mechanism through twitter and facebook

788. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared any structured guidelines for grievance redressal related communications *via* twitter and facebook and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the total grievances voiced *via* twitter and facebook and redressed during 2014 to 2017 and what has been the general nature of these grievances; and

(c) what kind of human as well as Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure has been created for this task?

Discontinuation of ICDS

789. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to discontinue the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to replace the above scheme with any other programme and if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Anganwadis in Kerala

790. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to privatise the existing Anganwadis in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any agreement or MoU has been signed between Government and multinational companies and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for media campaign under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

791. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts where Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme is being implemented, State-wise;

(b) the targets set under the scheme and the achievements made with respect to the targets since 2015;

(c) the details of funds allocated under the scheme since 2015, year-wise;

(d) the details of expenditure of funds received under different heads of the scheme including media campaign; and

(e) the details of media companies and the details of funds given out to such companies year-wise for undertaking the media campaign under the scheme?

Fake enrolment in Anganwadis

792. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of fake enrolment of children in Anganwadis across the country;

(b) if so, the outcome of the pilot study conducted in this regard in certain States particularly in Assam; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check large scale pilferage of funds meant for Anganwadis?

Global Gender Gap Index

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks 108th in the annual Global Gender Gap Index behind countries like China at 100th and Bangladesh at 45th and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the report highlights the lack of political participation of women in the country as a major cause for the gender gap; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

Schemes related to women and children in Maharashtra

†794. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes running under the aegis of the Ministry pertaining to the work related to women and children particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of agencies implementing these schemes, State-wise and district-wise especially in Pune district of Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government has assessed the work done by these agencies during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, agency-wise and the number of people benefited by these agencies; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regular employment to Anganwadi workers

795. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Anganwadi workers and all those engaged in programmes like AYUSH and mid-day meals are on agitation path these days;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would consider either absorbing them as regular employees or at least increase their wages?

Women abandoned by non-resident Indian husbands

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of women are abandoned by non-resident Indian husbands and the number has been increasing every year;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether the high powered panel set up by Government had made some recommendations against husbands who desert their wives and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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Direct cash transfer under ICDS

797. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned pilot projects to replace hot cooked meals and panjiri given under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme with direct cash transfers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the locations of the pilot projects;

(c) the number of workers employed in cooking and serving hot meals under ICDS, State-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of introduction of direct cash transfer on the livelihood of the workers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance under PMMVY

798. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women who have received maternity benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), State/UT-wise;

(b) the exact financial assistance given to a single women under the scheme;

(c) whether the financial assistance is less than the promised ₹ 6,000 under the National Food Security Act; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the maternity benefits under PMMVY are restricted to the first child only?

Benefits for pregnant women under PMMVY

799. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is still not operational;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, by when it was made to be operational;

(c) whether it is a fact that under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, the benefits for pregnant woman is restricted to ₹ 5000 to just one child per woman whereas under the National Food Security Act, the legal entitlement of every pregnant and lactating mother is ₹ 6000 per child; and

(d) if so, whether it amounts to a rule/guideline amending the provisions of the Act?

Penal laws for child abuse

800. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of child abuse reported and taken cognizance by Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number out of them relating to corporal punishment in schools resulting

in serious and grievous injuries which caused mental trauma resulting in suicides and those of sexual abuse by family members, in schools and other places, separately in each category;

(c) the action taken by Government in relation to each such case; and

(d) whether Government proposes any amendments in the penal laws and procedures to deal effectively with all such cases?

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