

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 22, 2018/Chaitra 1, 1940 (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

Extending benefits of MDMS to private schools

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

(a) whether mid-day meals is cooked and delivered in a safe and hygienic manner in schools covered under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);

(b) the number of children getting the benefit of the scheme; and

(c) whether the benefit of the scheme has been extended to private schools and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation for admissions in CEIs

†*287. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of 27 per cent reservation quota for admission of Other Backward Classes in Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) is being achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the quota of reservation, as laid down by Government, is being followed by all the States and if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of reservation to needy SCs/STs

*288. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the affluent and advanced sections of SCs/

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STs snatch away the maximum benefits and the 95 per cent members of these communities are at a disadvantage, as they do not avail the benefits of reservation given to them by the Central and State Governments;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to extend the benefits of reservation to the people who are in actual need and if so, in what manner and by when it would be implemented?

Implementation of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013

*289. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of implementation of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013;

(b) the reasons for not notifying district officers and setting up of nodal agencies as well as redressal mechanisms at the district level by many State Governments and UTs, as envisaged under the Act; and

(c) the details of States where this Act has not been fully implemented yet?

Financial assistance to NGOs for PVTGs

*290. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fly-by-night NGOs have drawn huge amounts under various schemes for overall development

of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) but have done little on the ground;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to NGOs for running educational and technical training centres for the tribals during each of the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(d) the number of educational centres recognised and proposals pending for approval during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

†*291. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has started a campaign named Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat for cultural exchanges among States with the aim to promote cultural traditions and national integrity of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the works under the campaign are being undertaken as per the expectations and with success; and

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

Applicability of RERA on construction irregularities

†*292. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Real Estate (RERA) (Regulation and

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Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) is not applicable to the issues related to the irregularity in construction of flats by Government and delay in granting its possession to customers, including other such issues;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of provisions providing for taking action against authorities set up for the development of cities for the scams committed by them and for the delay in granting possession of flats?

Persecution of Indian female workers in Gulf countries

*293. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints about persecution of female migrant domestic workers from India in Gulf countries by their employers;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years; and

(c) whether any measures are being taken to help such workers?

Decline in students availing NBCFDC loans

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

(a) the reasons for continuous decline in the number of students receiving National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) loans to study in India during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has increased per beneficiary spending and the duration of skill development programmes financed by NBCFDC and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether out of 1,570 students who have got loan from NBCFDC to study abroad during 2014-15 to 2016-17, 1,160 students belong to Kerala and if so, the reasons for such regional disparity in the context of NBCFDC loans?

Upgradation of secondary schools to senior secondary in Chhattisgarh

†*295. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior secondary schools in Chhattisgarh, area-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has received any letter from the State Government requesting to upgrade 876 secondary schools into senior secondary schools; and

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

Leakage of question papers of SSC

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

(a) whether Government is taking action to investigate the alleged mass leakage of question papers of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) examination that took place on February 17, 2018;

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

(c) whether steps are being taken for standardisation of examinations to avoid variation in difficulty level across different shifts of the examination;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Financial assistance for construction of toilets in urban areas

*297. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised for construction of such toilets during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether financial assistance has been received from foreign countries for construction of toilets in urban areas of the country during those years and if so, the details thereof?

Achievements of schemes for SCs, STs & OBCs in Haryana

*298. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Ministry for the welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs in the country, with particular reference to Haryana;

(b) the targets and achievements of each of these schemes in that State during the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether there have been shortfalls in achievements under those schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and the reasons therefor?

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Complaints of leakage and poor quality of food in Anganwadis

*299. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided not to offer money to beneficiaries in place of take home rations provided in Anganwadis; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken or have been taken to deal with the complaints of leakages, poor quality of food supplements and involvement of vested interests under this scheme?

Rehabilitation scheme for Vrindavan based widows

*300. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2160 given in Rajya Sabha on the 12th December, 2012 and state:

(a) the updated status of action taken by the Central Government, in consultation with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh on launching special welfare and rehabilitation scheme for Vrindavan based widows, in view of the Supreme Court's observations to provide all the basic amenities to them;

(b) the details of welfare measures taken/initiated, so far; and

(c) whether Government has any data about the number of widows currently residing at Vrindavan and how many of them are rehabilitated and by when the remaining widows would be rehabilitated?

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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