

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, March 8, 2018/Phalguna 17, 1939 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Rupashree scheme of West Bengal Government**

\*136. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the West Bengal Government has launched Rupashree scheme to empower adolescent girls through which they would get ₹ 25,000 as one time assistance at the time of their marriage after attaining the age of eighteen years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is willing to take the idea of the scheme and implement it centrally;

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

(e) whether such schemes are being run by any other State Government; and

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

#### **Complaints against NRI husbands**

\*137. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints registered by Punjabi women against NRI husbands who have deserted them, as on date; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Strategy to tackle frequent urban flooding**

\*138. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any futuristic strategy to tackle frequent urban flooding in different parts of the country;

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

**Ban on capacity expansion in engineering institutes**

\*139. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States have requested All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to temporarily ban the capacity expansion in existing institutes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the percentage of undergraduate engineering seats vacant during the year 2016-17; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage enrolment in these institutes?

**Training for teaching in higher technical institutions**

\*140. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one year training for those who want to teach in higher technical institutions is proposed to be made compulsory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the first semester of training, an inducted teacher would have to pass at least eight modules;

(c) whether this was made clear at the launch of the model curriculum for technical education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Schemes for treatment of municipal solid waste**

\*141. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner municipal solid waste management is being done in various cities and towns of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are various schemes for treating municipal solid waste under Swachh Bharat Mission;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of such scheme being implemented in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(e) the details of waste-to-energy plants set up in these States to produce energy?

**Manufacturing of electric vehicles**

\*142. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with any plan for manufacturing electric vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the manner in which Government is planning to fund the manufacturing of such vehicles and whether there is any plan to provide subsidies thereon?

**Visit of PM to West Asian countries**

\*143. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recent visit of Prime Minister to West Asian countries;

(b) the details of talks held with his

counterparts and the agreements entered into for strengthening cooperation among the countries; and

(c) what has been the outcome of the visit?

**Policy measures for poverty alleviation**

†\*144. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken several policy measures for poverty alleviation during the last three years;

(b) whether these measures have yielded the desired result;

(c) whether the number of poor has come down during those years; and

(d) whether alleviation of rural poverty has been more as compared to urban poverty during those years?

**Reduction of funds under VKY**

\*145. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has cut back the entire fund allocated to States under the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the funds for schemes under education of ST students were reduced by 94 per cent and for pre-matric scholarships of such students by more than 75 per cent; and

(c) whether the funds for Skill Development and Vocational Training for income generation were slashed by more than 50 per cent during the last three years?

**Corporate Vigilance Excellence Award to PNB**

\*146. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria and procedure for award for excellence in banking vigilance by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC);

(b) the details of banks which have been awarded for excellence in banking vigilance during the last three years;

(c) whether CVC has awarded Corporate Vigilance Excellence Award to Punjab National Bank during 2017;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the basis on which PNB was selected for the said award?

**Development of indicators reflecting SDGs**

\*147. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has interacted with other Ministries to develop indicators reflecting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

(b) if so, the details and the current progress thereof;

(c) whether all the Ministries have initiated the development process in convergence with the central sector schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry has been interacting with various State Governments also with regard to State schemes which are aligned to SDGs and if so, the details and the progress thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Law to check emigration frauds**

\*148. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to frame a law to check emigration frauds committed by travel agents;

(b) whether there is any nexus between travel agents and illegal human traffickers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the long term measures proposed to be taken for protecting the innocent emigrants as well as the nation's image abroad?

**Norms prescribed by WHO and UNICEF on malnutrition**

\*149. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women and children suffering from malnutrition in tribal/rural/urban/backward areas during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has carried out any study to ascertain the causes of malnutrition;

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether WHO and UNICEF have pointed towards very high prevalence of malnutrition particularly amongst women and children in the country and have prescribed certain norms in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Housing loan under interest subsidy scheme**

\*150. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of money given as loan for self housing after Government's new concession/interest subsidy scheme, urban and rural area-wise; and

(b) the details regarding the number of houses for which loan has been taken and the houses completed, so far?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 1st March, 2018*  
*Phalgun 10, 1939 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

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