

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, March 15, 2018/Phalguna 24, 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

Uranium required, extracted and imported for nuclear plants

2241. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of uranium required annually to run nuclear power plants in the country at full capacity;

(b) the quantity of uranium, the country is able to extract and process; and

(c) the quantity of uranium presently being imported to run the plants?

Power generation from nuclear plants

†2242. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the installed power generation capacity, utilisation of the capacity and production cost per unit of each of the

nuclear power plants in the country, plant-wise; and

(b) the details of action plan to establish new nuclear power stations every year during the next five years, the power generation capacity, cost and requirement and supply of atomic fuel for these stations?

Proposal for nuclear power plants in States

2243. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up nuclear power plants in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Kerala is included therein; and

(c) the role of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) in the field of atomic energy generation?

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Accidents in nuclear power plants

2244. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear power plants operating in the country in various fields such as power generation, research and development, defence and pharmaceutical sectors; and

(b) the details of accidents and explosions and loss of human life in various atomic power stations during the last three years?

Consultations for framing policies

2245. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved any policy of consulting stakeholders while preparing new policies or guidelines pertaining to the Ministry and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what has been the result of such consultations across the stakeholders during the last three years;

(c) what are the details about the national level organisations involved in such consultations; and

(d) the key suggestions received in such consultations and accepted by the Ministry/Department during the above period?

Asia-Pacific Corridor

2246. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is making efforts to reach an understanding among the stakeholder countries, including Japan, for establishing Asia-Pacific Corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Corridor is primarily aimed to focus on trade relations or other aspects of mutual interests would also be covered under this initiative; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bilateral agreements for repatriation of prisoners

2247. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian nationals lodged in foreign prisons—domicile-wise, sex-wise, offence-wise and category-wise, convicts and under-trials;

(b) the total number of applications for repatriation received and total number of Indian nationals repatriated from foreign prisons since the enactment of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act in 2003;

(c) the number of countries with which India has bilateral agreements in regard to repatriation of prisoners; and

(d) the inter-ministerial process of interaction between different Ministries and Departments (in the Government of India, *e.g.* MEA and MHA) and what is the average time taken to process such repatriation requests?

**Increase in Chinese activities around
Arunachal and Doklam border area**

‡2248. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that
unprecedented rise is being witnessed in
the Chinese activities along the border with
Arunachal Pradesh and Doklam and it also
includes espionage and increasing number
of soldiers;

(b) the steps being taken by
Government in view of the Chinese
activities near Indian border; and

(c) the factual position in this regard?

**Bhutan China negotiations for
exchange of Doklam area**

2249. SHRI RAM KUMAR
KASHYAP: Will the Minister of
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
China has been negotiating with Bhutan
for occupying Doklam area in view of some
other border areas with Bhutan under their
control;

(b) if so, the information available with
Government in this regard;

(c) the likely impact of such dealing
between China and Bhutan on India's safety
and security;

(d) whether Government has taken any
steps to prevent such dealings between
China and Bhutan; and

(e) if so, the details and the outcome
thereof?

Change in policy towards Pakistan

2250. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our
diplomatic efforts have brought no change
in Pakistan attitude;

(b) if so, whether Government has any
plan to change our foreign policy towards
Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Doklam border dispute

‡2251. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Doklam border dispute has
been resolved;

(b) if so, the manner in which it has
been resolved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that China has
continued the work of construction of roads
even after the withdrawal of army from the
border; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government
to stop it?

Trilateral highway

2252. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of India-
Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral highway;

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(b) the reasons why it is languishing for years and extending the deadline to 2020; and

(c) how crucial it is for India in view of improving close connections between India and ASEAN?

Ban on visiting temples

2253. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Ontario Gurudwara committee had announced a ban on Indian officials visiting 15 temples in the province, on the 30th December, 2017;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Gurudwaras in British Columbia and Alberta had also joined the said ban on 4th January, 2018 and similar ban is proposed to be imposed in UK and USA; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard'?

Dowry complaints from NRI women

2254. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been receiving dowry complaints on an average one every eight hours from abroad during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof since 2014, year-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government and the response of foreign countries on desertion cases; and

(d) the details of instructions and regulations for overseas missions for acting on the situation and action taken, so far?

Identity verification for release of Indians from Pakistani jails

2255. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 Indian civilians are languishing in Pakistani jails even after serving their jail terms ranging from 5-15 years;

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

(c) whether many Indians serving sentences in various Pakistani prisons have not been released because their identity verification has not been provided by the Indian Embassy; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is contemplating in this regard for the early release of such Indian prisoners?

Taking up Mansarovar Yatra with China

2256. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister had taken up the issue of Mansarovar Yatra through Nathu La with Chinese Foreign Minister when he was in Delhi in December, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly with respect to the response of China in this regard?

Attachment of properties of NRIs for deserting wives

2257. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of NRIs deserting their wives are increasing every year;

(b) the complaints registered with the Government against NRIs as in January, 2018; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for attachment of their properties in India and change in CrPC to help deserted wives and their children?

Problems in bringing mortals

2258. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are so many problems in bringing dead body of Indians who die abroad either naturally or accidentally;

(b) if so, the details of help extended by Indian Mission abroad in bringing the dead body;

(c) whether there is any record maintained regarding the number of dead bodies brought during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with country from which such bodies have been brought?

Decline in remittances inflow due to tax

2259. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in remittances inflow to India from 2014 to 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any diplomatic talks with countries like Qatar, UAE and Saudi Arabia where large number of migrant workers from India are employed and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the levy of huge tax on inward remittances is one of the major reasons for decline of remittances and if not, the other reasons therefor?

Death sentence to Indians in Kuwait

2260. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the matter regarding award of death sentence to 15 Indian nationals in Kuwait with the Kuwait Government;

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

(c) whether Government has provided legal and consular aid to other Indian nationals lodged in Kuwait jails in securing their release;

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

(e) whether any of these arrested Indian nationals belong to Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

Relaxing visa rules by UK and USA for Indian students

2261. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Indian students studying in United Kingdom and United States of America has decreased in recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken up the issue to relax stringent visa rules by UK and USA for Indian students and to refine post-study work visa scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indians stranded in Kuwait

2262. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the problems of Indians stranded in Kuwait who are willing to come back to India on amnesty granted by Kuwait;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of approaching the Indian Embassy in Kuwait they are not getting any help and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has made any arrangements to bring them back and if so, the details thereof?

Indian citizen missing from Iraq

2263. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government during the last few months to trace Indian citizens missing from Iraq since June, 2014;

(b) the details regarding the number of such missing people; and

(c) whether any of the missing citizens is from Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of scrapping DACA on Indian immigrants in USA

2264. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Indian immigrants in USA likely to be affected by scrapping of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) by USA administration;

(b) whether Government has assessed the extent of its impact on Indian immigrants;

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

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to assist Indian immigrants so affected; and

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

Shifting of Head office of HSCL

2265. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) has decided to shift its Head Office from Kolkata to New Delhi;

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

(c) whether the shifting will affect the employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the contractual employees of HSCL would lose their jobs after the shifting of the Head Office;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Eco friendly vehicles

2266. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the absence of an electric vehicles policy would come in the way of developing eco friendly vehicles in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would continue to support vehicle manufacturers to go ahead with their plan of making eco friendly vehicles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Redrafting of e-vehicles policy

2267. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that battery swapping policy proposed for successful rollout of electric vehicles is unviable;

(b) whether Government is considering to redraft the e-vehicle policy;

(c) whether Government is considering to involve every one in the apex panel proposal for drafting of e-vehicle policy and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PSU employees, investment, profit and loss

2268. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of Public Sector undertakings, their employees and investment;

(b) the details of their total financial gain or loss; and

(c) the steps taken to make them viable?

Amenities in Sector-23, Rohini, New Delhi

†2269. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that DDA is not providing any basic amenities in Rohini Sector-23, New Delhi and the land, lying vacant here, has been illegally occupied, thereby causing inconvenience to the allottees living there;

(b) the action being taken by Government to remove this illegal occupation;

(c) whether many DDA flats are lying

vacant in this Sector and hence are in dilapidated condition;

(d) whether Government is considering to repair these flats; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Smart cities in North-Eastern States

2270. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 80 per cent cities having all modern facilities are proposed to be developed as smart cities;

(b) the number of smart cities proposed to be developed and upgraded in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) the present status of smart cities of North-Eastern Region and the amount spent on development of smart cities till date?

Status of slums in AP and Telangana

2271. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slum reporting towns in undivided Andhra Pradesh have gone up from 118 in 2001 to 125 in 2011;

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

(c) the status of slum reporting towns after 2011 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, year-wise; and;

(d) what steps the Ministry is taking to reduce slum towns and population in slums in Andhra Pradesh?

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Private players in Metro-Rail projects

2272. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made it mandatory for State Governments, seeking central financing for the proposed Metro-Rail projects, to involve private players in the execution and running of the system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how the State Governments have responded to the Central Government's directive; and

(d) whether Government feels that this proposal would give the desired result?

Impact of underground rail on ecology in Aarey, Mumbai

2273. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) Limited has underreported the impact of underground rail's on ecology in Aarey (Mumbai) to Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA);

(b) whether MMRC has earlier planned to hack 1,652 trees in Aarey but the number has shot upward to 2,430 trees while total trees to be cut stand at 5,012;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the land needed to build the shed from the original 30 hectares was extended to 65 hectares which now stand at 165 hectares?

Investment in urban infrastructure

2274. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures undertaken to step up investments in urban infrastructure in a major way;

(b) the number of cities which have prepared the perspective plans for this; and

(c) whether the Ministry has built a reliable database on urban infrastructure and services as an integral part of the plan?

Reforms in urban Governance

2275. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of reforms being implemented in urban Governance for augmenting the resources of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to undertake investment and for maintaining the assets that are created;

(b) whether there is any proposal to make the elected ULB institutions of self-Governance as part of the reforms;

(c) whether any laws are being proposed to be enacted for community participation;

(d) whether there is any proposal for convergence of various schemes of Government for urban infrastructure and civic amenities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for construction of houses under PMAY to Karnataka

#2276.
RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has provided funds for construction of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Government of Karnataka has given a status report regarding the number of houses constructed for the urban poor in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of smart cities in Karnataka

#2277. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds announced and disbursed for development of smart cities identified under the Smart Cities Mission in Karnataka;

(b) the details of expenditure on each city;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a status report on the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Registration for implementation of RERA

2278. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have started implementation of Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA);

(b) whether it is also a fact that these States have not yet started registration of projects; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the manner in which the Ministry is planning to persuade the States to start the registration?

Review of projects under JNNURM

†2279. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued warning to the States, which have not satisfactorily implemented projects under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), that no financial support would be given to them in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted a review of performance of States with regard to utilization of funds under JNNURM; and

(d) if so, the States which have not utilized funds, so far, and the action taken against them?

Resources for betterment of small and big towns of Jharkhand

†2280. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are only 222 small and big towns and suburbs in Jharkhand which gives highest mineral resources based revenue through public sector units;

(b) whether Government has provided adequate resources for betterment of these small and big towns of the State for the construction of ring roads bye-passes, flyovers, railway overbridges, parks, gardens, playgrounds, haats and markets etc.; and

(c) if not, whether Government

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proposes to develop the towns of this fast growing State as per national city standard during the next financial year and, if so, in what manner, if not, the reasons therefor?

Loan from JICA for various Schemes of Jharkhand

‡2281. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Jharkhand has taken initiatives to take a soft loan of 2,588 million Dollar from Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) for various schemes of urban development *e.g.* smart city, metro rail and housing scheme for urban poor; and

(b) if so, the progress, so far, in this direction and the names of schemes and the amount to be earmarked for them and the action plan of Government for the same?

Delay in various metro-projects

2282. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various metro-projects are facing inordinate delay;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of various ongoing metro projects along with the original deadlines and extended deadlines, if any?

Beneficiaries of housing schemes

2283. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions have been

made in the housing scheme by Government for those eligible beneficiaries who have not been included in the list of 2011;

(b) if so, the number of such beneficiaries, State-wise;

(c) if not, the steps likely to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Houses sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh

2284. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned large number of houses in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details regarding the number of houses sanctioned, their estimated costs and the amount already released?

Low cost affordable housing in urban areas

2285. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) the details of achievements made by Government in providing low cost affordable housing in urban areas particularly for the urban poor families till 31st January, 2018 including funds allocated and utilized during the last two years, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government has set a deadline for completion of these projects; and

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

Sealing drive in Delhi

2286. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sealing drive has been launched in the National Capital Territory of Delhi to seal commercial enterprises and business outlets, resulting in protest by trade and business organisations;

(b) if so, the number of shops and retail outlets sealed under the ongoing sealing drive and the estimated loss of business and jobs; and

(c) whether Government proposes to constitute a working group of trade representatives, town planners and architects to work on a new master plan to address the challenges confronted by traders and business men in National Capital Territory of Delhi?

Recovering unauthorised land from education society

2287. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measurement of land, in excess of the allotted land, which is in possession of various education societies in Delhi including that of Sri Aurobindo Education Society at Delhi, where it is having Mother's International School, Mirambika School, Aurobindo Ashram and the Aurobindo Ashram Complex; and

(b) the steps Government proposes to take to recover such land from those societies?

Completed projects of Smart Cities Mission

2288. SHRI RIPUN BORA : Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2.5 years of announcement of Smart Cities Mission only 5 per cent of projects have been finished;

(b) if so, the number of cities to be taken under the projects in the country and were targeted to be completed before the financial year 2019-20;

(c) whether Government has not been able to provide promised funds since 2015-16 till date;

(d) if so, the details of budget sanctioned and disbursed since then; and

(e) the details of Government's plans and funds to complete the mission within the stipulated time-frame of five years?

Houses approved under PMAY

2289. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana has been divided into three stages to fulfil the objectives of Housing for All in urban areas at the earliest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of houses approved by Government in the said Yojana and the number of those completed, till 2017 along with the number of persons benefited, district-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of cities proposed to be included in the second and third stage, State-wise?

**Funds for North Eastern Region
Urban Development Programme**

2290. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been successful in utilizing funds of the North Eastern Region Urban Development Programme and if so, the details of funds released, utilized and unspent since 2014;

(b) whether the programme recorded improvement in urban management and poverty reduction in the five project cities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government has taken measures to ensure urban and environmental development of these cities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Data of houses built by Government

2291. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the houses built by Government and sold during the last three years; and

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

Work under Smart Cities Mission

2292. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work is yet to start in 40 cities that were selected in September, 2016 under the Smart Cities Mission; and

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

**Recommendations of Justice Gambhir
Committee**

2293. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Gambhir Committee Report has been submitted to Government;

(b) whether the report states about non-utilisation and/or diversion/mis-utilisation of funds allocated for the scheme for providing shelters to the urban homeless;

(c) whether the Committee's recommendations have been implemented; and

(d) the number of such existing shelters which comply with NULM operational guidelines?

**Development work for LIG flats of
Molarband, Delhi**

†2294. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether no steps have been taken for development of parks, Mother Dairy booths, Medical stores, etc. for allottees of LIG flats at Molarband under housing scheme, 2010 of Delhi Development Authority leading to their difficulties;

(b) whether the construction of a

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community building is going on in the park of that area thereby resulting in cutting of trees and less space for park which is being protested; and

(c) the steps taken by DDA for development of park of that area and the amount spent thereon?

Grants to J&K under PMAY

2295. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to release grants to Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) to achieve targets fixed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY); and

(b) the total funds allocated for the year 2016-17 under this scheme and the present status of funds utilization across the State?

Funds under Smart Cities Mission in Jammu and Kashmir

2296. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds released by Government for the development of smart cities under Smart Cities Mission is lying idle with the State Governments; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount released for Jammu and Kashmir under the Mission and the amount lying idle with the State Government?

Utilization of funds under flagship projects for transformation of urban areas

2297. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good part of the funds allocated for 6 flagship projects to transform urban areas remain unutilized;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated for these projects, funds released and unutilized during the year 2017-18; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Funding plan for affordable houses

2298. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the funding plan for building 1.2 crore affordable houses in urban areas of the country, as has been announced in the Budget 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Evaluation of projects under Smart Cities Mission

2299. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken in 100 smart cities projects in the country;

(b) whether any test audit of the projects has been done to evaluate the projects and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, by when the review of these projects would be taken up for mid-course correction and better implementation; and

(d) the details of amount spent, so far, on these projects and expected to be spent in future?

Cities under metro rail projects

†2300. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:
Will the Minister of HOUSING AND
URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to operationalise metro rails in several cities of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cities where metro rail projects have been in operation, so far; and

(c) the number and names of such cities where metro rail projects are proposed to be made operational in near future?

Enrolment of child labours in schools

2301. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government has any policy to enroll all the children in schools who are engaged in labourer work to help their family members ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made in this regard during the last three years, State-wise?

Allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2302. SHRI MANAS RANJAN
BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has reduced the allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during 2016-17 and 2017-18 for different States reducing the Central share of the programme;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

MACP to teaching staff of KVs

2303. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Modified Assured Career Progression (MACP) has not been extended to teaching staff of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) even after a decade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of criteria for grant of senior/selection grade;

(d) whether due to restriction of 20 per cent of vacancy and other conditions, no teacher is eligible for grant of senior/selection grade;

(e) the details of eligible teachers during the current year, post-wise;

(f) whether representations have been received for removing all conditions for granting senior/selection grade; and

(g) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Training to 20 lakh teachers under RTE

2304. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the
Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Right to Education Act 20 lakh teachers were to be trained by 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this target would be achieved so that teachers could become better mentors?

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Steps to increase literacy

2305. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of illiterates in each State/
Union Territory, at present, gender-wise;
- (b) the achievements made, so far, under
the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Saakshar
Bharat; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to
increase literacy in the country?

**Provision of ₹ 10,000 crore to top
twenty universities**

2306. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ranks of universities in
the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government
is going to provide ₹ 10,000 crore to top
twenty universities in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any universities have been
selected from Telangana; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and how much
money is going to be provided to them?

Launch of Operation Digital Boards

†2307. SHRI N. GOKULA-
KRISHNAN:
SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central
and State Governments have agreed to
launch Operation Digital Board in all the
Government schools during the next five

years to focus on digital education and
increasing the use of information and
communication technology in class rooms;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that the
Operation Digital Board would be
undertaken jointly by the Centre, State
Government, community and corporations,
as part of their corporate social
responsibility; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Swayam Prabha Scheme

2308. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the
Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 32 educational channels
launched under a scheme called Swayam
Prabha is available on Doordarshan only and
private channels have refused to air them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the
reasons therefor;
- (c) whether these channels would soon
be available on mobile app;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has appealed to
cable operators and telecom companies to
carry the channels for the benefit of students;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the
response of the cable operators and telecom
companies thereto; and
- (g) the other steps taken by
Government to popularize the educational
channels launched?

**Condition of school buildings in Uttar
Pradesh**

2309. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the
Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are many Government

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school buildings in Uttar Pradesh which are in dilapidated condition;

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

(c) the funds required for their repair along with the funds allocated and released during the last three years;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to open up new schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to provide basic infrastructure in schools for the betterment of education?

Pupil-teacher ratio in schools

2310. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of average pupil-teacher ratio in Government schools of urban and rural areas, city-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to promote digitalization of education in primary and upper primary schools and how many schools have upgraded to digital boards during the last three years; and

(c) the amount of budget allocation for E-learning in schools during the last three years and how much of that budget has been spent on schools in rural areas?

Procedure for appointment of VCs in Central Universities

2311. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procedure followed to

appoint Vice Chancellors in Central Universities;

(b) whether the Ministry has asked for annulment of appointment of Vice Chancellor of Visva Bharti and disbanding the panel which chose the candidate after the Ministry itself constituted it, a few months ago;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and why the reasons were not considered before constituting the panel and recommending a candidate;

(d) whether the provisions laid down in Central Universities Act, 2009 were not followed completely in the above case; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Smart Campus Campaign in IITs

2312. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Smart Campus Campaign in the IITs recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives of such campaign; and

(c) the quantum of funds being released under this campaign to each IIT?

Policy of class-promotion

†2313. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the policy of class-promotion through examination and the action plan to implement it for making the education qualitative at primary and secondary levels of education?

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Expenditure on education

2314. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's expenditure on education, as a percentage of GDP, has been decreasing consistently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during 2012-13, education expenditure was 3.1 per cent of the GDP;

(c) whether Government aims to spend 6 per cent of GDP on education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Joint survey on out of school children

2315. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would soon launch an effort to identify the number of out of school children across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a joint survey would be conducted by the Central and State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Finalisation of regulations for universities

2316. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government would soon finalise regulations enabling universities with high National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) scores to offer degrees, certificates and diploma courses for non-technical subjects in online mode;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only universities with high NAAC scores would get permission;

(c) whether the University Grants Commission would approve their course structure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Autonomy to universities for hiring foreign faculty

2317. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that universities would henceforth be granted autonomy to pay higher pay packages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they have also been given the freedom to hire foreign faculty members;

(c) whether the foreign faculty members to be hired should have taught in any of the top 500 institution of the world on contract basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Change in NCERT curriculum

2318. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for changes in the NCERT curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has initiated consultations with stakeholders in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disbursal of stipend to research students

2319. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is delay in disbursing stipend by University Grants Commission (UGC) for research students even after qualifying Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/National Eligibility Test (NET);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has effected any budgetary cut for research in higher education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Decline in learning level of students

2320. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to National Achievement Survey (NAS), the learning levels in mathematics and languages show a progressive decline from lower to higher grades in Government schools;

(b) whether according to NAS, an average of 67.7 per cent of class 3 students have performed well in languages whereas this rate drops to 58.4 per cent in class 5 and 56.7 per cent in class 8;

(c) whether over 2.2 million children across the country were tested during the said NAS; and

(d) whether the country inches close to achieving the target of universal enrolment for the age group 6-14 years?

Extending RTE from nursery to secondary education level

†2321. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to extend the ambit of Right to Education (RTE) from nursery to secondary level;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any steps in this regard; and

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

Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education

2322. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India lags far behind China in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), as recently pointed out by the All India Higher Education Survey; and

(b) what are Government's plans to make India a global educational hub in terms of quantity and quality in higher education?

Representation of SC/ST/Muslim teachers

2323. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the representations of teachers of Muslim, Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe communities is lower than their population

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in higher educational institutions as recently highlighted in All-India Survey on Higher Education (2016-17);

(b) if so, what are Government's plans to fulfil these communities' representations in higher educational institutions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Teaching service by under-graduate students

†2324. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory for under-graduate students to provide teaching service for three hours a week in their neighbourhood institutions;

(b) if so, whether it would help meet the shortage of teachers across the country; and

(c) the number of vacant posts of teachers across schools and colleges in the country and by when they are likely to be filled, State-wise?

Play glorifying Nathuram Godse in BHU

2325. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a play glorifying Nathuram Godse and portraying Mahatma Gandhi in poor light, had been permitted by authorities of Banaras Hindu University, during a cultural fest recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has inquired into the matter and has fixed responsibility in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Enrolment of girls across various socio-economic groups

2326. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of girls enrolled in primary schools across socio-economic groups of SC/ST, minorities and in rural-urban areas during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the schemes, measures and incentives implemented by the Ministry aimed at enhancing girls' participation and ensuring their retention in education; and

(c) whether the Ministry is taking any other steps to reduce the gender disparity, so as to achieve better gender parity index and if so, the details thereof?

National Teachers' Training Policy

2327. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a new National Teachers' Training Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when the new policy is likely to be launched?

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Vacant posts of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2328. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to appoint teachers to fill the vacant posts in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of posts vacant, as on date?

Dues of Madarasa teachers

2329. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 50,000 Madarasa teachers across the country have not received central component constituting around 75 to 80 per cent of their salaries during the last two years;

(b) whether Government would consider settling the dues at the earliest; and

(c) if so, by when all the dues would be cleared?

Residential campus/hostels for girls in model schools of Chhattisgarh

†2330. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of Chhattisgarh regarding construction of residential campus in the model schools of the State and opening of girls' hostel in the notified development divisions;

(b) whether there is a demand for sanctioning model schools in each development division of the State and whether the same would be granted; and

(c) whether sanction would be granted to the demand of the State for opening residential high schools in 591 upgraded branches in naxal affected areas?

Central share under SSA

†2331. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Central share under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the period 2011-12 to 2015-16 has not been given to Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the amount of Central share has not been given under the recurring head for Navin Patal Education City/Hub by the Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission; and

(c) whether these Central share would be provided to the State without any delay?

Passing of absent students in Bhopal

2332. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action against the permanent and contractual staff at NIOS, Bhopal regional office responsible for passing the absent students in 2017 examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of passed students who were absent in the examination?

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Students leaving board examinations

†2333. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that students have left 10th and 12th board examinations on large scale in many States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the action being taken to stop students to take such steps, State-wise?

Steps for educational reforms

†2334. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the steps taken for educational reforms during the last three years and whether Government proposes to reform primary, secondary and higher education;

(b) the names of States which have given their assents for educational reforms;

(c) whether it is proposed to include employment oriented education at secondary level through these reforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in NITs, IITs and IIMs

2335. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to fill the vacancies of faculties in premier institutions like NITs, IITs, IIMs, during the last three years;

(b) the details of vacancies of faculties in such institutions, as on date, institutions-wise;

(c) whether Government has formulated any time-frame to fill these vacancies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to colleges in Tuticorin

2336. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had provided development and maintenance assistance for any of the colleges in Tuticorin district of Tamil Nadu for upgrading infrastructure and for the expansion and consolidation of facilities, improvement of standards through modernization etc., during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Closing down of private engineering colleges

2337. SHRIR. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 300

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private engineering colleges would be asked to stop operating from the academic session 2018-19;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these institutions have been asked not to undertake admission process for any fresh batch as they had less than 30 per cent enrolment for five consecutive years;

(c) whether another 500 engineering colleges are under the scanner for not being able to fill up seats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking of universities

2338. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has increased its representation in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018, claiming 42nd place up by 33 last year with 12 new entrants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several of its institutions, including many of its leading universities, have slid in the ranking of 350 top universities in Asia; and

(c) whether while the number of Indian institutions in the rankings has increased, the rise is partly due to an expansion of the table to include 350 universities this year, up from around 300 in 2017?

Standard definition of out of school children by CUBE

2339. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sub-committee of Central Advisory Board of Education (CUBE) has made a presentation on out of school children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the sub-committee has identified a number of reasons for children not going to schools or eventually dropping out;

(c) whether the panel has recommended several measures to alleviate the problem such as coming up with a standard definition of out of school children; and

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

Budgetary support for improving ranking of universities

2340. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Times Higher Education has released Asia University Rankings in which India ranks much below Japan and China in terms of number of universities that found place in international rankings;

(b) whether Government has taken any efforts to provide more budgetary allocations in terms of Government scholarships in both public as well as private institutes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of manners in which Government plan to spend One lakh crore rupees under Revitalising of Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE)?

Review of functioning of JNVs

2341. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of JNVs proposed to be established, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has made any review of the functioning of JNVs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Vacant posts of teachers in Central Universities

†2342. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to fill up the vacant posts of teachers in Central Universities within one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Innovation Fund at secondary education level

†2343. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Innovation fund has been set up at secondary education level for encouraging local innovation in the educationally backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey/study has been conducted regarding the utilization of the fund and improvement taken place in the quality of education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Transfers of professors and employees of Central Universities

†2344. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to transfer professors and other employees of Central Universities to other Central Universities like Government employees;

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

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

Autonomous status to colleges

2345. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the colleges that perform well would now be able to apply for autonomous status which would permit them to start new courses and programme, set syllabi and even fix fees for courses at their own level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the University Grants Commission has notified guidelines for this change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Seats available in private unaided schools under RTE Act

2346. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1193 given in Rajya Sabha on 28 December, 2017 and state:

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(a) whether 29 States/UTs that issued notification under RTE Act Sec. 12(1)(c) maintain records of number of seats available in private unaided schools under this provision;

(b) if so, the details of number of seats available since 2015, State-wise and year-wise, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Goa, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Telangana have notified admissions under this section, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons that 12 States/UTs reported 'NA' for children studying in schools under this section?

Empowered Committee for World Class institutions

2347. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC constituted the "Empowered Expert Committee" under the new UGC guidelines for creating world class institutions;

(b) the number of universities in India which have applied to become World Class Institution and the details thereof;

(c) the details of the role of regulatory bodies such as BCI, MCI and AICTE after establishment of EEC, and how the ministry would tackle the issue of multiple regulatory bodies with overlapping mandates and the details thereof; and

(d) the mechanism to ensure that EEC does not inherit the downsides of the existing regulatory practices?

Vacancy of non-teaching staff in KVs of Delhi

2348. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of teaching and non-teaching posts are vacant in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs);

(b) if so, the details thereof in Delhi Region, School-wise;

(c) whether non-teaching employees like sub-staff are not recruited on contractual basis which adversely affect the working of various departments of schools like laboratories;

(d) the details of vacancy of sub-staff in schools of Delhi region including KV, INA;

(e) whether there is urgent need for recruitment of sub-staff in KVs of Delhi region; and

(f) if so, time by which these posts would be filled up by Government?

Implementation of guidelines for revision of Recruitment Rules

2349. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines on framing of recruitment rules for posts in Government Departments prescribe revision of recruitment rules, after every 5 years, in view of change in job description and requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to ensure that the redundant recruitment rules for the posts in various Departments not revised in the last 5 years or more are identified and revised treating the matter on priority?

Measuring productivity of government employees

2350. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed by Government in various departments during the last three years, year-wise, department-wise and cadre-wise;

(b) whether Government has a method in place to measure the productivity of such employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received a proposal from the Ministry of Finance to scrap five lakh posts which are lying unfilled for the last five years; and

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

Vacancies in Civil Services Cadres

2351. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Civil Services Cadres, especially IAS are facing a shortage of more than 1,500 posts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 782 vacancies have been announced by the UPSC for Civil Services Examination in 2018; and

(c) if so, the reasons for announcement of less vacancies against higher requirement since 2014, till date?

Use of RTI for extracting private details of individuals

2352. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Right to Information Act, conceived as a tool for common man to make Government more accountable towards administration and Governance, has in the last few years become a weapon to dig out private details of persons to settle personal scores; and

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

New system to assess integrity of bureaucrats

2353. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to have a new system to assess the integrity and reputation of bureaucrats on the basis of which promotion would be given;

(b) if so, the services that are going to be considered for the purpose and by when this is likely to be introduced;

(c) whether there is a proposal to send these guidelines to the States; and

(d) if so, by when?

Agreements for import of bullion

2354. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have registered cases in 2012-13 and 2013-14 against M/s. SMC Comrade Limited, New Delhi and M/s. ECSL Limited who have entered into agreements with Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) under the Ministry of Textiles for import of bullion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of the investigation?

Absorption of contractual employees

2355. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies created during the last two years, on temporary and permanent basis; and

(b) the details of contractual employees working with Government and plans of their permanent absorption and if not, the reasons therefor?

Uploading of monthly work reports

2356. PFOF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to take action to ensure compliance by other Central Ministries that have not complied with the April, 2016 order of the Central Information Commission requiring monthly work reports to be uploaded on respective Ministry websites;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number and the details of Ministries that have uploaded monthly work reports since May, 2016 till January, 2018; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Award to Government servants

2357. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to award Government servants for their services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would allow the public participation in selection of Government servants for such awards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of RTI applications

2358. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Governments that have formulated rules under the RTI Act;

(b) whether such rules are in conformity with the Central rules and if not, the reasons therefor and the details of differences in rules, State-wise;

(c) whether difference in rules affect timely response to RTI applications;

(d) if so, the number of RTI applications pending since 2014 onwards and penalties imposed by respective State Information Commissions, State-wise and Year-wise; and

(e) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to ensure that States with several pending RTI applications dispose the same timely?

Grievance Analysis and System Reform

‡2359. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reforms done on the basis of "Grievance Analysis and System Reform" study for Ministries has given positive outcome in the redressal of grievances by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hundred per cent grievances are being redressed by the Department at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh

2360. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why Andhra Pradesh is not being granted Special Category Status for three years;

(b) the special emphasis given to the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh in view of the above;

(c) the details of benefits Special Category States are getting now and since how long, State-wise;

(d) to what extent Andhra Pradesh, after getting Special Category Status, would get industrial and other benefits for its growth; and

(e) whether the 14th Finance Commission has never asked not to confer Special Category Status on any State?

Addressing of public grievances

2361. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog is the slowest among Central Ministries and Departments in addressing public grievances;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the rate of disposal of grievances by the Aayog during the last three years?

New India Mission, 2022 for LWE districts

†2362. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 115 districts of the country, particularly the ones affected by left wing extremism (LWE) or naxalism have been identified to achieve the objectives under the New India Mission, 2022 launched by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details of appointments of officers in charge of Mission, State-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) whether an MoU has been signed between State Governments and NITI Aayog;

(d) if so, the number of States which have entered into MoUs, so far; and

(e) by when the MoUs would be signed with rest of the State Governments?

Measures to reduce financial inequalities in the country

2363. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the recent study report by Oxfam India, financial inequalities are rapidly rising in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government would take to bridge the gap between the poorest and the richest in the country?

Winding up of Central Councils of Homoeopathy and Indian Medicines

2364. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog is planning to wind up the Central Council

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of Homoeopathy and Central Council of Indian Medicine and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Aayog has drafted some blueprint, post winding up of these two Central Councils and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of approved vendors

2365. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed and approved vendors for NITI Aayog to carry out various schemes like Atal Innovation Mission (AIM);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of approved vendors since the inception of NITI Aayog in 2014; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated to AIM during the last three years and the total value of orders carried out by the vendors during the last three years?

Amendments to Maintenance and Welfare of Senior Citizens Act, 2007

2366. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of senior citizens have been abandoned/denied maintenance by their children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether amendments to the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 are under active consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the extent of safeguard proposed for the senior citizens through the amendments?

Drug addiction among students

2367. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drug addiction cases reported during the last three years among the age group of 11-18 years and 19-25 years, year-wise and the details regarding the number of drug addict students in engineering, medical, legal, architecture and management colleges and ITIs across the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Government schools and colleges which have set up counselling centres for students;

(c) the number of such schools and colleges which have introduced a curriculum on mental health and wellness; and

(d) the details of steps taken to raise awareness on drug addiction?

Pending proposals from Chhattisgarh

‡2368. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received in the Ministry from Chhattisgarh Government during the last two years;

(b) the current status of each proposal; and

(c) by when the pending proposals would be approved?

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**Jobs provided by Vocational
Rehabilitation Centres**

2369. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) for differently abled persons are ensuring employment to the trainees;

(b) if so, the details of each of such VRCs in the country;

(c) the courses offered and the number of students trained during the last three years by such VRCs; and

(d) the number of students who were provided employment during those years by such VRCs?

**Enhancement of reservations for SCs
and STs**

2370. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States are sending proposals for enhancement of reservations for SCs and STs based on their proportional representation in population in their States;

(b) whether reservations proportionate to percentage in population is allowed as per Constitution even though it exceeds maximum allowed percentage of 50 per cent as per the judgement of the Supreme Court; and

(c) from which States such proposals have been received and what is the present stage of consideration?

Organisation of de-addiction camps

2371. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether de-addiction camps are being organized regularly;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries from such camps;

(c) the status of the National Toll free Drug-de-Addiction Helpline; and

(d) the details regarding the number of victims drug addiction in the country during the last three years?

**Funds for Pre/Post Matric
Scholarships**

2372. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the quantum of funds for Pre and Post Matric Scholarships for SC/ST students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the entire amount released during the last financial year has been utilized; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken in this regard?

Atrocities against SCs and STs

2373. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of

atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) are on rise;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported, State-wise, during the last two years and the number of cases disposed off/convicted, so far; and

(c) the measures being taken to ensure that prompt action is taken on cases of atrocities against SCs and STs?

Welfare schemes of senior citizens in Odisha

†2374. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented for the welfare of senior citizens in Odisha;

(b) the amount released and utilised under these schemes for the State during the last three years;

(c) whether State Government of Odisha has requested to allocate more funds for welfare schemes of senior citizens and if so, the details of action taken thereon; and

(d) the number of old age homes running in that State, at present and the details thereof, location-wise?

National Sports Centres for Divyangjan

2375. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans for setting up of the National Sports Centres for Divyangjan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Blind World Cup winning Indian Team;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps being taken to encourage sports among disabled persons at various levels?

Guidelines for assessment of disabilities

2376. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any new guidelines regarding assessment of disabilities recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued any directions to State Governments and other stakeholders to expedite the issuance of Disability Certificates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of National survey on the extent and pattern of substance abuse

2377. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the National Survey on the extent and pattern of substance abuse in the country;

(b) the measures being taken to create awareness among children and youth about substance abuse;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated to the scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse since 2015, year-wise; and

(d) the number of voluntary organisations provided funds under the scheme since then, year-wise?

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Upliftment of disabled homeless persons

†2378. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any rehabilitation scheme for the upliftment and empowerment of disabled homeless and persons without family living on road sides;

(b) if so, the details of these schemes and the amount released and used during the last three years for these schemes, scheme-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Launch pad in Tamil Nadu

2379. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:
SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to establish launch pad at Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for construction of launch pad there or at any other place in the State?

Notification of Village Forest Rules by States

2380. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have been notifying Village Forest Rules (VFR), which is in complete contradiction to Panchayat (Extention to Scheduled Area)

Act (PESA) and Forest Rights Act (FRA); and

(b) if so, the names of States and the details of the steps being taken not to allow implementation of VFR and to ensure strict implementation of Forest Right Act (FRA)?

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

2381. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the National Commission on Scheduled Tribes separately showing the expenditure incurred for each centre during the last three years;

(b) the details of sanctioned strength and vacant positions across various centres/offices of the Commission; and

(c) the details of cases dealt with by the Commission during each of the last three years along with current status of such cases State-wise?

Funds for Chhattisgarh under TSP

†2382. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released for Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) to Chhattisgarh under Special Central Assistance (SCA) during last three years and the current year; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to spread awareness regarding the development schemes related to roads, buildings, hygiene, education, scholarship etc. in tribal areas?

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**Implementation of CSS including
flagship programmes**

2383. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including flagship programmes being implemented by the Ministry at present; and

(b) the details of targets and allocations made, funds allocated, disbursed and utilized to these schemes during the last three years including the current year, scheme-wise, State and UT-wise?

Prevention of child marriage

†2384. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to laxity in implementation of the provisions of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, meaningful success in stopping child marriage is elusive, in the country;

(b) the details of cases of child marriages reported during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken to prevent the same in view of figures of child marriages; and

(d) the details of awareness initiatives being taken to stop child marriages and the details of funds spent thereon during the last three years?

**Grants to NGOs for orphanages in
Bihar**

†2385. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government provides grants to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for setting up orphanages for women and children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of NGOs given responsibility for setting up and running the orphanages in Bihar; and

(d) the number of orphanages in that State?

**Protection and rights of pregnant
women and new mothers**

2386. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the protection and rights given to pregnant women and new mothers working in the organised sector; and

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the scope of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 to include the unorganised sector?

**Policy for education and care of
children of prisoners**

2387. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether policies have been formulated for the education and care of children below 6 years staying inside the prison with their mothers; and

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(b) whether any social scheme has been formulated for the welfare of women prisoners, children housed in prison with their mothers, and children, of prisoners outside the prison?

Comprehensive study on child abuse

2388. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to undertake another comprehensive study on child-physical, emotional and sexual abuse, on the lines of its report of 2007; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in offences against children

2389. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that abuse of children has risen during last three years;

(b) if so, the complaints on offence against children reported during those years, State-wise;

(c) the action plan and instruction of Government to prevent such offences in schools and institutions including training centres for children upto the age of 16 years; and

(d) the proposals/plan of Government to educate parents for safeguarding their children?

Compensation to male victims under POCSO Act

2390. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not providing any compensation to male victims under POCSO Act and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details regarding the number of cases registered under POCSO Act and compensation paid to victims, State-wise and gender-wise?

Increase in cases of domestic violence

2391. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that domestic violence has increased during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many cases have been filed under the Protection of Domestic Violence Act during the last two years; and

(d) in how many cases the perpetrators got punishment during the last two years?

Banning private players in ICDS

2392. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to ban private players in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in order to tackle malnutrition and improve

the overall health of children especially in backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many NGOs are working at present, who are paid Government grants under ICDS?

Abolition of Devdasi System

2393. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of continuance of inhuman treatment of girls and women in the name of Devdasi System in Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(b) if so, the reasons why the Devdasi system is still in existence despite ban; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to abolish this heinous practice?

Establishing Women Commission in States

2394. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish Women Commissions in every State and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court of India has directed Government to take necessary steps in this regard;

(c) whether Government has since started the process and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for setting up of Women Commissions in every State?

Funds under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme

2395. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government has started Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme;

(b) whether Government has not released any funds to some States under this scheme in spite of repeated requests from the concerned States;

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

(d) whether some State Governments including Telangana have requested for early release of funds under this scheme and if so, the quantum of funds released, so far; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to avoid any fund crunch by State Governments in the implementation of the scheme to achieve the desired objectives?

Review of facilities at juvenile homes

2396. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the juvenile reforms/rehabilitation homes in the country are lacking facilities and the inmates are subjected to physical and mental tortures and harassment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government make any frequent reviews of functioning of such homes to protect juveniles;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to regulate these juvenile homes?

reviews and monitors this fund, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the amount allocated/spent during the last three years under this fund, the year-wise and State-wise?

Consultations in framing policies

2397. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved any policy of consulting stakeholders while preparing new policies or guidelines pertaining to the Ministry, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what has been the result of such consultations across the stakeholders during the last three years, the details about the national level organisations involved in such consultations, what have been the key suggestions received in such consultations and those accepted by the Ministry/ Department during this period?

Funds for safety and security of women

†2398. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any special fund for safety and security of women in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the process of implementation of the above fund and the details of powers of co-ordination between Ministry of Home Affairs, Finance and Women and Child Development;

(c) whether Government regularly

Internal Complaints Committees in organisations

2399. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of organisations that are supposed to set up Internal Complaints Committees under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressed) Act, 2013;

(b) the number of organisations that have set up such Internal Complaints Committees;

(c) whether these Committees are functioning as per the procedure established in the statute and are effective in giving redress to complainants; and

(d) if not, steps that Government has taken/proposes to take to address this issue?

Scheme for welfare of widows, deserted, old and poor women

†2400. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing schemes for the welfare of widows, deserted, old and poor women and children in the country;

(b) whether the said schemes are sufficient for the development of women and children and if so, the details of women and children benefitted from them during

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the last three years and the current year, allocated to different States during those
year-wise and State-wise; and years under the said scheme, State-wise
(c) the details of funds sanctioned/ and scheme-wise?

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