

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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(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)

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#### Upgradation of nuclear power plants

3041. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of nuclear power generation capacity added during the last three years including the current year;

(b) the goal set for the current year and the progress made in this regard;

(c) the quantum of funds spent on maintenance and upgradation of nuclear power plants during the last three years including the current financial year and the cost per unit of power generation; and

(d) whether Government is planning to expand the capacity of existing and new plants to meet the growing energy needs and if so, the details thereof?

#### Agreement on peaceful use of nuclear energy

3042. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government Department has notified United Kingdom, Sri Lanka and Singapore about the agreements on co-operation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the counterparts has shared their nuclear and non-nuclear materials, technology, etc. with our country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Department has signed any other international agreements with foreign nations regarding the nuclear energy during the year 2017 and if so, the details thereof?

**Technology adopted for nuclear reactors**

3043. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of nuclear reactors presently operational in the country;
- (b) whether all the reactors are using the same technology or different technologies; and
- (c) the details in this regard?

**Setting up of heavy water reactors**

3044. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up heavy water reactors in the country;
- (b) if so, the name of States where such reactors are proposed to be set up;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made regarding likely impact of rising number of heavy water reactors on generation of electricity; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years?

**Funds for development of North Eastern Region**

3045. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount released by the Ministry for the development of North Eastern Region during the last three years;
- (b) the funds which remained unutilised and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is rampant corruption

in Central schemes being implement in North Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the initiatives taken to curb the corruption?

**Strict laws by New Zealand for skilled workers from abroad**

3046. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that New Zealand has also toughened their laws for skilled workers from abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and how they are impacting Indian skilled workers;
- (c) the manner in which the Ministry is looking at these developments, first by US then Australia and now New Zealand, which are detrimental to our skilled workers; and
- (d) whether any discussions at the diplomatic and political level took place in this and if so, the details thereof?

**Fake agencies sending Indians abroad**

3047. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that various agencies mostly fake in the name of facilitating study or seeking jobs abroad are mushrooming without any checks and balances, charging exorbitantly high fees from students/job applicants;
- (b) if so, whether steps have been taken by Government to contain such activities; and
- (c) if not, the steps Government proposes to take against such agencies and to give relief to trapped students/job seekers?

**Tracing of missing Indians onboard an oil tanker**

3048. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:  
SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 22 Indians onboard an oil tanker is missing in the piracy-plagued waters of West Africa;

(b) if so, whether Government has tried to establish positive communication through diplomatic channels;

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether a ship had been missing off the coast of Benin in January and was later confirmed to have been hijacked and a crew of 22, most of whom were Indians, were released after a ransom was paid; and

(e) if so, whether Government is looking into the present case also in the same angle?

**Funds for documentary films**

3049. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocated and spent on making of documentary films by the Ministry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of private production houses selected for making of documentary films for the Ministry during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, along with the criteria for selection; and

(c) the reasons why Doordarshan has not been given the said work by the Ministry?

**Decision related to Pink Passport**

3050. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is a Pink Passport and to whom it is issued and the reasons why it was withdrawn;

(b) whether the Ministry has initially proposed to remove last page of Passport which contains information of father/mother, address, etc., and then reverted its decision; and

(c) what is the position of international norms, as far as (b) is concerned?

**Support for reconstruction of Iraq**

3051. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has offered support for reconstruction of Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India would come up with project specific proposals for the purpose; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

**Shortage of staff strength in Indian missions abroad**

3052. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of staff strength in Indian embassies, consulates and high commissions in various countries particularly U.K., USA, China and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the current status of vacancy position, mission wise;

(c) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies and by when they would be filled;

(d) whether Government has assigned and appointed any attache for various ministerial jobs abroad particularly in European Union; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **IFS officers belonging to SC/ST and OBC**

3053. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of officers belonging to Scheduled Castes(SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) appointed in various embassies/commissions abroad during the last three years and as on date;

(b) the details of the norms followed for their appointment;

(c) the number of IFS officers belonging to SC, ST, and OBC working in the Ministry as on date, category-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government for the appointment of officers belonging to the said categories in Indian Missions in proportion to their population?

#### **Modernisation of Passport Seva Kendras in Maharashtra**

3054. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Passport Offices (PO) and Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) currently functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the modernisation process

of PO and PSK are underway in the country including Maharashtra;

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

(d) by when all the PO and PSKs are likely to be modernised along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Use of Hindi in the Ministry**

†3055. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the Department-wise status of progressive use of Hindi in each meeting held after the year 2014 in the Ministry for implementation of official language Hindi in compliance with "Annual Programme" issued every year by the Department of Official Language under the Ministry of Home Affairs and the measures taken to achieve the target set?

#### **Recognising East Jerusalem as capital of Palestine**

3056. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering of recognising East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Attestation of educational certificates for going abroad**

3057. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attestation of educational

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and other certificates are being done by the Department/Ministry for students who apply in foreign country;

(b) if so, whether the power of attestation of certificates would be delegated to State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the number of centres to get attestation of educational and other certificates in the country?

#### **MoUs with Jordan**

3058. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agreements/MoUs signed with Jordanian Kingdom during the recent visit of the King of Jordan to New Delhi;

(b) whether any collaboration of IIT Delhi with Jordan technical institutes has been explored and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of regional and international issues of mutual interest discussed with Jordan?

#### **EPC contract for trilateral highway project**

3059. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has issued Engineering, Procurement and construction (EPC) contract for trilateral highway project linking India, Myanmar, Thailand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total estimated cost and pattern of its funding; and

(d) whether the trilateral highway will also benefit North-Eastern States, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Extradition treaties with foreign countries**

3060. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of extradition laws/treaties with USA, UK, UAE, Hongkong and European countries;

(b) how many persons have been extradited to India, since 2014 from above countries; and

(c) the details of fugitives which are yet to be extradited since 2014 with details of economic offences against them?

#### **Reduction in syllabus**

3061. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government is considering to reduce syllabus by half to provide relief to school students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the burden of syllabus on school children;

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

(e) whether reducing the burden of syllabus would help students in their all-round development activities; and

(f) if so, whether Government would frame model guidelines for all-round development activities at the school level, and if so, the details thereof?

**Funding for South Asian University**

3062. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to open campuses of the South Asian University (SAU) in other States, especially Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether all SAARC countries have contributed to SAU;

(d) if so, the details regarding proportions thereof;

(e) whether any country has failed to pay its committed dues to SAU; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Procurement from entities owned by SCs/STs**

3063. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mandatory norm of four per cent of the total procurement from the entities owned by SCs/STs is followed by the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) as stipulated by Public Procurement Policy, 2012;

(b) if so, the details of PSUs following the norm;

(c) the total value of procurement by PSUs during the last three years; and

(d) the details of PSUs which are not following the norm and reasons therefor?

**High cost of electric vehicles**

3064. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether high cost of pure electric vehicles is a hurdle in its popularization and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formally launched the FAME India scheme incentivising electric and hybrid vehicles and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has requested the Ministry of Finance to extend the 200 per cent incentives for research and development, especially for the automobile sector and if so, the details thereof?

**Families displaced due to heavy industries**

3065. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of public and private sector heavy industries set up in various States/UTs during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of families displaced due to setting up of such industries during the said period; and

(c) the number of families out of them rehabilitated in such States/UTs, so far, State/UT-wise?

**Comprehensive plan to revive sick industries**

3066. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), that have been declared as sick, has risen substantially over the years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof since 2013;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to revive the sick industries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vehicle manufacturers against all electric vehicles**

3067. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many vehicle manufacturers have urged the Government not to go ahead with its plan of making all vehicles electric by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that, with such a rush, the country has been foreclosing options for better technologies for future generations; and
- (d) whether there has been widespread criticism that the nationwide plan of e-cars was based more on impulse than sound planning, strategy or technology?

**Toilets constructed under corporate social responsibility**

3068. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the toilets constructed using corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds by CPSEs, under Swachh Bharat Mission are unhygienic and unusable;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any measures to ensure hygienic toilets and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for maintenance of toilets constructed under CSR fund of CPSEs, State-wise?

**Commencement of work of smart cities in Gujarat**

†3069. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has commenced the work in the cities which are to be transformed into smart cities; and
- (b) if so, the names of cities in the State of Gujarat where work has begun and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up of town and country planning college in Chhattisgarh**

†3070. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a town and country planning college would be set up in Chhattisgarh, keeping in view that it has no such college;
- (b) whether in the year 2000, urban and rural civic bodies in that State had 225 posts, out of which 39 posts were in urban civic bodies, but in view of current requirements, 95 posts have been sanctioned; and

(c) whether, in view of consultancy institution of Ahmedabad being engaged for preparing regional plan for the State and the draft for Korba development scheme is taken from Kharagpur, a planning and architecture school would be established in the State?

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**MoU with Germany for urban development**

3071. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed an MoU with Germany for Urban Development and Smart Cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of smart cities covered under this MoU?

**Development work by DDA in Rohini**

‡3072. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that no development work is being done by DDA in Sectors, 21, 22 and 23 Rohini, New Delhi and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is an acute shortage of transportation facilities and these sectors fall in outer areas of Delhi;

(c) whether Government is considering to bring Metro Rail Projects through these sectors so that people living there could avail the facility; and

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

**Basic amenities for urban population**

3073. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of persons among the urban population who are getting the basic amenities such as water, electricity, sewerage and sanitation, State-wise?

**Funds for disaster risk resilience in cities**

3074. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Smart City designs incorporate resilient infrastructure facilities and if so, the details of funds released by Government for disaster risk resilience in the cities till now, State-wise?

**Waste management under Smart Cities Mission**

3075. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals under the Smart Cities Mission have incorporated waste management mechanisms for proper sanitation; and

(b) whether these designs ensure that they prevent manual scavenging and Government would not approve any proposals that are in contravention of the Manual Scavenging Act?

**Achievements of AMRUT**

3076. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of salient achievements of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) since its inception;

(b) the details of cities currently in the fold of AMRUT, State-wise; and

(c) whether a separate scheme for urban areas with less than one lakh population would be introduced by the Ministry on the lines of AMRUT?

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**Comprehensive scheme for urban poverty alleviation**

3077. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of people living below poverty line in urban areas;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted recently to ascertain the number of urban poor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any comprehensive scheme has been formulated and implemented for urban poverty alleviation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these schemes have failed to check the urban poverty and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Connecting airports with metro rail**

3078. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to connect all the capital city airports of all the States of the country with metro rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not connecting the Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Bengaluru airport with metro rail?

**Implementation of flagship programmes**

3079. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS 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 utilised to these schemes during the last three years including the current year, scheme-wise and States/UT-wise?

**Amenities to urban poor**

3080. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government for providing amenities to urban poor;

(b) if so, the details of schemes designed therefor;

(c) the funds allocated and released for each scheme; and

(d) the targets achieved in terms of the amenities provided to the urban poor and the population of urban poor covered under such schemes?

**Outstanding cities for habitation**

†3081. 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 conduct a survey about liveable cities and make a list of outstanding cities for habitation;

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

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

**Training to street vendors for hygienic food**

‡3082. 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 identify and train street vendors for providing nutritious and hygienic food on the streets of urban areas;

(b) if so, whether Government is going to take any steps in this direction in the near future; and

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

**Criteria for cancellation of allotted land**

‡3083. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and grounds followed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for cancelling allotments of lands made to schools and hospitals at cheaper rates in Delhi;

(b) the details of such cancellations made, so far;

(c) whether allotment of land is made again by DDA even though land had been allotted earlier; and

(d) whether DDA keeps a record of construction on any land after its allotment?

**Construction of toilets under SBM-U**

‡3084. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide a toilet for each urban house under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of toilets built and number of toilets fully constructed in Bihar, so far?

**Development of Greenfield Smart Cities**

‡3085. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Greenfield Smart Cities constructed, proposed or under construction in the country along with their locations;

(b) whether Ranchi and New Raipur are proposed to be the first Greenfield Smart Cities in their States;

(c) where the work has started earlier out of these two cities;

(d) whether no new work would be undertaken in old city and new city would be developed in civic areas only; and

(e) the details of policy of Government in this regard?

**Problem of low entrance in buildings of CPWD colonies**

3086. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entrance height of buildings in various CPWD colonies in Delhi including Mandir Marg are much lower making residents to bend daily for entering into the buildings;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor including the role of upgradation work there;

(c) whether the request of residents as well as of Residents Welfare Association, Mandir Marg, New Delhi on this problem are pending since long;

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

(e) the reasons for not attending the complaint;

(f) time-frame to solve this grievance; and

(g) the action/proposals to fix the responsibility for the mess?

#### **Manpower need assessment**

3087. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry with all its Departments and Public Sector organisations under it has conducted any manpower need assessment for its functioning and administration, if so, when, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether before recruiting new personnel for various position under the Ministry and allied organisations, option of re-skilling and re-deploying existing human resources that may be under-utilised, is explored as a matter of practice?

#### **Reducing urban poverty**

3088. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of reasons for increase in the rate of urban poverty;

(b) the action taken by Government to eliminate it;

(c) whether more rural migrants and increasing birth rate in slums are causing urban poverty and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the initiatives taken by Government to generate ample employment opportunities to reduce urban poverty?

#### **Launching of new urban villages**

3089. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to launch new urban villages to promote self-reliant and sustainable villages in India keeping in mind the rapid urbanisation of big cities; and

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

#### **Facility of reader or computer for students with special needs**

3090. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the examination committee of the Central Board of Secondary Education has allowed the children with special needs, appearing for classes X and XII board examinations, to use computers or laptops to write in their examinations from this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the board has also approved the provisions of a reader, in case the student with a disability does not want the scribe facility and needs a person to read the question paper; and

(d) whether, in all such cases, the students would have to produce certificate from medical practitioners?

#### **Suggestion by Sanskrit Commission**

†3091. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sanskrit Commission, constituted in 2012, had given several recommendations for education and teachings of Sanskrit;

(b) whether those recommendations have been implemented by Government as a matter of policy;

(c) whether any provisions have been made in the proposed new education policy to promote education and teachings of Sanskrit;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether a new Sanskrit Commission is proposed to be constituted?

#### **Private company courses in university campus**

3092. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed the universities to run private company courses in their university campuses;

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

(c) if not, the details of rules relating to the action proposed to be taken on responsible authorities of such universities?

#### **Scarcity of books**

3093. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is ready to supply books to all CBSE schools and that scarcity of books was artificially created;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NCERT has held discussion with CBSE and its affiliated schools to ascertain the reasons for scarcity of books; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Implementation of UGC Grievances Redressal Regulations**

3094. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain universities in the country have not yet implemented the UGC Grievance Redressal Regulations, 2012;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government for mandatory appointment of ombudsman in each university for redressal of grievances of students?

#### **National Literacy Mission Schemes**

3095. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Literacy

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Mission Schemes are being implemented successfully;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the rate of literacy, during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to NGOs and others and expenditure incurred under the above scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the details of targets achieved, State-wise; and

(e) the action taken by Government against those NGOs which did not perform satisfactorily?

(a) whether Government is taking steps to provide Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) additional funds in order to fund the fee waiver under the Post-Matric Scholarships to SC/ST students which has been withdrawn for the 2016-18 and 2017-19 batches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of students covered under the Post-Matric Scholarships for SC and ST students at TISS since 2014, year-wise?

#### **Vocational education in schools**

‡3096. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to impart vocational education in schools to students;

(b) if so, by when and the details of action plan in this regard, including for Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of schools proposed to be covered under the said scheme;

(d) whether Government proposes to implement the same in colleges also;

(e) if so, the details of strategy prepared by Government in this regard; and

(f) if not, Government's reaction in this regard?

#### **Post-Matric Scholarships at TISS**

3097. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

#### **Pilferage of foodgrains meant for MDMS**

3098. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints of supply of poor quality foodgrains to Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) being implemented in schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether complaints of pilferages of foodgrains meant for MDMS have also been received during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government has taken on complaints and the action proposed to be taken to ensure supply of good quality foodgrains and prevent pilferages?

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‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Wages under MDMS**

3099. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:  
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the chief cook, cook and helpers under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) are being paid much below the wages proposed in Minimum Wages Act;

(b) what is the present salary including all the allowances provided to chief cook, cook and helpers who have been engaged to prepare meals under the scheme; and

(c) in what manner Government proposes to resolve this issue and provide wages as per the Minimum Wages Act?

**Proposals of NCERT to review/re-write books**

3100. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) proposes to review/re-write its books;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;

(c) whether NCERT has consulted/proposes to consult scholars, teachers, experts and writers in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of views expressed by them; and

(e) by when the aforesaid work is likely to be completed?

**Adverse finding of ASER**

3101. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any adverse findings of the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) was brought to the notice of Government or whether Government has taken *suo-motto* note of such findings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any remedial measures in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allocation of funds for RISE**

3102. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the scheme for Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE);

(b) whether Government has set any target for allocation of funds for this purpose;

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

(d) whether any State-wise targets for funding of institutes have been set; and

(e) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of Rajasthan?

**Slashing funds for higher educational institutions**

3103. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

proposes to slash funding to higher educational institutions if they do not provide all the information sought under the National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF);

(b) whether Government has any data about such institutions which have not shared mandatory data required for the ranking exercise; and

(c) what is the timeframe set for announcing all-India ranking of educational institutions?

#### **Applications for grants from UGC**

‡3104. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in which month applications to get grants from the University Grants Commission are accepted;

(b) whether colleges from Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi have requested for grants for the financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

(c) if so, the details of colleges which have requested for and got the grants?

#### **Suggestions of Sanskrit Commission to set up laboratories**

‡3105. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second Sanskrit Commission had suggested to establish such laboratories where study and research may be conducted pertaining to vedic rituals, scientific practices, scientific authenticity of Yajnas treatments and Varsha Anushtan etc.;

(b) if so, the number of such laboratories set up, so far;

(c) whether the second Sanskrit Commission had also suggested to include Sanskrit in courses of the Indian Institutes of Technologies and Indian Institutes of Management; and

(d) if so, the decision taken, so far, in this context?

#### **Parity in pay scales of adhoc teachers of Central Universities**

‡3106. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to bring parity in the pay scales of adhoc teachers in various Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **IIT-JEE (Advanced) Test centres**

3107. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of five international centres where IIT-JEE (Advanced) Test was conducted;

(b) the number of candidates who have submitted their applications for the above examination, country-wise;

(c) the details of seats reserved for foreign students, stream and institution-wise;

(d) whether foreign students need not appear for JEE (Main) examination; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

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**UGC formula for reservation in teaching posts**

3108. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has recently accepted the new formula devised by UGC regarding implementation of reservation for teaching posts in Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be notified by UGC;

(c) whether due to the new formula, the representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in teaching faculties would shrink in Central Universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Drop in enrolment after eighth class**

3109. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Right to Education may have improved enrolment in schools, but a large number of students stop schooling right after the guaranteed education under RTE Act ends at the age of 14;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the drop in enrolment is sharper for girl students; and

(c) whether one of the reasons for the drop out could also be the no-detention policy under which students cannot be failed until class eight?

**Common on syllabus for university education**

3110. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has inked any new MoU with foreign universities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Central Government has chalked out any strategy to bring about the nation-wide common syllabus and curriculum for university education;

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

(d) the total expenditure incurred on various universities under the University Grants Commission during the last three years, year-wise?

**Students appearing in NIOS examinations**

3111. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of students who have directly registered for NIOS examinations of the 10th and 12th standard and have not appeared in any other State examination board and registered fresh in NIOS examination; and

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

**Maintaining standards fixed by CBSE**

3112. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE regularly inspects affiliated private schools in Delhi to

maintain their standards as per norms fixed by the Board;

(b) the details of norms fixed for CBSE affiliation and time-frame for inspection of such schools by the Board;

(c) when did the Board last inspect Kennedy Public School, Rajnagar Part II, Palam Colony, New Delhi and what were the main findings and deficiencies pointed out in the inspection; and

(d) the action taken against that school for not maintaining the set standards and when the next inspection is scheduled to be carried out in that school?

#### **Outsourcing of food for MDMS**

3113. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States in which preparation of food for Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) has been outsourced to specialized agencies like Akshaya Patra;

(b) the details of organisations across States which are undertaking this work;

(c) whether this model has the advantage of freeing teachers and school staff from devoting their working time for students; and

(d) if so, whether this is being considered for adoption in other States, including Jharkhand?

#### **Funds utilized by MGAHV**

3114. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Viswavidyalaya (MGAHV) has utilised only around 31 per cent of its total plan fund received during 2015-16;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken by Government to improve utilisation of grants;

(c) the details of expenditure of MGAHV on research; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that none of the grants were spent on capital expenditure and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Study in India policy**

3115. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposed Study in India policy of Government;

(b) whether Government plans to provide fee waivers to foreign students under this policy; and

(c) if so, the reasons why Government is choosing to focus on foreign students instead of providing monetary support to Indian students intending to study in universities?

#### **Evaluation of literacy rate for 14 to 18 age group**

3116. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey or study to evaluate the literacy rate in the age group of 14 to 18 years;

(b) the drop out percentage within the age group of 14 to 18 years; and

(c) what steps are taken by the Ministry to promote skill development within the age group of 14-18 years?

**Vacancies of teachers in schools**

3117. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas and other Central Government schools suffer from substantial shortage of teachers;

(b) the sanctioned strength, current strength and temporary teachers and vacancies, at present;

(c) the number of schools where teacher-student ratio is much higher than the sanctioned ratio; and

(d) the number of schools which have 50 per cent, 40 per cent and 30 per cent vacant posts?

**Foreign students studying in India**

3118. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 15,000 foreign students would be studying in India from the next session onwards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether increase in foreign students in Indian universities would have any adverse impact on the number of seats for Indian students;

(c) if so, the details thereof and in what manner Government plans to mitigate these consequences; and

(d) whether Government is taking any steps to make India more appealing for foreign students under the Study in India initiative and if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated therefor and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Clubbing of diabetic and disabled students**

3119. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education has clubbed students suffering from type 1 diabetes with persons with disabilities this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that diabetic students, appearing for the board examinations, have been asked to apply under the physical disability category to avail of concessions; and

(d) whether this move could lead to complications as these students might seek benefits under the Disability Act?

**Capacity of Government institutions at undergraduate level**

3120. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of seats available in the undergraduate programmes is less than the number of students clearing the class 12 examination and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of steps taken to ensure that every student who wishes to study in a regular set-up could be accommodated in the university without wasting any precious year of their life; and

(c) the number of students, since 2014, who have applied in regular colleges for graduation and the number of students who got admissions, year-wise?

**Enrolment ratio as per ASER**

3121. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2017, while the enrolment ratios for boys and girls are almost the same at 14 but at 18 years 32 per cent of girls are not enrolled as against 28 per cent for boys;

(b) whether about 25 per cent of this age group still can not read basic texts fluently in their own languages;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 53 per cent of all 14 years old in the sample could read English sentences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Reduction in NCERT syllabus**

3122. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to reduce the NCERT syllabus by half from the 2019 academic session, in a bid to provide relief to school students; and

(b) whether Government also wants to reintroduce the examination and detention mechanism as was in force earlier, to instil a sense of competition among students?

**Recommendations of sub-committee of CUBE**

3123. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-committee of Cabinet Advisory Board on Education (CUBE) has recommended for improvement of girl's education in the country;

(b) if so, the details of those recommendations; and

(c) the number of recommendations accepted and of those under consideration?

**Establishment of Central University at Nirmal, Telangana**

3124. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request from the State Government of Telangana for setting up of Central University at Nirmal district Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision on the request and if so, the details thereof?

**Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh**

3125. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) presently running in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up some more new JNVs;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the quantum of funds allocated or proposed to be allocated for the purpose in the current budget?

**Educational institutions without regular VC/Director**

3126. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of universities and prestigious educational

institutions are headless and being administered through *ad-hoc* arrangements;

(b) if so, the details of universities and educational institutions which are without regular VCs/Directors;

(c) whether Government has any plan to appoint VCs/Directors in such universities/institution, treating the issue on priority; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to fill up all such vacancies?

#### **Ranking of universities**

3127. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian universities appear in the top 200 Ranks of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2017-18;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Indian universities lag behind in providing basic infrastructure, quality of teachers, curriculum and any such parameters that are required for top ranking and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has undertaken any study to estimate the performances of Indian universities and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to improve the quality of education and infrastructure, etc. in Indian universities?

#### **Implementation of RTE by local bodies**

3128. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenses incurred on education under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to entrust the local bodies with the responsibility of implementing RTE with financial powers under SSA;

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

(d) whether foreign agencies, such as the World Bank, have contributed to the expenditure for implementation of RTE; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Banning of meat and eggs in cafeteria**

3129. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the civil engineering department of IIT Bombay has banned meat including eggs from its cafeteria;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether all the students studying in that department are vegetarians; and

(d) if not, the reasons for banning non-veg items in the cafeteria?

#### **Linguistic minority educational institutions**

3130. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of linguistic minority

educational institutions presently functioning in the country;

(b) the number of institutions receiving assistance from Government particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) whether any agency is empowered to monitor their functioning and issue minority certificates to such institutions; and

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

#### **Drop outs in IITs**

3131. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who have taken admission in IITs during the last three years;

(b) what is the ratio of drop outs *vis-a-vis* those appearing in final examination;

(c) whether any assessment has been made to ascertain the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Finding of ASER survey**

3132. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to Annual Status of Education Report (ASER), fourteen per cent of rural youth in the age group of 14 to 16 years failed to identify the map of India;

(b) whether 36 per cent of those surveyed did not know that Delhi is the capital of India;

(c) whether, according to ASER 2017, at the age of 14 years only 5.3 per cent are not enrolled but by age of 17 years this percentage quadruples to 20.7 per cent and

further increases to 30.2 per cent at the age of 18 years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Compulsory attendance in JNU**

†3133. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that after making 75 per cent attendance of the students compulsory in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, protests are being organised by students affecting teaching work;

(b) whether this attendance criteria has also been made compulsory for research students of M. Phil, Ph.D, etc.; and

(c) the details of protests organised in Central Universities including JNU against increase in fee and other charges brought during the last three years and the steps taken to ensure that teaching work is not affected due to such protests?

#### **Activities undertaken under EBSB for Jharkhand**

3134. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken till date under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Programme; and

(b) the details of activities undertaken under EBSB especially for Jharkhand from October, 2017, till date?

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**Permission by UGC for conducting distant engineering programmes**

3135. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) had given permission to a few institutes to conduct distance engineering programmes without necessary approvals;

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

(c) whether Government has formed a three member Committee to probe the above step of UGC and also suggest ways to regulate deemed universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Committee has also been asked to suggest a road map for strengthening and setting up an oversight and regulatory mechanism and if so, the details thereof?

**Lessons on impact of internet addiction and cyber ethics**

3136. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Women and Child Development has suggested that lessons on the harmful impacts of internet addiction and cyber ethics be included in the school curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has consulted that Ministry and other stakeholders such as State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome of such consultations; and

(e) further action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Policy of uniform assessment**

3137. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education has withdrawn its policy of uniform assessment for classes VI to VIII;

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

(c) the new system formulated by CBSE in this regard;

(d) whether CBSE has set any criteria for schools for evaluating answer sheets of students of those classes;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether many students have failed to clear the pre-board examinations conducted for class X; and

(g) if so, the corrective steps taken by Government to improve pass percentage of students of classes X and XII?

**University for minorities**

3138. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish universities for minorities across the country where their population is more;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a committee has been constituted to examine the possibilities of establishing such universities in different areas; and

(d) whether the committee has submitted its report and if so, the recommendations made by the committee in this regard?

**Improving the educational standards in private engineering colleges**

3139. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to improve the educational standards in private engineering colleges so as to increase employability skills of students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that AICTE and the Ministry are working together in this direction;

(d) whether Government is preparing to close down a large number of existing private engineering colleges and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has identified such colleges and if so, the details thereof?

**Shifting of classical Telugu centre from Mysore**

3140. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the issue of shifting the classical Telugu centre from Mysore to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in the matter; and

(d) the steps being taken by

Government for early shifting of the centre to Andhra Pradesh?

**Validity of OBC category**

†3141. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to discontinue the validity of OBC category after a certain age limit;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the rules in this regard?

**Appointment of IAS to constitutional posts**

3142. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of appointments made to the constitutional positions from amongst Government officers during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that almost all the appointments of such officers are from the IAS;

(c) if so, the details of basis/rules providing for this; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to broad base and make appointments more inclusive, as there is a wide expertise available in Government?

**Analysis of RTI applications**

3143. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Ministry or Department has undertaken an exercise of analysing the nature of information sought

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by citizens under The Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details of Ministries and Departments that have undertaken such an exercise and major findings thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not undertaking such an exercise, till date?

**Scam in CGL examination of SSC**

3144. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI DILIP KUMAR  
TIRKEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scam in Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Combined Graduate Level (CGL) examination has been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for protecting the corrupts and playing with the future of youths?

**Scrutiny for appointments of senior bureaucrats**

3145. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is doing intensive scrutiny like 360 degree Appraisal System before appointing senior bureaucrats in Government; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a proposal to replicate such good practices in appointments of senior bureaucrats in States particularly, Jharkhand?

**Decline in people living Below Poverty Line**

‡3146. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rapid decline in the number of people living Below Poverty Line in comparison to the past during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has recently fixed short and long term targets for alleviation of poverty; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Revival of Economic Advisory Council**

3147. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has revived the Economic Advisory Council (EAC);

(b) if so, the details thereof together with its terms of reference; and

(c) to what extent the decision of revival of EAC has contributed to the downturn in the economy?

**Methanol Economy Fund**

3148. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Niti Aayog proposes to set up a Methanol Economy Fund and if so, the details thereof together with the allocations made to the proposed fund;

(b) the extent to which the initiative would promote production of clean fuel

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and make it environment friendly and the areas where methanol could be safely used; and

(c) whether Government has worked out the cost of methanol per litre and if so, the details thereof?

**Merging of Vision Document and Medium Term Strategy Papers**

3149. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to merge the Vision Document with the Medium Term Strategy Paper;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with its objectives;

(c) whether some State Governments have given suggestions for this initiative and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the whole exercise is likely to achieve faster economic growth?

**Merging of Ministries/Departments**

3150. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and name of Ministries merged during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to merge more Departments/Ministries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Parameters for data on manual scavengers**

3151. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the parameters for arriving at the data of manual scavengers across the country; and

(b) what are the figures of manual scavengers across the country?

**Removal of creamy layer limit**

3152. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes has recommended to increase creamy layer limit from ₹ 6 lakh to ₹ 8 lakh per annum;

(b) if so, the method followed in arriving at the figure of ₹ 8 lakhs;

(c) whether OBC associations/leaders have been demanding for removing creamy layer limit, as in the case of SCs/STs;

(d) if so, the reasons why Government is not implementing it;

(e) whether the Mandal Commission has also not recommended for putting creamy layer limit; and

(f) if so, the reasons for putting a cap on income to get reservation benefit for OBCs?

**Manpower need assessment**

3153. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry with all its Departments and public sector organisations under it, has conducted any manpower need assessment for its functioning and administration and if so, when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether before recruiting new personnel for various positions under the Ministry and allied organisations, option

of re-skilling and re-deploying existing human resources that may be under-utilised, is explored as a matter of practice?

#### **Incidents involving disabled persons**

3154. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of various incidents involving disabled persons like throwing them out of trains, etc., in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken up such matters with the concerned authorities on a case to case basis; and

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

#### **Complaints by transgenders**

3155. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints filed by transgenders for crimes committed against them;

(b) the status of action taken on those complaints; and

(c) if so, the preventive measures taken to curtail such offences against transgenders?

#### **Improvement in indices of social justice**

3156. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population served by the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated and actually spent during that period; and

(c) whether indices of social justice have improved during those years and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Grants to de-addiction centres and its inspections**

†3157. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether grants has been disbursed for the financial years 2015-16 to 2017-18 to de-addiction centres, being run to arrest the trend of addiction;

(b) if so, the names of de-addiction centres from the States of Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh to whom grants was disbursed along with the details of amount disbursed in those financial years, year-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry has carried out a surprise inspection of de-addiction centres located in these States and if so, the details of timing of such inspections and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Setting up of NIMHR**

3158. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed in 2014 to set up a National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR);

(b) if so, the present status of work on the proposal;

(c) the number of people treated for mental illness and became fit to rejoin society, at present; and

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(d) the fresh steps taken by Government for a time-bound execution of work on the project?

**Funds for construction of Social Welfare Hostels in Telangana**

3159. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Telangana has requested the Ministry for release of funds for construction of 13 Social Welfare Hostels in Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received proposals for the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken for release of funds and if so, the details thereof?

**Proposals from Chhattisgarh under DDRS**

†3160. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government from Chhattisgarh under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of approved and pending proposals, out of the above; and

(c) by when the pending proposals are likely to be approved?

**Report on abuse of senior citizen in Punjab**

3161. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the findings of a 'Help Age India' study conducted recently revealed that Punjab had the highest number of petitioners in the age group of 80 and above alleging physical abuse and maintenance related cases;

(b) whether the Central Government has asked the Punjab Government to submit a report thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Post-Matric Scholarships for SC students**

3162. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released under the Post Matric Scholarship for SC students since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of students covered under the scholarship scheme since 2014, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of new students benefiting from the scheme since 2014, year-wise?

**Assistance to schools in Chhattisgarh**

†3163. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanctioning amount of

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grants to Residential School of Blind and Handicapped Teaching and Charitable Samiti, Amakherava, Manendragarh and School of Akanksha Lions School Farm Mentally Handicap, Avanti Vihar, Raipur in Chhattisgarh is required; and

(b) whether sanctioning the amount of grants for Hearing Impaired School, Sarguja, Gyanodya Association, Vishrampur and Vocational Training Centre and for community based Rehabilitation programme is also required?

**Implementation of Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

3164. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) is a pan-India Scheme;

(b) whether any districts of Tamil Nadu have been selected for launch/ implementation of the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Release of grants under Tuition Fee Scheme**

3165. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representations for release of grants under 'Tuition Fee Scheme' from the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would consider the requests and if so, the details thereof?

**Barrier free access to persons with locomotor disability**

3166. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed 'Harmonised Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier-Free Built Environment for Persons with Disability' to ensure equitable and easy access to persons with disabilities;

(b) whether the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 states that persons with disabilities shall have the right to live in the community and the appropriate Government shall endeavour that the persons with disabilities are not obliged to live in any particular living arrangement; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to provide barrier free access to persons with locomotor disabilities living in Central Government's General Pool Residential Accommodations?

**Rehabilitation of manual scavengers**

3167. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where a person/ local authority/agency was punished for contravention of section 7 of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, State-wise, year-wise, since 2013 onward; and

(b) the number of manual scavengers who have been rehabilitated under section 13 for scholarships for their children, housing, livelihood assistance and alternative employment, State-wise and year-wise, since then?

#### **Framing of National Space Act**

3168. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is the only country which has indigenous launch capability, yet without a National Space Law;

(b) whether the Department has taken any steps to frame a National Space Act and if so, by when; and

(c) the manners in which the private companies, that manufacture satellite systems, follow a license protocol in the absence of a law?

#### **Postponement of Chandrayaan-2**

3169. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2 scheduled for March is postponed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total cost of the mission and in what way, it would be different from other missions launched by various other countries; and

(d) whether ISRO has got the logistics, technologies etc. to take human beings to space and if so, when it would take human beings to space?

#### **'Make in India' in space technology**

3170. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to bolster the 'Make in India' scheme in the space industry;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to expand its outreach activities just like 'The Space Place', a NASA outreach programme; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to work with different colleges and universities to lure the best students towards a career in space and increasing job opportunities in space industry?

#### **Share of stalled infrastructure projects**

3171. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total share of stalled public and private infrastructure projects in the economy during the year 2016-17;

(b) which sector has the largest number of stalled projects in the country, as in October, 2017; and

(c) whether new projects have been affected by the stalled projects and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Central assistance for Post-Matric Scholarship to Maharashtra**

3172. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Assistance for

Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students during 2017-18 is yet to be released in full for Maharashtra despite its proposals being submitted in April, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the maximum time likely to be taken by Government to release the remaining Central assistance to the State?

#### **Forest dwellers in tiger reserves**

3173. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of adivasis and forest-dwellers that live in India's tiger reserves;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rights of such people under the Forest Rights Act have to be recognised irrespective of whether their area is identified as critical wildlife habitat by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change;

(c) whether there have been cases of adivasis and forest-dwellers being evicted in violation of the Forest Rights Act; and

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking to ensure that the appropriate rights are ensured to the population?

#### **Vocational training centres in naxal affected tribal areas**

‡3174. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheduled tribe areas in Chhattisgarh where vocational training centres are being run;

(b) the number of women and youths who are employed in Government sectors or are self employed after getting training in these centres; and

(c) whether Government proposes to establish more such training centres in naxal affected tribal areas of the State and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pending proposals of Maharashtra for inclusion in MADA**

3175. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals of Maharashtra for inclusion of 36 Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) and 7 mini MADA pockets to existing Tribal Sub Plan, besides inclusion of Kawadara in Igatpuri Tehsil, District Nashik and Shindkhede, District Dhulia are pending for approval since February, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any time-line is fixed for clearance of such proposals?

#### **Funds under Post-Matric Scholarship for STs**

3176. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds released under Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students since 2014, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of students covered under the scholarship scheme since 2014, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of new students benefiting from the scheme since 2014, year-wise?

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### Survey on PVTGs

3177. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Anthropological Survey of India has conducted any survey recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the base survey of more than half of the 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) have not been conducted;

(d) whether it is also a fact that survey was supposed to identify PVTGs in the country; and

(e) if so, the reasons for deleting 40 per cent of PVTGs?

### Funds for tribal educational complex in Chhattisgarh

‡3178. SHRI BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the approval of proposals for buildings of hostels or ashrams and for running integrated tribal educational complexes in Scheduled Tribe dominated areas of Chhattisgarh is required; and

(b) whether the fund is also required for residential and mess arrangement, library, computer labs, smart classes, practical labs, furnitures, books, uniforms, CCTVs, etc. for tribal students?

### Socio-economic development of STs

3179. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 61.6 per cent of the rural ST population in Maharashtra are living

below the poverty line against a national average of 45.3 per cent and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of various schemes/programmes being implemented by Government for socio-economic development of STs and the funds allocated and utilised, *vis-a-vis* target fixed and achievements made there under, so far during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether the benefits of the schemes meant for the tribals have not percolated down to the intended beneficiaries and if so, the reasons therefor?

### Merging of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

3180. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has planned merging of existing five stand-alone Centrally Sponsored Schemes meant for education of ST students in the country;

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

(c) the present status of the proposal and by when the merger of these schemes would be done?

### Vanjeevan scheme for tribal communities

3181. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched 'Vanjeevan' to further socio-economic development of tribal communities in employment, employability and entrepreneurship;

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(b) if so, the details of steps/measures proposed to be taken under this scheme;

(c) the details of beneficiaries under this scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the details of funds earmarked to each State under this scheme, State-wise?

#### **Poverty of kids**

3182. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has 31 per cent of world's poor kids;

(b) whether out of 217 million children, nearly 50 per cent of them endure multi dimensional poverty;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether, in terms of absolute numbers, India accounts for both the highest and a staggering number of multi dimensional poor kids; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Findings of Rapid Survey on children**

3183. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of full findings of UNICEF supported Rapid Survey on children;

(b) whether it is a fact that the survey has revealed some startling findings about malnourishment, stunting, underweight, immunization, etc. in the country; and

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

#### **Establishing of Mahila Shakti Kendras in Jharkhand**

3184. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Jharkhand regarding establishment of Mahila Shakti Kendras in the newly established districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) by when these centres would be established?

#### **Prenuptial agreement for gender justice**

3185. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make prenuptial agreement legally binding for the purpose of marriage to ensure gender justice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the consultation process with the stakeholders for this purpose has been started?

#### **Extension of IGMSY**

3186. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi Matritva

Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) provides cash transfer to pregnant women in 53 districts currently;

(b) whether IGMSY would be universalised with the enactment of National Food Security Act (NFSA);

(c) whether an affidavit was filed before the Supreme Court by the Ministry stating that IGMSY would be extended to 200 districts during 2016-17;

(d) if so, whether this target has been met and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of new districts covered under the scheme and whether the expansion of the scheme was stopped due to budgetary constraints?

#### **Manpower need assessment**

3187. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, with all its Departments and public sector organisations under it, has conducted any manpower need assessment for its own functioning and administration and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether before recruiting new personnel for various positions under the Ministry and allied organisations, option of re-skilling and re-deploying existing human resources that may be under-utilised, is explored as a matter of practice?

#### **Increased spending on supplementing nutrition under ICDS**

3188. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently approved a marginal increase

in money spent per beneficiary under the supplementary nutrition component of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under ICDS, run through 14 lakh Anganwadis across the country, infants under three years and pregnant and lactating mothers are given take home rations; and

(d) whether three to six years old are fed hot cooked meals?

#### **Identification of orphans**

3189. SHRI PRATAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of orphanages in the country along with the number of inmates living therein, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to identify orphans in the country, particularly in rural areas;

(c) if so, the number of orphans identified during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes any new scheme for education and development of children living in orphanages and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Bar coded nutrient packages through post offices**

3190. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been

pushing for phasing out the Anganwadis and instead providing bar coded nutrient packages through post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has suggested for substituting take home rations with cash transfer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Share of unwanted girls in Economic Survey, 2018**

3191. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Survey, 2018 has given a new number of 21 million that represents the share of unwanted girls who are born but not treated well;

(b) whether the sex ratio of the last child (SRLC) even in Kerala and Assam is male skewed;

(c) whether the number of unwanted girls spotlights how preference for the male child is affecting the health and well-being of women in the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken to empower women economically by providing them scope of self-employment?

#### **Status of PMMVY**

3192. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY);

(b) the total funds allocated *vis-a-vis* disbursed to beneficiaries under the scheme during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide benefits of the scheme to all pregnant and lactating mothers irrespective of number of children?

#### **Victims of sexual harassment**

3193. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women and children who had been victims of sexual harassment in the country during the last two years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has taken any positive steps or proposes to take any action to rehabilitate the victims of sexual harassment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

#### **UN Women Report**

3194. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry looks at the recent UN Women Report Turning Promises Into Action: Gender Equality in the 2030 which states that the average age of death for a dalit women in the country is 14.6 years less than for the higher caste women;

(b) to what extent sanitation, drinking water and health facilities are impacting dalit women to die younger than higher caste women; and

(c) how the Ministry is planning to change its interventions towards dalit women in the country so that their lifespan is increased?

### **Banning FGM**

3195. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sent a letter to Syedna Aaliqadr Mufaddal Saifuddin, the spiritual leader of Dawoodi Bohra Community to issue an edict to give up Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) voluntarily, as promised by the Minister on May 29, 2017;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to conduct a study of existence of FGM in the country and to maintain an official data by NCRB;

(c) whether ending FGM is a Sustainable Development Goal of the UN; and

(d) if so, the reasons why Government has not been able to explicitly ban FGM and make it an offence?

### **Use of Hindi**

†3196. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the date on which the Official Language Implementation Committee was constituted after the year 2014 in the Ministry for implementation of Official Language Hindi and the status of progressive use of the same in the Ministry and the Departments and in the meetings held so far, meeting-wise, as per the 'Annual Programme' issued by the Department of Official Language of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the effective measures being taken to achieve targets?

### **Funds for observation and special homes to Maharashtra**

3197. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government allocates Central funds for construction of buildings and infrastructure development of observation homes and special homes to States for better housing of juveniles who are in conflict with law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and released to Maharashtra for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the results achieved during the said period in the State?

### **Vacancies in child related institutions**

3198. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of vacancies in National and State Commissions for protection of child rights, juvenile justice boards and child welfare committees, State-wise; and

(b) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to expedite the filling up of such vacancies?

### **Panic buttons in mobile phones**

3199. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry plans to make

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it mandatory that the mobile phones have panic buttons to protect the women and children while in distress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue with the Ministry of Communications in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Welfare of street children**

3200. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the plight of street children in the country;

(b) whether Government has any statistics about the number of street children in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any plans for their education and economic welfare and if so, the details thereof?

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