

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, April 5, 2018/Chaitra 15, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Launching of separate fund by INIP

4321. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Indian Nuclear
Insurance Pool (INIP) has launched a
separate fund to cover the risks of nuclear
equipment suppliers under the Civil
Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
funds sanctioned for this project?

Self-sufficiency in production of Uranium

4322. SHRIMAHESH PODDAR: Will
the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to
state:

(a) what steps Government is taking to
achieve self sufficiency in production of
Uranium;

(b) whether any time-line has been fixed
to execute projects for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details of such projects and
their current status country-wide especially
in Jharkhand?

Setting-up of Mega Nuclear Power Reactors

4323. SHRI SAMBHAJI
CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME
MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a
decision to set-up ten Mega Power
Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors with a
total capacity of 7,000 MW in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
locations identified for the purpose;

(c) whether any understanding has been
reached between India and France in respect
of nuclear reactor proposed to come up in
Rajasthan when the President of France
visited India recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Complaint against flouting of environmental rules

4324. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ports in the country through which Uranium is imported from Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, France and Canada;

(b) whether any rules and procedures particularly with reference to environment protection/conservation has been prescribed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for importing Uranium;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any complaint has been lodged with IAEA against India in connection with flouting of environmental rules/norms while importing Uranium; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Agreement between NPCIL and EDF of France

4325. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and EDF of France have signed an agreement for building 10,000 MW Jaitapur nuclear power plant, making India the fifth country to opt for the European Pressurised Reactor (EPR) technology that is yet to become commercially operational anywhere in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the nuclear power projects using the EPR

technology currently under construction are facing time and cost overruns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special forum for inclusive growth in NER

4326. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created a special forum to boost inclusive growth in the North-Eastern Region (NER) of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning for more such initiatives to identify various constraints in the way of sustainable growth in this region?

Development of road network in NER

4327. SHRI SAMHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a comprehensive plan for developing road network connecting major towns and cities of North Eastern Region (NER);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the status of progress in respect of arterial road network in the region;

(c) whether any time-line has been fixed for completion of the works planned; and

(d) if so, the details in respect of each one of them?

**Facilitation of Arab diplomats at
Sapru House**

4328. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government facilitated a gathering of Arab diplomats at Sapru House, New Delhi housing its think-tank, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) to observe the UN mandated International Day of Solidarity (November 29) with the Palestinian people;

(b) whether this symbolic gesture was re-enacted when the Indian Prime Minister recently flew into the Palestinian capital Ramallah; and

(c) whether India was the first non-Arab country to grant full diplomatic status to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) representatives in New Delhi?

**Arrest of fishermen by Sri Lankan
Navy**

4329. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan Navy has arrested 13 fishermen for allegedly fishing in their territorial waters off Katchatheevu islet on 4th January, 2018;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they damaged a few boats and fishing equipments belonging to others using iron rods, before chasing them away;

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has urged Government to take up this issue with the Sri Lankan Government; and

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

**Advisory against fraud with Indians
seeking job abroad**

†4330. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any advisory for the Indians going abroad for jobs to protect them from fraud/cheating;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indians on a large scale are falling prey to frauds and are being ill-treated in foreign countries even after these type of efforts; and

(d) the manner in which Government has recently provided help to Indians stranded in various countries?

**Infrastructure development by China
along borders**

4331. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of Chinese authorities have stalled several developmental works going on in the border areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise and the action taken to resume the work;

(c) whether Government is aware of massive infrastructure built up including road/rail links by China, right upto the international border and also in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK); and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the threat posed to the security of the country, as a result thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Repatriation of mentally challenged prisoners

4332. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have agreed to facilitate visits of medical experts to meet and examine the mentally challenged prisoners for their repatriation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has agreed to examine positively all the proposals that India has recently forwarded to them on humanitarian issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian policy on neighbouring countries

4333. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government adopts a policy of holding talks with our neighbouring countries including Pakistan and China to settle disputes in the background of US and North Korea negotiations;

(b) whether Government is prepared to take initiatives in the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Difficulties faced by Indians in visa process

†4334. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

Indian citizens have to face a lot of trouble in obtaining visa for visiting countries like US, Canada, Great Britain, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to resolve this issue; and

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

Suspension of passports of PNB scam accused

4335. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has suspended the passports of persons accused in Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam;

(b) whether any time has been given to them to respond;

(c) if so, whether any response has been received from them, so far;

(d) if not, what is the future course of action proposed to be taken against them; and

(e) whether the Ministry has any clue about the whereabouts of these accused?

Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade between India and Bangladesh

4336. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status on the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) between India and Bangladesh; and

(b) by when the Standard operating Procedures (SoP) are going to be finalized?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Incorrect Indian map in public event of Canadian P.M.

4337. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up with Canada the issue of incorrect Indian map at a public event which was attended by the Prime Minister of that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any response from that side; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Extradition requests pending with Government

4338. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action to trace out persons against whom complaints were received in the form of extradition requests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of requests, so far, pending with Government which are yet to be fully complied with?

Judicial committee mechanism for release of prisoners

4339. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a first sign of a thaw between India and Pakistan the neighbours have agreed to release and return elderly prisoners, women and those with special needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan had also accepted Indian proposals on revival of a judicial committee mechanism which would oversee the speedy release of prisoners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Contribution to UN peace keeping missions

4340. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has enhanced its contribution of forces to UN Peace Keeping Missions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given any such commitment to United Nations Organisations (UNO); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Diplomatic spat between India and Pakistan

4341. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan are in the middle of a major diplomatic spat with both the sides accusing each other of harassing, even intimidating diplomats;

(b) whether Pakistan has now issued a demarche to India saying it was becoming difficult for its diplomats to function in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Female and elderly prisoners in jails of Pakistan

4342. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up the matter with Pakistan Government regarding exchange of female and elderly prisoners;

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

(c) the details regarding female and elderly prisoners presently in Pakistan jails;

(d) whether any of such prisoners belong to Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Merging of Emigration Offices in the Ministry

4343. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether since 1954, the Passport and Emigration Offices were put under the Ministry as a full- fledged department of the Ministry;

(b) whether in 1959, a separate organisation named the Central Passport and Emigration Organisation was formed as a subordinate organisation of the Ministry which continues till today;

(c) whether the Emigration Offices have been merged with the Ministry since 2016-17, as its full- fledged department; and

(d) what is the rationale in continuing the Central Passport and Emigration Organisation as a subordinate office of the Ministry and the reasons for discrimination against the staff of that organisation?

Posting of young IAS officers in low development parameter districts

4344. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to post young IAS officers in districts which rank low in development parameters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the IAS officers, with 3 to 5 years' experience, would be considered for such posting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Electric Mobility Mission

4345. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance under FAME India Scheme in terms of number is significantly below the number envisaged under the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan 2020;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government to increase the number as per the Mission?

National Policy on Capital Goods

4346. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the National Policy on Capital Goods; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereunder, State-wise including Karnataka?

Salary for employee of Hindustan Photo Film, Tamil Nadu

4347. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why the Ministry is totally shirking its responsibilities and is specifically harassing the employees of Hindustan Photo Films, Nilgiri's in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the reasons why the salary is not paid for 13 months and the Ministry is misusing its authority and denying the employees the cabinet approved VRS compensation and High Court settlement order?

Manufacturing of electric vehicles

4348. SHRI HARIIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is giving a lot of emphasis on manufacturing of electric vehicles to fight air pollution and shortage of oil in future;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) whether any collaboration with any foreign or indigenous company is proposed in this regard?

Electrical vehicles in the country

4349. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrical vehicles operating in the country; and

(b) what is the policy approach of Government towards electrical vehicles?

Company verification process in Slovakia

4350. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Defence Attache in Slovakia was tasked to do company verification process at Grand Power Banska Bystrica Facility in 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Embassy in Slovakia had communicated to said company with regard to Indian Defence Attache being tasked to do company verification on 2nd August, 2017;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Defence Attache had visited the said company and submitted his report; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Pucca houses on railway land

†4351. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a plan to provide pucca houses on railway land to the people living in slums;

(b) if so, the details of agreement and scheme regarding this; and

(c) the names of the States with which Railways has entered into an agreement?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Development of cities in Madhya Pradesh

‡4352. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state the cities of Madhya Pradesh which have been identified under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana and Smart Cities Mission and the allocations made by the Central Government and the amount spent during the last three years, city-wise and year-wise?

Making municipal sewage treatment plants functional

4353. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) is being carried out without having a concrete policy for waste management;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the data revealed that only 64 per cent of the 816 municipal sewage treatment plants are functional; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to make the remaining municipal sewage treatment plants functional under SBM?

Basic amenities provided in houses under PMAY(U)

4354. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of houses constructed

under the PMAY(U) since 2014 till date along with the names of beneficiaries, funds incurred and time taken in construction thereof, State/UT-wise, district-wise and block-wise; and

(b) the details of facilities and basic amenities provided in these projects and if no, such facilities are provided, the reasons therefor?

Green area in housing scheme 2010

‡4355. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2294 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 2018 and state:

(a) the amount spent on development of green area mentioned in layout of housing scheme, 2010 of Delhi Development Authority before handing it over to South Delhi Municipal Corporation on 25th April, 2016;

(b) whether it is being considered to make changes in the provisions of construction of Community Hall, in view of inadequate park area mentioned in the layout;

(c) whether concerned housing society and residents are opposing the above Community Hall; and

(d) the present status of construction of Community Hall, as per layout plan of Molarband LIG area?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Allocations under AMRUT

4356. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though a huge share of ₹ 12,447 crore had been allocated to AMRUT scheme during 2017-18 meant for water supply, sewerage and drainage facilities to 500 cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the actual utilisation was ₹ 2,480 crore which is only 28.74 per cent and a large chunk of amount remained unspent during that year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Development of eco-friendly bricks

†4357. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many students belonging to different areas of the country have succeeded in developing eco-friendly bricks from garbage and waste chemicals which are very strong and economical than as compared to the bricks made of clay;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware of this development; and

(c) the manner in which Government is promoting such inventions so that such economical and eco-friendly bricks be used throughout the country to get cheap houses?

Achievements of AMRUT

4358. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated,

sanctioned, released and utilised under each component of AMRUT, since 2015 onwards, year-wise;

(b) the details of target set and achieved under the scheme;

(c) whether houses without water connections have since been provided with connections; and

(d) if so, the details of number of water connections provided including connections provided in slums?

Delegation of powers to Local Bodies

†4359. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been conducted with regard to the compliance and the impact of 74th Constitutional amendment, till date and if so, the results thereof;

(b) the States which have delegated their powers to various bodies, so far, in accordance with the said amendment along with the names of concerned bodies and the extent of power delegated, so far; and

(c) whether any conditions have been laid down before States that the funds for centrally sponsored schemes would be released only after the delegation of powers to the Local Bodies in the spirit of said amendment?

Town Vending Committees in States

4360. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Town Vending Committees (TVCs) are to be formed under the provisions of Street

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Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014; and

(b) if so, the details of TVCs currently operational in the country, State-wise?

Maintenance of drainage

4361. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has tried to explore the availability of any equipment that can be penetrated into sewage drainage systems to assess the kind of gases, so that safai karamcharis could protect themselves accordingly before entering the sewage drains;

(b) if so, the reasons why it is not being used by all those responsible for maintenance of drainages for their protection; and

(c) whether Government would make it mandatory to assess the content of poisonous gases in the drainages before letting the men to clean it up?

Improvement and upgradation of slums

4362. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assisted State/UT Governments in the improvement and upgradation of slums;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated to each State during the last three years;

(c) the details of percentage share of Central and State Governments in the development of slums;

(d) whether all the States have performed significantly in reducing their slum population during the last ten years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, in terms of ranking of the States?

Assistance under AMRUT

4363. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the cities selected under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), State-wise;

(b) the proposals received under AMRUT, so far and the number of proposals cleared, city and State-wise and the reasons for pending proposals, if any;

(c) the funds sanctioned/released and works undertaken or likely to be undertaken, year-wise, city-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of States requesting more assistance/grants to complete ongoing projects and the action taken/being taken in this regard?

Utilisation of funds under SBM

4364. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Swachh Bharat Mission, only 38 per cent of the released amount has been utilised in 2017-18;

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

(c) whether Government has any plans to utilise the funds completely and quickly during the year 2018-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment for urban infrastructure services

4365. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an estimated investment of ₹ 39.2 lakh crore would be required for the 20 year period from 2012-13 to 2031-32 for urban infrastructure services, including the maintenance and replacement required on a cyclic basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an investment of ₹ 20 lakh crore alone has been estimated for operation and maintenance of all the cities and towns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fate of Small Developer Entities

4366. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Developer Entities (DEs), having a minimum 2 hectares of land with fragmented land holdings in a zone, would stand debarred from applying for land pooling process of DDA, as per the modified regulations;

(b) whether it is impossible for small DEs to form a consortium to pool together a minimum of 70 per cent contiguous land within a sector;

(c) if so, whether DDA would bear responsibility of forming consortium instead of small DEs;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what would be fate of small DEs who are unable to form consortium?

Basic facilities in urban areas

4367. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether urban population is increasing in majority of urban areas in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith its future projection;

(b) the manner in which Government is monitoring the density of population in urban areas;

(c) whether Government is providing basic facilities such as housing, drinking water, sewage, waste management and transportation, etc. that commensurate with the increasing urban population; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Construction of holiday homes,etc.

4368. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of holiday homes and touring officers' hostels/guest houses in the country and their capacity, location and State-wise;

(b) the details of holiday homes and touring officers' hostels/guest houses which are covered under online booking, location and State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to construct holiday homes for Government employees in various cities in the country including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the details of in-principal approval accorded for construction of holiday homes/touring officers' hostels/guest houses during the last three years, city-wise?

Suggestion on Land Pooling Policy

4369. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA had put in public domain draft modified Land Pooling Policy(LPP) and draft regulations for inviting objections/suggestions recently;

(b) if so, the number of objections/suggestions received from various stakeholders and whether the same has been examined by DDA;

(c) whether DDA would incorporate the common suggestions submitted by majority of stakeholders in the final policy and regulations as that express the common concerns raised by stakeholders;

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

(e) whether DDA would issue the final notification soon after examining the objections/suggestions?

Status of municipalities

4370. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of adequate revenue sources severely constrains the ability to invest in infrastructure and service delivery by the municipalities, according to Annual Survey of India's City Systems, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no municipality has a medium and long term fiscal plan, according to that Survey; and

(c) whether no municipality in the country has participatory budgeting process?

Making smart cities disabled friendly

4371. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the smart cities are going to be disabled friendly and whether the infrastructure, including core and IT enabled functions, provide accessibility and digital inclusion for persons with disabilities;

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

(c) what steps have been taken, so far, to promote the accessibility of persons with disabilities in the Smart Cities Mission in the country?

Monitoring centre for inter-State migrations

4372. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any monitoring centre to monitor and record inter-State migrations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the powers delegated to the said monitoring centre;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose; and

(d) further steps taken by Government in this regard?

Community Development Programme for Basties

4373. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes any community development programme for alleviating Basti in the urban areas particularly in the metro cities;

(b) whether Government proposes to demolish such areas and to rehabilitate or construct pucca houses towards 100 per cent alleviation of such areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof, the proposals that have been received from different State Governments, so far and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of Basti/kuccha colonies identified, State-wise and the proposals towards poverty alleviation thereof?

Retrospective recognition of institutions

4374. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to grant retrospective recognition to Government funded institutions and universities conducting teacher education courses without the approval of National Council for Teacher Education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would give one-time recognition to ensure that the future of students who had passed out from such colleges or were enrolled currently is not jeopardized; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Benefits to children under IED

4375. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 80 per cent of Children With Special Needs (CWSN) in Tamil Nadu did not receive the

benefits for more than six years under the Inclusive Education Scheme (IED); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or considered to be taken to address this issue?

Saakshar Bharat Scheme

4376. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of muslim females declared literate since 2009 in comparison to the target under the Saakshar Bharat Scheme;

(b) whether of number of universities and higher educational institutes in the country do not have a women's hostel despite such hostels having been sanctioned;

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

(d) the details of existing school buildings and community buildings which are being used as study centres for school children in the evening?

Proposal to make school education system responsible

†4377. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new project is proposed to be launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog with an aim to make whole Government school education system responsible, ambitious and transformative for each student;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether the objective of this project is to take consistent action to bring transformation in human capital in education with tripartite collaboration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Common courses in education boards

4378. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce common courses to be offered by CBSE, State Education Boards, NIOS and ICSE Education Board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for prevalence of different courses in different boards?

Running of day care schools

4379. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has allowed to run day care schools for standard 10, 11 and 12;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the rules framed therefor; and
- (c) if not, the action taken by Government against such educational institutes?

Information by NIOS Gujarat

4380. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the information asked by the Members of

Parliament is not given by NIOS Gujarat and its Head Quarter;

- (b) whether Government is also aware that the RTI information is not given by NIOS Gujarat;

(c) if so, the action taken against the concerned RTI authorities by the Ministry; and

(d) whether Government is aware that even after complaint in the Ministry, the NIOS authority has not given the required information to the Members of Parliament, till date?

Closing of engineering colleges

4381. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than hundred engineering colleges have been closed during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the oversupply of seats was created because of lack of planning and indiscriminate approvals;
- (d) whether the State Governments have been asked to prepare a perspective plan for opening new colleges; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Institutes under AICTE

4382. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 10,000 technical institutes which are looked after by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE);

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of these 5,000 institutes are good;

(c) whether Government is considering to help the remaining institutes to become better institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-State disparity in education

4383. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of huge Inter-State disparity in ability to read, write and solve arithmetic among the students of age group of 14-18 years;

(b) whether Government is also aware that there is a 30-40 per cent Inter-State disparity in ability to read and write; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to ensure uniform quality of education in schools and colleges during the last three years, State-wise?

Hiring of foreign faculty members at IITs

4384. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is mulling to hire foreign faculty members for longer terms to fill 20-30 per cent of faculty positions at the Indian Institutes of Technology;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delay in getting the visas acts as an irritant for prospective faculty members;

(c) whether Government would specifically focus on resolving the issue of hiring faculty members of Indian origin, who

fall under the category of Overseas Citizen of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans to universities for infrastructure development

4385. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide soft loans to top universities for expansion and upgradation of hard and soft infrastructure and to set up research and technology parks;

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

(c) if not, what are the other measures being taken by Government to achieve this purpose; and

(d) whether the Ministry has any data on research and technology parks in various Central Universities in the country?

Vacancies in Engineering colleges in backward areas

4386. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 per cent of faculty strength is lying vacant in State-run engineering colleges in backward areas in the country;

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

(c) the measures taken to fill the vacancies including hiring of IIT and NIT graduates as teachers in those colleges; and

(d) the details of amount proposed to be spent for improving the quality of engineering graduates as part of Technical Education Quality Improvement Project?

Vacant seats in IITs and other institutions

4387. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to suggest measures to avoid vacancies during admission in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and other Central Government funded technical institutions;

(b) whether at the end of joint counselling this year there were many vacancies in IITs, National Institutes of Technology and other technical institutions; and

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

Students shying away from science subjects

4388. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of higher secondary education are avoiding taking science subjects;

(b) if so, whether it is a proven fact that this dilemma is for not having proper knowledge of maths and other science subjects in lower classes;

(c) if so, whether the root cause is the shortage of teachers and lack of activity-based learning in schools;

(d) the vacancies of teachers, State-wise; and

(e) the proposal of Government to appoint dedicated good teachers in all schools for all classes in the country?

Construction of building for MGIHU

4389. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1143 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 2013 and state:

(a) the updated status and details of action taken by the Ministry with regard to alleged irregularities in construction of building and recruitment of staff for the Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University (MGIHU), Wardha;

(b) the updated status of corrective steps taken/contemplated by Government to improve reputation and efficiency of this University; and

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted or is in the process of conducting any inquiry regarding poor quality of various buildings of this University and if so, the details thereof?

Conference for correction in distortion of Indian history

4390. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has held a conference to correct distortions in Indian history.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the input generated from the said conference would be used for correcting or rewriting the Indian history; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in number of universities

4391. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) has revealed that there has been a significant increase in the number of universities and colleges during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the biggest share in such an increase is that of State private and public universities; and

(d) whether among colleges too, majority of them are private?

M. Tech. degree to be pursued from workplace

4392. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT, Madras is offering M.Tech. degree to be pursued by people from their workplace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner this degree is different from a regular M.Tech. degree since no student would be permitted to enter into the campus for various lab and other activities; and

(d) what kind of knowledge such students would have when they get degree from their workplace without lab work, etc.?

District Level Committees for implementation of SSA

4393. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has

constituted District Level Committees for effective implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in all the districts of Maharashtra and the rest of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds to Maharashtra for technical education

4394. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes to Maharashtra for promotion of technical education and setting up of requisite institutions, polytechnics, ITIs, etc. in the State;

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

(c) the details of achievements made in the State in this regard?

Admission without prior approval

4395. SHRI PARTAP SINGH
BAJWA:
SHRI PARIMAL
NATHWANI:

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

(a) whether many educational institutions in the country are providing admission in non-accredited diploma and degree courses without the prior permission/approval of the All India Council for Technical Education/University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against such institutions/erring persons during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering to cancel the status conferred on such institutions for breach of conditions for recognition/affiliation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of scientific temper and curiosity among students

4396 SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiatives to ensure that whatever is taught in our schools, colleges and universities promotes scientific temper and curiosity among students;

(b) if so, the details of such initiatives taken during the last three years; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any plan to educate students against old superstitions and social evils particularly in the rural areas of the country?

Bullying and ragging in schools/ colleges

4397. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 per cent of students undergo some kind of ragging while studying in colleges and schools and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether UGC has been directed to write to the school education department for implementation of the committee's

recommendations for putting a check on instances of bullying in schools; and

(c) the other measures taken by Government to end bullying and ragging in schools and colleges in the country?

Withholding of admit cards

4398. 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 warned schools against withholding of admit cards of classes 10th and 12th students on any pretext, including poor performance in pre-board examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CBSE had received complaints about withholding of admit cards by certain schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ghost teachers

4399. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 80,000 teachers seem to be ghost entities intended to falsely puff up the teaching rolls of colleges and universities, as revealed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these ghost teachers have been indemnified in some State Universities and private ones;

(d) whether none of these teachers was from Central Universities; and

(e) whether Government is proposing to take action against the State and private universities and colleges on this issue?

Admission of women in IITs

4400 DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of women admitted in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is very low;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of women admitted in IITs during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to improve the percentage of admissions of women in IITs?

Promotion of e-learning

†4401. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that open schools and university institutions are considering to promote the system of e-learning *i.e.* learning through electronic media along with correspondence courses, as access to education has become difficult in a country like India where the population is huge and drop out rate among school children is very high and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of amount spent on e-learning during the last three years, State-wise, including Maharashtra; and

(c) whether Government is considering to launch e-learning in all the universities of the country?

Announcing PMRF for improving research

4402. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) scheme for improving the quality of research by attracting the best talents across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocation made therefor;

(c) whether there is any limitation in terms of number of candidates per year getting the scholarship under PMRF;

(d) whether there is any seats/quota fixed for SC/ST/OBC and general candidates thereunder; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

IGNOU centres in remote areas

†4403. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria for establishing centres of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in remote areas of the country including Maharashtra and the number of such centres established during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of study centres and regional centres currently running in the country including Maharashtra and the number of students enrolled; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for making available all the courses of IGNOU through e-learning, virtual classes, mobile app, e-library and e-study so that students could be able to complete their education in an easy and better way in less time?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

GER among muslim and minority communities

4404. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India survey of Higher Education has revealed that there is an improvement in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) which stands at 25.5 against 21.5 five years ago;

(b) whether it is also a fact that GER for muslim and other minority communities is increasing at slow pace;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to enhance their GER in the coming years?

MoUs with France for boosting education

4405. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are various Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) signed between India and France in the field of boosting education during the recent visit of French dignitaries to India;

(b) whether Government is planning to sign more such MoUs with other countries in this field; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Minority schools in Karnataka

4406. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four residential schools are proposed to be

constructed in minority concentration blocks in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the present status of construction of such residential schools; and

(d) by when, they are likely to be constructed and academic session started?

Promotion of online education

4407. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that several private online education providers are doing fairly good job in the field;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to encourage similar online education providers through DTH, Data and Radio service providers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Examination pattern in higher secondary and university levels

4408. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main reasons for Indian students not becoming world-class scientists and technologists is that majority of them reproduce the answers after mugging up the lessons in higher secondary, graduate and post-graduate levels without proper understanding of the subject;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to evaluate the examination

patterns of different levels in the country for taking corrective measures; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special schools for minorities and tribals

4409. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish special schools on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas for minorities and tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number and details of locations selected/proposed to be selected in the States for opening these schools, State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the NCERT to prepare curriculum for these schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action, so far, taken by Government in this regard?

Recognition of foreign degrees

4410. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to recognize the one year Masters Degree obtained by Indian students abroad for eligibility to teach in UGC recognized universities and for other purposes;

(b) if so, the details of progress made since 2014;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has assessed the impact of non-recognition of such

degrees on students, particularly those receiving scholarships from Government to pursue Masters courses abroad; and

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

Stream related internships

4411. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to organise stream related internships;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken for the welfare of social science students?

Dropping of word university by deemed universities

4412. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the majority of deemed universities fell in line and agreed to drop the word university from their names;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on the basis of the order of the Supreme Court, University Grants Commission has forwarded Government a list along with the recommended punishment for the deemed universities which did not comply with its directives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Prime Minister's interaction with students

4413. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had issued any directive to the education departments country-wide to submit proof by 19th February, 2018 of students watching the programme 'Pariksha pe Charcha' where Prime Minister had appeared interacting with students before their board examinations;

(b) whether this was done with a view to popularise Prime Minister's gesture amongst students and gain favours during the forthcoming elections; and

(c) whether this attempt is being converted into a normal feedback exercise by the Ministry to cover up the exposure?

Revision of curriculum for engineering students

4414. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revise the existing curriculum and make engineering students to study social sciences, Constitution of India, etc.;

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

(c) whether the said proposal/revised curriculum would not be applicable to the students of NITs and IITs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for creating such disparities among the engineering students of other colleges/universities and NITs/IITs?

Recognition of schools

†4415. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to make strict rules for recognition of schools by CBSE;

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

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

Transition issues related to granting degrees

4416. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institutes of Management are facing transition issues related to granting degrees instead of diplomas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a section of students have demanded that they would be given diplomas as their convocation ceremony is scheduled for this year; and

(c) whether Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) in IIM has more value than MBA degree of other institutions?

Salary account of VC, DU

4417. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vice Chancellor (VC) of the University of Delhi has not submitted a copy of his PAN card and Aadhaar Card to the University's Office during the last two years;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the said VC has not drawn any salary during that period;

(c) whether the VC has not forgone the salary and his income is accruing every month;

(d) whether he has not paid any income tax on accrued income; and

(e) if so, what action the Ministry has taken in this regard?

Floating of result of interview on social media

4418. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

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

(a) whether the interview for the post of Assistant Professor in Law Faculty, University of Delhi was conducted during 2017 and the result was declared after four months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that the names of selected candidates were floating on social media before the declaration of results;

(d) if so, whether Government would initiate any CBI inquiry in the matter; and

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

FIR against ex-Railway Minister

4419. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Offence

Division of CBI had filed an FIR against Ex-Railway Minister on the claim that he had facilitated the transfer of two railway hotels to private companies on *quid pro quo* basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Legal Cell of CBI had opposed the FIR and had contended that there is no evidence; and

(d) if so, the basis on which FIR was filed?

Removal of anomalies in fixing pension

4420. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seventh Pay Commission, while recommending formulas for revision of pension for civilian pensioners including CAFF, who retired from service before 1st January, 2016, took into account the last Dearness Relief of 119 per cent as effective from 1st July, 2015;

(b) whether such pensioners who were in receipt of 6 per cent DA w.e.f. 1st January, 2016 till the implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission Report were denied the same; and

(c) whether Government proposes to restore D.A. as above and remove the hardships of pensioners and if not, the reasons therefor?

Economy in use of paper in Government offices

4421. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to conduct the routine daily work in the Central Government offices like processing

leave applications, procurement of stationery, etc. in a digital mode to ensure economy in use of paper in these offices; and

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

Feasibility of work-from-home concept

4422. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to encourage work-from-home concept in the Central Government offices, wherever feasible as prevalent in private sector;

(b) whether Government has conducted any work study about the feasibility of such a move;

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

Posting of muslim police personnel

4423. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been issuing annual advisory to all States and UTs with regard to posting of muslim police personnel in Police Stations; and

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

Cooperation with investigating agencies

4424. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Chief Secretary of Jharkhand was requested by the investigating agencies to provide details in connection with the

fodder scam in Bihar on a number of occasions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of a number of reminders, she failed to cooperate with the investigating agencies;

(c) whether many IAS and State service officers are being summoned by the court in connection with the fodder scam cases; and

(d) whether the Ministry has sought any report in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

Disproportionate assets and income of officials

4425. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered by Government against top officials on the disproportionate assets and income during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cases of corruption has grown during the above period;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) what is the status of these cases?

Policy for removal of non-performing civil servants

4426. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any policy for removal of non-performing civil servants;

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

(c) whether any non-performing civil servant has been removed during the last three years; and

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

Bribery in Government offices

4427. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of Transparency International India titled the Gender Dimension of Corruption, 54 per cent of Indian women paid bribe to avail Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government has failed to check bribery in Government offices; and

(e) if so the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on social sector and infrastructure

4428. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments are spending more than 40 per cent of their earnings on salaries and pensions;

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

(c) how much amount and percentage has been spent on various social sectors and infrastructure development by various State Governments from their earnings; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for more expenditure on social sectors and infrastructure developments in the country?

Additional funds to Assam for flood and erosion

4429. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Assam has requested for additional funds to tackle perennial problems of flood and erosion in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has decided to release the additional funds to the State; and

(d) if so, by when?

Non-plan financial grants to Assam

4430. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-plan financial grants to Assam has come down considerably in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the areas that are affected due to curtailment of non-plan financial assistance to that State?

Funds for Left Wing Extremism affected States

4431. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken and funds allocated, State-wise and year-wise, from 2011 to 2015 under the Integrated Action Plan (IAP) in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts;

(b) the details of works undertaken and funds allocated, State-wise and year-wise

since 2015 under the 'Additional Central Assistance (ACA) in LWE districts;

(c) the reasons for which IAP was discontinued and in what manner ACA is an improvement over it; and

(d) what mechanism has been put in place by NITI Aayog to identify projects under ACA and to disburse funds?

Improvement in backward States

‡4432. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a record improvement has been registered in many backward States following an increase in share and financial assistance to States by the Central Government during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether over the years there has been huge decline in number of people living below poverty line in many States, including Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking in resource efficiency

‡4433. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is on a lower rank in comparison to many developed and developing countries in the world in terms of resource efficiency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared by NITI Aayog in collaboration with European Union and Federation of

Indian Industry with an aim to enhance efficiency of resources in India to ensure sustainable future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special category status to Madhya Pradesh

4434. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to grant Special Category Status (SCS) to Madhya Pradesh as it falls within the criteria for grant of SCS;

(b) whether any proposal for grant of SCS to that State is pending with the Central Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government has declared any special package for the State during the last three years?

Development support to Andhra Pradesh

4435. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has prepared a report on development support to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was consulted before preparing the report;

(d) If so, the suggestions/views given by that State on its development; and

(e) if not, in what manner NITI Aayog prepared a report without consulting the stakeholder State and without knowing the real problems of the State?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Prime Minister Scheme

†4436. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state the names of Pradhan Mantri Yojana and other schemes declared by Government since 2014 till date and the details of updated achievements thereof, scheme-wise?

Condition of drug de-addiction centres

4437. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of substandard condition of a large number of drug de-addiction centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assessment report in this regard, if any?

Plan to make buses differently-abled friendly

4438. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to make all Government and private buses differently-abled friendly during next three months as per the Supreme Court's direction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Programmes for students from socially disadvantaged sections

4439. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started any

specific programmes during the last three years so that students from socially disadvantaged sections, girls, differently abled are enrolled and continue their studies without dropping out;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to States during that period to achieve this purpose, State-wise?

Uniform status for washermen community in States

4440. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the washermen (dhobi) community is included in the list of Scheduled Castes in some States and in the list of OBCs in other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(a) whether it is also a fact that the community is demanding uniform status throughout the country and if so, the details thereof and the present status of their request?

Residential schools for SC girls

4441. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish residential schools for girls belonging to SCs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof;

(c) whether Government would consider to set up such schools in Karnataka;

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- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when these schools would start functioning; and
 (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dues for post matric scholarships

4442. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry owes the States ₹ 8,600 crore on account of unpaid Post Matric Scholarship claims from the Scheduled Caste students;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether it is also a fact that this amount is nearly three times the central allocation to the scheme for the financial year 2018-19;
 (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 (e) how the Ministry would pay the States for the scholarships of dalit students?

Rehabilitation of mentally ill patients

4443. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains a database of patients who are rendered homeless after completing mental health treatment;
 (b) if so, the number of such patients, since 2010, State-wise;
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
 (d) the number of halfway homes that the Central Government runs specifying the capacity of each such homes, State-wise; and
 (e) whether the Central Government

runs any programmes to engage with communities and families to ensure rehabilitation of such patient?

Allocation for Schemes for transgender

4444. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries covered under the scheme for transgender persons since 2013, year-wise;
 (b) the quantum of funds allocated and utilised under the scheme since then, year-wise; and
 (c) whether Government is taking steps to introduce more schemes or expand the scope of existing ones for the welfare of transgender persons?

Establishment of rehabilitation centre at Jaipur

4445. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the administrative and financial sanctions are awaited from Government for the establishment of care/rehabilitation centres at Jaipur Divisional Headquarter for 100 mentally retarded persons after medical treatment;
 (b) whether Government proposes to issue the sanctions;
 (c) if so, by when; and
 (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Grants to schools and VTCs under
DDRS**

4446. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
is administrating the Deendayal Disabled
Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS) and
providing grants-in-aid to schools and
vocational training centres being run by
NGOs for specially abled persons; and

(b) whether Government proposes to
issue the administrative and financial
sanctions for grants to such NGOs under
DDRS; and

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Hostels for specially ableds at Jaipur
and Kota**

4447. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
construction and operation of hostel
building for specially abled boys and girls
at Jaipur and Kota Divisional Headquarters
is proposed to be undertaken;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes
to issue the administrative and financial
sanctions for the purpose; and

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reservation of seats for disabled
candidates in medical colleges**

4448. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will
the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is in the
process of framing rules to specify roles in
medical jobs for different categories of
disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when
this process is likely to be completed;

(c) whether Government proposes to
suggest reservation of seats for the disabled
candidates in the medical colleges/institutes;
and

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

Rocket launches by ISRO

4449. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to
state:

(a) the number of rocket launches
undertaken by ISRO during the last three
years;

(b) the number of foreign satellites
launched, expenditure incurred thereon and
revenue raised therefrom;

(c) the number of rocket and satellite
launches proposed during the next three
years; and

(d) the funds provided and the R&D
activities undertaken by ISRO during the
said period along with the new technologies
developed?

Independent voice at International Space Fora

4450. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India does not have an independent voice at the International Space Fora;

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

(c) whether Government believes that India must have a strong and independent voice at the International Space Fora as space is becoming more congested, contested and competitive?

Funds for Space Technology Development

4451. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the funds allocated for the Space Technology Development during the last three years; and

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

Launching of satellites before lunar mission

4452. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO is gearing up to launch two satellites before the lunar mission in April, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ISRO had launched IRNSS-1H which got struck

in the heat shield of the rocket and the mission failed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Project to support ASEAN countries

4453. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to pursue a project to support Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries to receive and process data from IRS satellites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding ASEAN countries which are likely to benefit from this decision;

(d) whether ISRO proposes to launch more new products and services for different countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Museum for tribal freedom fighters

‡4454. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an announcement for construction of a museum for tribal freedom fighters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether tribal museums are proposed to be constructed in those States where tribal freedom fighters lived and fought against Britishers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the names of States along with their tribal freedom fighters in whose names museums have been constructed?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

MSP for Minor Forest Produce scheme

4455. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an evaluation of the Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce scheme, so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main findings of the evaluation; and

(c) whether different States are notifying different products for the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Centrally sponsored flagship scheme

4456. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL 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 for these schemes during the last three years including present year, scheme-wise and State and UT-wise?

Vocational Training Centres in tribal areas

4457. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have set up Vocational Training Centres for their people in tribal areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are any institutes/ NGOs in the country which are established in support with State Governments and work with financial assistance provided by the Centre and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of funds allocated by the Ministry for promotion of vocational training to people in tribal areas during the last three years?

Health needs of Tribal people

4458. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any survey regarding the health needs of tribal people in tribal dominated areas across the country considering the fact that the tribal people are confined to particular habitation which are generally far from cities/towns/villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana

4459. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY) in 27 States where it was to be launched;

(b) the number of States which have not implemented the scheme, so far, including the reasons for the delay in implementation; and

(c) whether Government has set any deadline for the same and if so, details thereof?

New guidelines for all round of development of school children

4460. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has issued new guidelines for all round development of school children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines focus on food for children in mid-day meals and food handling procedures at the school kitchen and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether training of teachers would also be conducted to ensure safety and security of children, including gender sensitisation and no corporal punishment; and

(e) whether there is any mechanism to ensure that the guidelines are followed by schools and if so, the details thereof?

Homes for mentally retarded children

4461. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up children homes in various States including Punjab for development and care of mentally retarded children;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such homes set up by Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that the mentally

retarded children are not taken care of properly in such homes in some States; and

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

Implementation of PMMVY in Maharashtra

4462. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: 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) specially in Pune, Solapur, Aurangabad districts in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) the 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 benefit of the scheme to all pregnant and lactating mothers irrespective of number of children?

Promotion of entrepreneurship among women

4463. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh initiatives have been taken by Government to promote entrepreneurship among women in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare of children of prisoners

4464. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children above 6 years whose parents are incarcerated and who have no family member or guardian to take care of them;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps for their safety, security and basic needs; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure that such children are not victimised or become criminals like their parents?

Funds for vocational training of homemakers

4465. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women engaged in domestic duties during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has taken any initiatives to provide funds to homemakers for skill or vocational training; and

(c) if so, the quantum of funds allocated therefor?

Role of Anganwadi workers in National Nutrition Mission

4466. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets set under the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) for 2017-18 fiscal year and the achievements, so far;

(b) the details of measures taken to equip Anganwadi Workers to achieve the targets set under NNM;

(c) whether the real time monitoring mechanism is in place to monitor the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Supplementary nutrition programme under ICDS Scheme

4467. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of eligible beneficiaries under the supplementary nutrition programme of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme *vis-a-vis* number of children left out of this programme in various States/UTs;

(b) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has prescribed/laid down new child growth related standards for various zones and States of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for better and effective implementation of ICDS scheme across the country and to ensure fulfilment of the child growth related standards set by WHO?

Programmes for poor, widows and destitute women

4468. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared or proposes to prepare any programme to provide education and employment opportunities to the poor, widows and destitute women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of centres where these programmes are being run, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of women benefited from these programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Working women hostels

4469. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of working women hostels in the country till date State-wise and especially in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of working women hostels constructed during the year 2015-16;

(c) the details of funds allocated by the Ministry for construction of working women hostels during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether the Ministry is keeping track of already constructed hostels and their working conditions and occupancies, and if so, the details thereof?

Support to women and children

4470. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women who got the support of the Ministry during the last two years;

(b) the number of such women in the age groups of 18-35, 36-60 and above 60 years;

(c) the number of SC, ST and minority women among them; and

(d) the number of girl children below 18 years of age who got the support of the Ministry during those years?

Gender equality and emancipation of rural women

4471. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gender equality and emancipation of rural women is recognized as a key driver for inclusive growth and social progress in the country;

(b) what steps have been taken for gender equality and emancipation of rural women during the last three years; and

(c) what steps are being taken for combating all forms of discrimination and violence against rural women in the country?

Allocations for welfare of children

4472. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocations for welfare of children has increased substantially from 2009-10 to 2012-13, but has gone down from the year 2014-15 to 2018-19;

(b) if so, the reasons for this continuous decrease; and

(c) the schemes initiated during the last three years for the welfare of children and for preventing crimes against children?

BBBP in Bihar and Jharkhand

4473. SHRI HARIIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a lot of emphasis is being laid on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme;
- (b) the number of districts of the country where this scheme is currently operational; and
- (c) the names of such districts in Bihar and Jharkhand?

Mental test on foreigners before adoption

†4474. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to get the mental test conducted on foreigners who proposed to adopt children in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any action, so far, in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Safety of women in vulnerable States

4475. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any fresh strategy is being worked out by Government to ensure safety of women in vulnerable States like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, etc., in view of the report released by the Ministry recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assessment of CCT under ICDS scheme

4476. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pregnant women, lactating mothers and children benefited under ICDS Take Home Ration scheme;
- (b) whether scheme has met targets set to improve maternal and child health;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any inquiry into allegations of corruption by private players in the scheme;
- (d) whether the Ministry has assessed the implementation of Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) in Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra and determined feasibility of national CCT adoption to meet ICDS nutrition goals, and if so, the details of outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) what is the Ministry's stand on CCT?

Energy rich foods to Malnourished children in Maharashtra

4477. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that children in Maharashtra in general and particularly in its tribal areas are malnourished and underweight;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether Government proposes to provide energy rich food to children under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme in the State to get rid of malnutrition among children; and

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

Utilisation of funds under BBBP scheme

4478. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(b) the views of Government on the efficiency of implementation of the scheme;

(c) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that out of ₹ 43 crore set out for BBBP scheme, only five crore has been utilised;

(d) if so, the reasons for such poor utilisation of funds under the scheme; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to improve the utilisation of funds under the scheme?

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Incidents of crime against women

4479. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of crime against women have increased during the last few years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Nirbhaya Fund remains largely unutilised and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to increase safety of women at Railways and public places, especially during night?

Malnutrition in Odisha

†4480. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the status of malnutrition in Odisha;

(b) if so, the date on which such a review was made and the result of the review; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to remove shortcomings identified in the review?

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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