

## 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)

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Plant level Viability test of monazite resources**

1441. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed plant level viability tests of the monazite resources found in the Visakhapatnam district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government plans to exploit the said monazite in nuclear reactors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **POPSKs in Tura region of Meghalaya**

1442. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry, in association

with the Department of Posts, is in the process of setting up Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSKs);

(b) whether POPSKs are planned for Tura region in Meghalaya which is far away from Guwahati RPO and also the PSK at Shillong; and

(c) if so, how soon POPSKs planned for that region are likely to become operational?

#### **Agreements with Israel**

1443. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has sought data from India for boosting measures to counter cyber threats and to revolutionize Indian farm production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether India has signed four agreements with Israel in this regard; and  
(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Persons accompanying Prime Minister to foreign countries**

1444. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the details of non-Government persons who accompany the Prime Minister on official visits to foreign countries and are not connected with security issues could be made public;

(b) if so, the names of persons and respective organisations/companies accompanying the Prime Minister on every foreign trip conducted since May, 2014, year-wise specifying the country visited;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the selection criteria and process followed for choosing these specific persons to accompany the Prime Minister?

**Military bases of China after Doklam issue**

†1445. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese army is still standing firm at a certain distance in Doklam even after the Doklam impasse is over and after this deadlock China is showing aggression in taking up the border issues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is setting up military bases in sea in coordination with many countries which is seemingly its strategy to surround India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Data base about overseas Indians**

1446. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has created a Task Force for collection of basic data and compilation, after creation of a data base about overseas Indians;

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

(c) whether the lack of manpower is the reason behind these inefficiencies shown by Indian Missions/posts abroad; and

(d) whether the Ministry has considered taking the help of local organisations/associations of Indians, in facilitation of better data collection?

**Increasing cases of fake visas**

†1447. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that cases of giving fake visas for other countries are increasing in the country;

(b) whether Government has received any complaint in this regard;

(c) whether any case of fraud in the name of getting visa for America, has come to the notice of Government;

(d) if not, the action taken thereon; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check such incidents in future?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Russian support for NSG membership**

1448. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how does the Ministry look at the recent strong statement by Russia supporting India's bid for membership of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG);

(b) whether Russia is talking to Beijing about India's membership at different levels;

(c) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the statement would help India to get the membership; and

(d) to what extent India's entry into Wassenaar Arrangement would be of help in this regard?

**Crisis in Maldives**

1449. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has opted not to indulge in gunboat diplomacy over the recent crisis in Maldives but to wait for the crisis to abate to its advantage;

(b) whether Male's closeness to China and the socio-political clout of Islamic radicals in Male can jeopardise India's interests in the region; and

(c) whether United States of America is also holding similar assessment over Male crisis?

**Recognition of Hindi as official language of UN**

†1450. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of times efforts were made in the UN General Assembly to get Hindi recognised as an official language of the UN;

(b) the action plan formulated by Government for the acceptance of Hindi as an official language of the UN and for its propagation in the whole world; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government for propagation of Hindi throughout the world and the amount spent for this purpose during the last three years?

**Media persons accompanying Prime Minister on foreign visits**

1451. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding names of journalists/reporters/media persons who accompanied the Prime Minister during his visits to various countries during 2014-15 to 2016-17; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on such media groups during that period?

**Indian involvement in Afghanistan**

1452. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of USA has called for greater Indian involvement in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether USA has requested India to deploy troops in Afghanistan; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Cancellation of passports for NRI husbands**

1453. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring a law enabling it to cancel the passports of those NRI husbands who abandon their wives;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interest of those women who have been abandoned by their NRI husbands?

**Visits of Prime Minister**

1454. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries visited by the Prime Minister during the last three months;

(b) the details of Memorandum of Understandings, bilateral agreements entered into with each of these countries; and

(c) the prospects to strengthen bilateral relations between India and these countries?

**Difficulties of NRIs in enrolments**

1455. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints from NRIs who are not having Aadhaar and are facing problems in different enrolment systems of the country and are getting barred from different facilities;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that such

persons are not eligible for biometric identification enrolment as per Aadhaar Act, 2016; and

(c) if so, the proposal of Government to overcome the difficulties of Pravasi Bhartiya?

**Transfer policy in PSUs under the Ministry**

1456. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of transfer policy of employees working in PSUs;

(b) the number and details of transfer applications received from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees in PSUs under the Ministry which are correct as per the policy; and

(c) the number and details of those applicants who have been transferred and the number of applications which have been rejected?

**Permits for commercial electric vehicles**

1457. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permits are not required for commercial electric vehicles, as per the plan of Government to shift to electric vehicles by the year 2030;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the electric mobility push is in line with the global trend;

(d) whether several electric car manufacturers from abroad have

approached India for setting up of electric cars plants in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Closure of Tungabhadra Steel Products Limited (TSPL)**

1458. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has closed down the Tungabhadra Steel Products Limited (TSPL);

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for rehabilitation of employees of the said company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Impact assessment of CSR**

1459. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to conduct a study for assessing the impact of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has forced the public sector firms to spend CSR funds on certain schemes and if so, the details of companies spending in CSR activities, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of activities in which CSR spending is the maximum?

**Utilisation of funds under Smart Cities Mission in Tamil Nadu**

1460. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 cities in Tamil Nadu selected under the Smart Cities Mission have not even spent one per cent of the total funds of 196 crore sanctioned by Government during 2016;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of projects undertaken in all the selected cities of the State, so far, city-wise?

**Low cost housing loan**

1461. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low cost housing loan has reported higher NPAs during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of financing schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana; and

(c) the details of new housing units launched, completed and transferred to buyers under the Yojana during the last two years, year-wise?

**Central Advisory Council for real estate sector**

1462. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 30 member Central Advisory Council has been constituted which would play key role in protecting the interest of consumers while advising Government on implementation

of the Real Estate Regulation Act (RERA);

(b) if so, the composition of the council;

(c) whether the council would advise both Central and State Governments to foster the growth and development of the real estate sector; and

(d) whether dilution in RERA provisions by some of the States would be one of the bigger challenges before the council?

#### **Execution of Transit Oriented Development policy**

1463. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued guidelines and regulations for execution of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy; and

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

#### **Present status of Smart Cities**

1464. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of 100 Smart Cities including Delhi; and

(b) the target set to complete the announced projects under the Smart Cities Mission?

#### **Allocations of funds under Smart Cities Mission**

1465. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major part

of the allocations made under the Smart Cities Mission have remained under-utilised;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to each city under the Mission and the amount spent by each city; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure faster implementation of the projects under the Mission?

#### **Database of housing projects**

1466. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to have a central database of all the housing projects to capture their status and delays;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government for strict implementation of Real Estate Regulation Act to ensure time-bound delivery of housing projects by the builders?

#### **Opening of application window**

1467. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the draft regulations for operationalisation of Land Pooling Policy in Delhi, it would be operated through an online single window system established by DDA which would be opened for applications for fixed duration and first window would be closed in a specified time and the applications received would be processed as first round of applications; and

(b) whether Government would consider opening application window for all zones and sectors simultaneously and keep it open for continuous receipt of applications instead of phasing out?

**Present status of Housing for All**

1468. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Housing for All by 2022, particularly in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(b) whether Government has taken any new initiatives for meeting the target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Achievement under solid waste management**

1469. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether physical achievement under solid waste management until December, 2017 was only 27.11 per cent in comparison to target of 100 per cent processing and scientific waste disposal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of States that have initiated implementation of the revised Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 including segregation of waste at source and scientific processing thereof; and

(d) the details of funds released for solid waste management since 2014, State-wise?

**Houses sanctioned for Telangana under PMAY**

1470. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 80,000 houses have been sanctioned for Telangana since 2013-14 to 2016-17 under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban);

(b) if so, the reasons why only about 500 houses have, so far, been built during the last four years;

(c) the total expenditure expected to be involved in construction of those 80,000 houses and what is the amount that the Ministry has, so far, sanctioned and released; and

(d) the time-frame by when the remaining houses are going to be constructed?

**Notification of RERA Rules**

1471. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States which have notified RERA Rules;

(b) whether some States have, so far not notified RERA Rules and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Ministry to persuade States for notifying the same;

(c) whether a home buyer has to shell out more under GST regime for ready-to move-in flats;

(d) if so, to what extent this has impacted the real estate sector; and

(e) in what manner the Ministry is planning to address this situation?

**Interest subsidy scheme for houses**

1472. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Pradhan Matnri Awas Yojana people earning between ₹ 6 lakh and ₹ 12 lakh annually could avail an interest subsidy of 4 per cent for loan amount upto ₹ 9 lakh;

(b) whether those with annual income of ₹ 12 lakh to ₹ 18 lakh are eligible for 3 per cent interest subsidy for loan amount of ₹ 12 lakh;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had modified the guidelines to extend the interest subsidy scheme for more houses falling under notified area development authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Launching of new housing projects**

†1473. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been sharp decline in launching of new housing projects in metro cities after implementation of demonetisation and GST;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the launching of new housing projects to meet the target of houses to every family by 2022?

**Use of substandard materials by CPWD contractors**

1474. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether substandard materials are used by contractors engaged by CPWD while carrying out upgradation in General and other Departmental Pools in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any probe/review of the works done by CPWD contractors during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has found any shortcomings or corrupt practices in these probe/review;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the names of contractors/officials found guilty in this regard; and

(f) the action taken/being taken by Government against such contractors/officials?

**Achievement of Smart Cities Mission**

1475. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the ambitious Smart Cities Mission statement and guidelines, the duration of the entire Mission would be five years *i.e.* 2015-16 to 2019-20;

(b) whether only 5.2 per cent of the total identified projects under the Mission has been completed in a matter of 2 years utilising a meagre 1.4 per cent of the total envisaged investment of ₹ 1,35,598 crore; and

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(c) in what manner Government proposes to complete the rest 94.8 per cent projects utilising the 98.6 per cent of investment during the remaining three years of the Mission?

#### **Launching of Liveability Index**

1476. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a Liveability Index to decide the rankings among the major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly with regard to Assam and North Eastern States;

(c) whether Government has announced some incentives to States which have implemented the urban reforms to the satisfaction of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Houses constructed in Odisha under urban housing scheme**

†1477. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed, city-wise so far in Odisha under urban housing scheme;

(b) the names of the cities and their areas in the State where houses are being constructed; and

(c) the number of persons benefitted under this scheme, city-wise?

#### **Displacement of street vendors**

1478. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of twenty six street vendors being displaced from Vijay Nagar area in Delhi for construction of an underground bazaar;

(b) if so, what measures Government would take to curb measures that contradict policy laid down through Street Vendors Act, 2014 which states that street vendors could not be displaced; and

(c) if so, whether Government would compensate for the losses suffered by displaced street vendors, if any?

#### **Housing to All by 2022 in Rajasthan**

†1479. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work related to scheme of providing housing to all by 2022 is being carried out successfully;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether targets have been set under this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly for Rajasthan;

(e) whether the progress made under the scheme in that State is as per the expectation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Investment made under PMAY in Uttar Pradesh**

†1480. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING

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AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) total investment made so far under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and number of houses constructed under the same along with the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has accorded the approval for additional investment for construction of affordable houses for the urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of urban poor going to be benefitted with this scheme and the States which would get such funds?

**Cancellation of permanent affiliation to schools**

1481. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: 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 cancelled the permanent affiliation to schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the CBSE had asked those schools to apply afresh for the academic session that would begin next year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-payment of salaries to teachers**

1482. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints from many teachers and their organisations for non-payment of their salaries;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last one year; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that teachers get their salaries in time in Government as well as private schools, colleges and other educational institutions?

**Modernisation of schools in Rajasthan**

1483. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to modernise Government and Central Schools in Rajasthan or any budget has been allocated for this purpose during the next financial year *i.e.* 2018-19;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Children not covered under MDMS**

1484. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3 crore children are still being not covered under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to resolve this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of Research Parks in IITs**

1485. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is releasing funds to IITs to set up Research

Parks with a view to encourage research activities in the IITs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds being released to each IIT under this scheme; and

(d) the number of IITs which have already set up such research parks in their campus and the IITs which are on the way to set up such parks?

**Conducting of research fellowship/  
eligibility exam**

†1486. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the research fellowship/eligibility examination conducted by the University Grant Commission to promote research in the universities is not regular during the last few years, if so, by when, it is likely to be regularized and the efforts being made by Government for the same;

(b) whether students who have passed research fellowship/eligibility examination are facing problems regarding their research registration which is also affecting the validity of their research eligibility and whether Government proposes to extend the period of validity of research eligibility beyond two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Drop out of school children**

†1487. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether lack knowledge of English is one of the reasons for drop out of school children as being cited as by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights;

(b) whether the Commission has also suggested besides it that as far as possible children may be imparted education in their mother tongue, so that, drop outs of school children come down, if so, Ministry's opinion in this regard;

(c) the other reasons for drop out of school children in addition to the above and the steps being taken to address this problem; and

(d) the proportion of boys and girls therein?

**Promotion of innovative and  
progressive ideas**

†1488. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the campaign of NITI Aayog to organise workshops to promote innovative and progressive ideas among the students of class 6 to 12 would be launched;

(b) the expected expenditure to be incurred on setting up of 1000 "Atal Sudhar Prayogshalaya" (ATL) in various schools to promote the culture of research and business in the country; and

(c) the details thereof?

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**Share of education in the Union Budget**

1489. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage share of education in the Union budget this year has been reduced from 3.69 per cent of the total budget in 2017-18 to 3.48 per cent of the total budget in 2018-19;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware that developed countries like Brazil and Russia spend as much as 5 per cent of the total budget for education; and

(d) if so, what measures are taken by Government to improve the quality of education in the country and monitor the implementation of various schemes given the low budget allocation?

**Tribal Universities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**

1490. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no progress in the establishment of Tribal Universities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have identified lands for establishing these universities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has made any allocations for establishing these universities?

**Digital education and literacy**

1491. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to promote digital education and digital literacy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to include courses taught by teachers from foreign universities on SWAYAM; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Making moral education compulsory**

1492. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make moral education compulsory in the curriculum from nursery to university level;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to devise appropriate syllabus on the subject in consultation with educationists and spiritual scholars of various religions in order to inculcate moral values in students of the country?

**National Mission on Higher Education**

1493. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of implementing a National Mission on Higher Education;

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

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

**Handing over of CTSA schools administration**

1494. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether during 2009 to 2014 Government had taken a decision and handed over few schools of Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA) of Government of India to Sambhota Tibetan Society, Dharamshala;

(b) whether objections were raised by the Ministry of Law and Justice and the Department of Expenditure to this proposal; and

(c) whether the issue of handing over of CTSA schools was denied in the years 1982, 2001 and 2009 by Government on the reasons of national security?

**Restriction of M. Phil. and Ph.D. seats in universities**

1495. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to conduct yearly exam of National Eligibility Test (NET);

(b) whether Government has restricted the Ph.D. and M.Phil. seats in university;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government on the one hand wants research and higher education to be promoted and on the other hand restricting the number of seats; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government would consider enhancing seats for Ph.D. and M.Phil. in the colleges/universities?

**Ragging in educational institutions**

1496. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has framed regulations on curbing ragging in higher educational institutions;

(b) if so, the reasons for rise in ragging incidents in spite of regulations put in place; and

(c) what additional steps the Ministry is mulling to check ragging?

**Discovery of law of gravity**

1497. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that the Indian Mathematician Astronomer Brahmagupta II discovered the law of gravity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Government has credited Brahmagupta II as the discoverer of the law of gravity instead of Sir Issac Newton and incorporated it in the school textbooks of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**CCE in schools**

1498. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken to assess the progress of Continuous and Comprehensive Education (CCE) in schools, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of schools where school management committees have been formed to inspect and are monitoring the implementation of the same, as mandated under the RTE, State/UT-wise; and

(c) in what manner Government ensures implementation of the provisions of RTE Act?

**Regulation of unrecognized educational institutions**

1499. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unrecognized educational institutions are operating in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for registration of these institutions;

(c) whether Government is aware that the fee levied by these unrecognized/unregistered institutions are exorbitant;

(d) if so, the action taken to regulate and control these institutions, and recognition/registration of the Government; and

(e) whether Government proposes any legislation for registration and monitoring of private educational institutions?

**Single teachers in tea garden schools**

1500. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Assam, tea garden schools are running with a single teacher and this fact was accepted by the Ministry;

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

(c) how many schools are still running with single teacher and the steps taken by Government for these schools; and

(d) whether Government has any plan for recruitment of teachers in these schools?

**Framework for accreditation of teacher education institutes**

1501. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has finalized the framework for accreditation and opened a platform 'TeachR';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NCTE has accredited more than 1500 teacher education institutions while 16,000 to 18,000 are needed as per assessment;

(c) whether some private players have allegedly been running teacher education institutes, claiming compliance with NCTE rules; and

(d) whether many of these private institutions masquerading as non-profit organizations are using teacher education institution to convert black money into white?

**Kendriya Vidyalayas for girls only in Rajasthan**

1502. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Kendriya Vidyalayas are there in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government is planning to open Kendriya Vidyalayas only for girls in Rajasthan; and

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

#### **Kendriya Vidyalayas in Chhattisgarh**

†1503. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of approved Kendriya Vidyalayas in Chhattisgarh where classes are yet to start, area-wise;

(b) the number of approved Kendriya Vidyalayas where the buildings have not been constructed yet;

(c) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas where buildings have not been constructed even after the allocation of funds; and

(d) whether Government has taken any action in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Release of funds to Central Government Institutions in Andhra Pradesh**

1504. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry for release of funds to the Central Institutions established in Andhra Pradesh as per A.P. Reorganisation Act, such as IIT Tirupathi, Institute of Scientific Educational Research, IIM Visakhapatnam, NIT Tadepalligudem and IIT Kurnool for construction of separate campus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has given its consent to release the necessary funds for construction of the above institutions

immediately, so as, to complete the work in the scheduled time and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Promotion of regional languages**

†1505. 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 promote regional languages equally along with Hindi;

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

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

#### **Lessening school bag burden on students**

1506. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government schools in Kattampally in Kannur district of Kerala has started a unique programme to minimize the burden of schools bag under which the students need not carry school bag to school but school make arrangement to bring schools bag of child to school;

(b) the reasons for not replicating this unique and less burdensome initiative which helps students;

(c) whether it is a fact that Yashpal Committee in 1993 also recommended "learning without burden"; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Ministry on this recommendation?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Non-updation of redundant books of NCERT**

1507. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of text books in NCERT have become redundant due to their non-updation;

(b) if so, the number and cost of printing these books and how was their print run decided; and

(c) in what manner these are proposed to be disposed of?

**Loans to educational institutions under HEFA**

1508. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Higher Education Funding Agency (HEFA) has sanctioned a batch of interest free loans worth ₹ 2000 crore to six educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many educational institutions have submitted proposals for commencement of projects with the financial assistance from HEFA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Committee to examine working of deemed universities**

1509. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up a three member committee to

examine the working of deemed universities and suggested an oversight and regulatory mechanism within four months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government would be taking action against deemed universities based on the report within a month of its submissions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Private coaching centres**

†1510. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating or proposes to make any law to regulate private coaching institutions;

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

(c) whether these private coaching institutions are registered and the norms for fee and other facilities are fixed by Government?

**Allocation and expenditure on various posts under the Ministry**

1511. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of physical and financial status of allocation and expenditure, during the last three years, on temporary, *ad hoc* and contractual posts in each of the departments and agencies under the control of Ministry;

(b) the purpose of creating these posts and the reasons therefor;

(c) the representation of SC, ST and OBC in these posts; and

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(d) the reasons of differences, if any, between due and actual representation of SC, ST and OBC and the details of counter measures taken thereon?

**Status of staff in academic institutions**

1512. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the annual status of permanent, temporary and guest academic/non-academic staff at each pay scale in academic institutions under direct control of the Ministry against sanctioned/prescribed strength in official documents for the last three years;

(b) the total expenditure to meet the salary/wages of these staff at each pay scale;

(c) the status of representation of SC, ST and OBC in it at each pay scale; and

(d) the reasons of differences, if any, between due and actual representation of SC, ST and OBC and the details of counter measures taken thereon?

**Teaching in engineering colleges of rural areas**

1513. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 1200 youngsters with Ph.D. and M.Tech. degrees from institutions like Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Science and National Institute of Technology would spend the next three years teaching at 53 Government engineering colleges in rural areas of districts which are lagging behind in

technical education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the teachers would be there on a three year contract and get paid ₹ 70,000 a month; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Teaching through digital blackboard**

†1514. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas where a pilot project of teaching through digital blackboard is being started;

(b) whether the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) and States have given approval for this scheme; and

(c) the amount allocated for digital blackboard and the amount required for installing digital blackboards in schools all over the country and the sources from which and manner in which the Ministry is considering to make arrangements for the said amount?

**Disclosure of information by Teacher education institutions**

1515. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are around 16,000 teacher education institutions under the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE);

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(b) whether it is a fact that NCTE had asked the teacher education institutions to disclose information about their operations through affidavits;

(c) whether despite a deadline extension, only a handful of institutions have submitted their affidavits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Posts of professors lying vacant in Central Universities**

†1516. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has failed in filling-up thousands of posts of professors lying vacant in Central Universities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the number of new professors appointed during the last three years and the number of vacant posts at present?

#### **Promotion of digital learning**

†1517. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is promoting digital teaching in the name of cut in expenditure so that less number of teachers may access maximum number of colleges and institutions through digital media;

(b) if so, whether it would make the teachers unemployed who are already engaged in teaching; and

(c) if not, the objectives of the digital teaching and the names of subjects for which it has been started?

#### **Career counsellors in Government schools**

1518. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Government schools do not have career counsellors in spite of the unemployment prevailing in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any plan to make provisions to deploy career counsellors in Government schools in order to popularize Starts Up and Make-In-India and other schemes of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Time limit for obtaining degrees**

1519. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended the time-frame for obtaining B.Ed. and M.Ed. degrees for one year to two since last year in all universities and colleges of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is not rendering more students jobless as they would have to spend more time in completing the degrees and then becoming unfit for Government jobs due to age bar?

#### **Pre-exam psychological counselling services**

1520. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether CBSE has launched its pre-exam psychological counselling services this year;

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

(c) the number of principals, trained counsellors, psychologists and special educators available on its helpline;

(d) the number of students benefited last year under such programme;

(e) whether Government in consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders proposes to frame guidelines to make students stress free particularly during examinations, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the response of students of schools, colleges and institutions of higher learning thereto?

#### **De-stressing physical activities for students**

1521. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would consider introducing mandatory de-stressing physical activities particularly in technical institutes in order to enhance the performance of the students; and

(b) whether the Ministry would consider organizing a study on the kind of stress that evolves in the technical institutes, so that, activities can be specified to provide desirable break from depression and boost up the academic output?

#### **Low ranking of IITs**

1522. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ranking

of IITs established during the last two decades, remain abysmally low in recent National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings;

(b) if so, the details of the ranking of IITs along with the years of establishment thereof; and

(c) the reason for low rankings of these IITs?

#### **Children eligible for SSA**

1523. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains the details of children eligible for education under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA); and

(b) whether any measures have been taken to improve the enrolment and retention rate of students belonging to SC/ST/minority community, if so, the details thereof?

#### **New AICTE rules for admission in and approval of institutions**

1524. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council for Technical Education has laid down new rules for admission in and approval of educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Autonomy to Central Universities**

1525. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to grant more autonomy to Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the grant of autonomy is proposed to be linked with the rating of the universities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details regarding extent of autonomy granted/proposed to be granted to Central Universities in Rajasthan?

**Sexual harassment in colleges of Delhi**

1526. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of sexual harassment have increased in the colleges of Delhi University;

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

(c) what action has been taken in such cases and what preventive measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

**Task force on quality management education**

1527. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a task force in order to impart quality management education in semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Task Force has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made by this task force; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken on those recommendations?

**Need for excellent standard of education**

1528. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has felt the need for rendering excellent standard of education in primary, secondary and higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether certain schemes for that purpose have been prepared; and

(c) if so, the details of the schemes out of those which have already been implemented and those which are still on papers and have not been implemented?

**Post Graduation certificates in Hindi at IIM**

1529. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIM-Bangalore proposes to issue Post Graduation certificates in Hindi;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that many students have opposed this move;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this move is an attempt of imposition and promotion of the Hindi

language over other languages in the country; and

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

**Appointment of Vice Chancellor of  
Visva Bharati University**

1530. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has asked the President to reconsider his assent to the appointment of the Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University; and

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

**Facility in rural schools**

1531. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has expressed its serious concern over the non-availability of potable water in all the rural schools of the country;

(b) whether Government has decided to make it compulsory that teachers, potable water and other necessary facilities are made available to all the rural schools in the country; and

(c) if so, what is the percentage of schools at present where there are no such facilities?

**Enrolment in schools**

1532. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment in Government Primary Schools has come down by 15 per cent while it has gone up by 33 per cent in private schools;

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

(c) the remedial steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Linking of Central and State  
grievance cell**

†1533. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of complaints registered in the Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances Department of Central Government has increased manifold after May, 2014 while the average time taken to respond and redress those grievances has reduced considerably;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has suggested the States to connect their grievance cells with the Central Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System portal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Backlog of vacancies under OBC  
quota**

1534. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge backlog of vacancies under the OBC quota; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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**Cases filed by CBI and dismissed by courts**

1535. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in courts by CBI and dismissed by the courts during the last three years;

(b) in how many cases, the CBI has filed an appeal in High Courts; and

(c) the details of cases for which appeal in the High Courts were not filed and the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of manpower in Government offices**

1536. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of manpower in the Ministries/Departments of Government and non recruitment of personnel therein is hampering their works;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

**Reduction in seats to be filled through CSEs**

1537. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reduction in seats to be filled through Civil Services Examinations (CSEs) conducted by the Union Public Service Commission during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of seats filled through CSEs, since 2009, year-wise;

(d) whether there are vacancies to be filled in various cadres of All India Services;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the number of vacancies, State-wise; and

(f) the reasons for reduction in seats filled by successive CSE examinations, given the vacancies?

**Response to communications of MPs/Ex-MPs**

1538. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to promote the concept of Digital India Programme, Government has issued/would issue directions to all the Government Departments/PSUs/entities to take cognizance of e-mail communications of MPs/Ex-MPs through their official mail, including prompt acknowledgement and subsequent communication of appropriate and prompt action taken thereon within stipulated time-period; and

(b) whether such advisory has been issued/would be issued to State Government and if so, the details thereof?

**Salary and service conditions of SICs**

†1539. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision under Section 16(5) (b) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 to provide salary and other service conditions to the State Information Commissioners (SICs) equivalent to the Chief Secretary;

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(b) whether Information Commissioners are being paid salary, allowances and pension as admissible to Chief Secretary;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by Government to ensure payment of salary, allowances and pensions to SICs similar to ones provided to Chief Secretaries?

**Status of competitive examinations by SSC**

1540. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of open competitive examinations for various services held every year by the Staff Selection Commission;

(b) the steps taken to computerize the examination system including introduction of OMR based mode;

(c) the number of applications received and the number of candidates eligible and appeared in various examinations during the last three years; and

(d) the time taken for declaring results and efforts made to expedite the process of declaring results?

**Vacancies in CIC**

1541. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the current number of vacancies of Central Information Commissioner posts in the Central Information Commission (CIC);

(b) whether the pending vacancies is one of the reasons for the large backlog of RTI cases at the Central level; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill the vacancies?

**Number of BPL families by old and new criteria**

1542. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of BPL families would increase if old system of BPL calculation is used; and

(b) the number of BPL families during the last three years calculated with the similar parameters and formula, State-wise?

**Model Land Leasing Act for States**

1543. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether to enable legalisation of land leasing NITI Aayog has come up with a Model Land Leasing Act for State Governments;

(b) if so, the State Governments which have enacted such a legislation so far and the details thereof; and

(c) if so, whether there has been any positive outcome from the change so far?

**Intellectual property rights for innovations**

1544. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government facilitates innovators to get intellectual property rights for new innovations under the Atal Innovation Mission; and

(b) if so, how many patents have been registered till now for the innovation

developed through Atal Innovation Mission?

**Promotion of cooperative/competitive federalism**

†1545. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog is working on several policy measures with the purpose to promote cooperative and competitive federalism yielding encouraging results;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NITI Aayog is working on 2022 vision document, which is mainly focused on agriculture transformation, eradication of malnutrition, betterment of higher education and employment generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Task Force on Poverty Elimination**

†1546. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force constituted by NITI Aayog has given a number of suggestion on poverty eradication programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government has issued advisory to the States on the basis of these suggestions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Global Entrepreneurship Summit at Hyderabad**

1547. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Global Entrepreneurship Summit has taken place recently in Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the deliberation of the summit and the ideas exchanged by various stakeholders of the summit?

**Schemes for upliftment of SC and OBC women**

1548. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of implementation of many welfare schemes meant for upliftment of women belonging to OBCs and SCs, the number of beneficiaries availing them is very poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would pursue this matter vigorously so that the schemes could reach more and more women belonging to OBCs and SCs?

**Utilisation certificates for pre/post matric scholarships**

1549. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released to States for pre and post matric scholarships to SC/ST students during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether a number of States have not furnished utilisation certificates in

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respect of the scholarships and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for timely release of scholarships to SC/ST students?

**Swavalamban Health Insurance Scheme for persons with disabilities**

1550. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget allocated to Swavalamban Scheme since its launch in 2015, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of implementation of this scheme for persons with disabilities, State-wise; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries of this scheme, State-wise and year-wise since 2015?

**Implementation of flagship programmes**

1551. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT 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 under these schemes during the last three years including the current year, State and UT-wise?

**Scholarships to SC students in Chhattisgarh**

†1552. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to Chhattisgarh under the head Scholarships to students belonging to Scheduled Castes since 2015-16 till date;

(b) the amount demanded by that State during the above period and the details of amount released as per the demand year-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that scholarships to the Scheduled Caste students in the State has been delayed and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to address the problem?

**Quota in jobs for persons with disability**

1553. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people with autism, mental illness, intellectual disability and victims of acid attacks would now get quota in Central Government jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in case of direct recruitment, 4 per cent of the total number of vacancies from the existing 3 per cent in groups A, B, and C would be reserved for people with less than 40 per cent of a specified disability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Extension for panel of sub-categorisation of OBCs**

1554. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the extension for the panel of sub-categorisation of OBCs up to April 2, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the panel to complete the task by this extended time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Installation of security gadgets**

1555. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sriharikota Space Centre (SHAR) and other such vital installations in the country are adequately protected from any security threats;

(b) the safety and security measures that have been taken by Government to identify and thwart any threats emanating from the sea, air and ground;

(c) the funds allocated for carrying out the safety and security surveillance of these vital and strategically important installations during the last three years;

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to boost electronic security and surveillance to these vital installations and commissioned the installation of thermal cameras; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Self reliance in space technology**

1556. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has become self-reliant in space technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to develop reusable launch vehicle in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Position of West Bengal in Development Index**

1557. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal has secured good position in the Development Index; and

(b) if so, the position of the State in Development Index in comparison to other States?

**Change in base year for calculation of GDP, etc.**

1558. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to change the base year for calculation of GDP/GSDP, IIP, etc. from 2011-12 to 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the benefit of changing this base year frequently?

**Office space for monitoring of  
MPLAD Scheme**

1559. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals/suggestions for setting up of office space for MPs in their constituencies to monitor the implementation of MPLAD Scheme;

(b) if so, the details regarding States/UT/constituencies where MPs have been provided office space for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Sectors under PMG**

1560. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sectors under the Project Monitoring Group (PMG);

(b) the number of projects cleared under PMG during the last two years/since its inception;

(c) whether there is any proposal to add more departments in PMG; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Periodic Labour Force Survey**

1561. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to start the first round of nationwide Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) and,

if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of sectors and sub-sectors covered under PLFS; and

(c) whether Government is planning to cover the entire 26.9 per cent employment share that service sector provides to the overall employment in the new Periodic Labour Force Survey, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Welfare schemes for Chenchu tribes**

1562. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Chenchu tribes are not benefiting from tribal welfare schemes, particularly under the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) in Srisailam region of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide a better deal to them?

**Standard of primitive tribes in  
Jharkhand**

†1563. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the living standard, diet and employment status of the primitive tribes in Jharkhand is well below the national and State average;

(b) whether the mortality rate, child mortality rate, malnutrition and unemployment among these primitive tribes are relatively higher; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to launch a special programme to bring them at par with the national average?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Vocational training centres in tribal areas**

1564. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the number of Vocational Training Centres (VTC) running in the tribal areas, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding the number of tribal students trained during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and gender-wise;

(c) the details regarding the total number of tribal students employed after being trained during those years, year-wise, State-wise and gender-wise; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to improve the employability ratio of trained tribal students?

**Inclusion in ST list**

1565. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal population in India, State-wise;

(b) whether there are any applications pending with the Ministry for inclusion of certain communities in ST list and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these applications would be cleared and the Tribes included in the ST list?

**Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Chhattisgarh**

†1566. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in Chhattisgarh including Sarguja division;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from that State Government to set up new EMRS and if so, the details thereof including the norms adopted by Government to set up EMRS;

(c) the number of regular and contractual teachers in these EMRS of the State; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to provide high quality education to the tribal students of the country?

**Inclusion of tribals for running developmental schemes**

†1567. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal people are involved in the process of running developmental schemes in their areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure more participation of tribal people in such activities in future?

**Changes in procedure for granting ST status**

†1568. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from various States for granting Scheduled Tribe status to various

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communities and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to change the process of granting Scheduled Tribe status and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has withheld the scheme for changing the criteria and process for including communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes and if so, the reasons therefor and by when a final decision is likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Vocational Training Centres in Tribal areas of Himachal Pradesh**

1569. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vocational Training Centres have been set up in tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details along with the locations thereof, State/UT-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(c) the norms for setting up such Vocational Training Centres;

(d) whether Government gives grants-in-aid to States and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for running Vocational Training Centres in tribal regions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of grants-in-aid given to Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year?

**Increase in funds for education to STs girls**

1570. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased/proposes to increase the level of funding for the scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe girls in low literacy districts owing to the increase in number of districts having more than 25 per cent ST girls population;

(b) the details of funds allocated since publication of Caste Census data; and

(c) whether Government has increased the funding in commensurate with the increase in population of STs during the last year?

**Upliftment of tribals of North Eastern States**

1571. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing schemes aimed at upliftment of Scheduled Tribe population in the country, particularly in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(b) whether these schemes have been formulated in consultation with respective States;

(c) the details of financial allocations made to the States during the last three years and how best the States have utilised the Central allocation during the period; and

(d) the details of monitoring devices adopted by Government to ensure proper implementation of the schemes by various State Governments?

**New Eklavya Model Residential schools**

1572. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) currently operational in the country, State-wise;

(b) the target of setting up new EMRS in the current financial year; and

(c) the criteria for selection of blocks for setting up EMRS?

**Discontinuation of Ashram schemes for ST students**

1573. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hostels for ST Boys and Girls' scheme and the 'Ashram Schools' scheme run by the Ministry has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated to each of these schemes since 2010 including 2018-19?

**Shifting of Anganwadi Centres their own buildings**

1574. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to shift all the Anganwadi Centres across the country to its own building;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Awareness programme on women related issues**

1575. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on micro levels particularly in rural areas to conduct awareness programmes on women related issues and to impart awareness on cancer and its early detection;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has signed any MoUs with NGOs and social organisations to create such awareness on the issues affecting women and children;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total funds allocated for the same during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

**Reduction in financial allocations to Anganwadi centres**

1576. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is contemplating to reduce the financial allocations to Anganwadi Centres in States;

(b) if so, what would be the percentage of Central Government share to provide financial help for this; and

(c) the manner in which these centres would continue their functioning?

**Delegation of power for approval of adoption**

1577. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made a proposal to delegate the power to give final approval for enabling adoption of a child to the district magistrate;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an estimated 600 to 700 adoption cases are pending in civil courts, many of them for long; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Awareness about use of sanitary napkins**

1578. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to spread awareness about the use of sanitary napkins and for bringing a policy so that sanitary napkins may reach all the categories of the society;

(b) if so, the initiatives being taken by the Ministry in consultation with other Ministries and by when this policy would come into existence;

(c) whether Government also proposes to provide sanitary napkins in schools and colleges through NGOs or Government agencies and make provision of vending machines on the railway stations also; and

(d) if so, the details of initiatives taken by Government in this regard?

**Implementation of Nirbhaya Fund**

1579. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nirbhaya Fund has been successfully implemented in all the States;

(b) whether there has been constant monitoring of its implementation to assess its success or failure;

(c) what are various measures or projects taken up under the Fund;

(d) whether data is available to show how much fund has been utilised since 2013; and

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

**Utilisation of Nirbhaya Fund**

1580. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 30 per cent of ₹ 3,100 crore Nirbhaya Fund has been utilised during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of proposals appraised and implemented by the Ministry till January, 2018;

(c) the details of schemes under the Fund and the amount allocated and actual utilisation of funds under all the Ministries/ Departments since its inception; and

(d) the number of victims of sexual assault who had received compensation and the extent thereof?

**Posts vacant in NCPCR**

1581. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has ordered the Ministry to ensure the filling up of vacant posts in the

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) within 90 days;

- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and  
(c) why the Ministry has failed to fill the three vacant posts in the panel?

**Participation of women in Indian companies**

†1582. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian companies have not been able to increase women participation;  
(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps in this regard; and  
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Gender Gap Report of World Economic Forums**

1583. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the Gender Gap Report of World Economic Forums which states that it would take India 100 years before women achieve equality in the four areas including political empowerment, economic participation, health and education;  
(b) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to take any steps to improve India's performance on these parameters and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and  
(c) the status on formulation and implementation of the National Policy for Women in this regard?

**Decline in sex-ratio**

†1584. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a decline in sex-ratio has been registered as per the report presented by NITI Aayog;  
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;  
(c) the details of steps taken by Government to increase the declining number of girls in terms of sex-ratio;  
(d) the reasons for which the sex-ratio is declining in some States in spite of the corrective steps taken by Government and there are various schemes in place for that; and  
(e) the amount of funds spent by Government for this purpose during the last three years?

**Dedicated set up for cases of trafficking**

1585. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to create a dedicated set up within an investigative agency to look into cases of human trafficking; and  
(b) if so, the details in this regard with particular reference to trafficking networks operating across States and outside India?

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**Database for marriage registration**

1586. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to build a centralized database for marriage registrations;

(b) whether this would help in curbing the cases of NRI husbands abandoning Indian wives;

(c) whether Government is considering to make registration of NRI marriages compulsory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Guidelines on pre-schools and play schools**

1587. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any rules/guidelines on pre-schools and play schools in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no uniform syllabi or prescribed curriculum for these institutions;

(c) whether Government is aware that most of these institutions are being run by untrained and unqualified teachers; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to regulate the functioning of pre-schools and play schools in the country?

**Global Gender Gap Index**

1588. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken note

of India's fall in the Global Gender Gap Index from 108th to 139th;

(b) what is the current sex-ratio at birth, State-wise and the Government's efforts to better the ratio in favour of women; and

(c) whether Government is working with State Governments for better inclusion of girl children in schools and to better their survival rate and if so, the details thereof and if not, so the reasons therefor?

**Unutilised Nirbhaya Fund**

1589. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up the Nirbhaya Fund for enhancing safety and security of women in the country and if so, the salient features and corpus thereof;

(b) the details of projects completed/commenced and the funds utilised, so far, project-wise; and

(c) whether a large portion of Nirbhaya Fund remains unutilised and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Proposals for One Stop Centres**

1590. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of One Stop Centres for women affected by violence along with the facilities available in such centres;

(b) the number of proposals received from States/UTs for setting up such centres and approved along with the funds released thereunder during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of proposals pending in this regard, State/UT-wise and the time by which these are likely to be sanctioned?

#### **National Policy for Women**

1591. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) the status of National Policy for Women;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for giving nod to the draft reportedly cleared by the Group of Ministers in 2017; and

(c) if so, what further steps are being considered to be taken to harmonize existing legislations affecting/relating to women as recommended in the Policy?

#### **Amendments to POCSO Act**

1592. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government is considering to amend POCSO Act, 2012 to enable the adult survivors of child sexual abuse to report the abuse; and

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

#### **Simplification of guidelines for adoption**

1593. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether inordinate delays take place in the process of adopting a child, even after the guidelines were revamped by Government in 2015;

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

(c) whether to tackle this problem, the Ministry proposes to further simplify the guidelines in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and

(e) the number of children adopted in the country during 2016-17 and the number of applications received for adoption, as on date?

#### **Establishment of creche for women employees**

1594. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that the guidelines of the Ministry pertaining to establishing a mandatory creche for the organisation having more than 10 women employees are not being followed in various Government Departments; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Ministry to ensure adherence to these guidelines?

#### **Central Registry of Children for adoption**

1595. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to create a Central Registry of Children available for adoption and prospective adoptive couples;

(b) whether Government has taken any initiatives for technological interference to make the process of adoption speedier and more transparent; and

(c) any other steps taken to facilitate and promote adoptions?

**Illegal child care institutions**

1596. SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of illegal child care institutions are running across the country without any registration and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has embarked on identifying those institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to regulate such institutions to protect children in the country?

**One-Stop-Centres**

1597. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) the details regarding the number of One-Stop-Centres (OSCs) currently operational in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding the facilities and resources provided to these OSCs, State-wise; and

(c) the budgetary allocations made towards OSCs, State-wise?

**National Children's Tribunal**

1598. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether child rights activists are demanding from Government to set up National Children's Tribunal for a time-bound disposal of cases of crimes against kids;

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard;

(c) whether the pendency of such cases is almost 90 to 95 per cent in most States; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to set up the Tribunal to enable children's aspirations to grow and to challenge the social taboos they face?

**Schemes for welfare of poor women**

1599. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) whether schemes are being run by Government for the welfare, empowerment, education and providing employment to poor women; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the progress made in this direction during the last two years?

**Funds for Ujjawala scheme**

1600. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:•

(a) the funds allocated by the Ministry for Ujjawala scheme during the last three years and the current year;

(b) how many organisations/NGOs are receiving support from the Ministry for prevention of trafficking of women and children;

(c) the details of Protective and Rehabilitative (P&R) Homes in the country and their capacity to accommodate; and

(d) whether a number of people have been rescued from trafficking and reintegrated with their families and if so, the details thereof?

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