

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, December 8, 2021/ 17 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Cooperation; Education; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

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Promotion of co-operative societies

1121 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

Will the Minister of **Cooperation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme is underway for the promotion of co-operative societies to cater to the needs of modern market economy of the co-operative societies; and
- (b) the State-wise status thereof for the year 2021-22?

Strengthening co-operative structure in Uttarakhand

1122 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

Will the Minister of **Cooperation** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to strengthen the co-operative structure in Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any funds have been allocated to strengthen the co-operative structure in Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of new education policy

1123 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared any action plan for implementation of the new education policy at the earliest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has included any action plan in the new education policy to make all the native languages of the country, including Hindi, more effective in comparison to other foreign languages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of establishment of ICC

1124 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Universities which have established Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) till date, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
 (b) the status of the number of complaints that have been resolved or pending in the last three years, the details thereof?

Scholarship scheme under AICTE

1125 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the beneficiary category of the Pragati Scholarship scheme run by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for the girls pursuing technical education;
 (b) whether such scheme was launched earlier also, if so, the improvements made in the current scheme, the details thereof; and
 (c) whether any other scholarship scheme is under consideration in the field of technical education, if so, the details thereof?

Vocational education to increase employability of students

1126 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) to what extent the hub-and-spoke model of vocational education is helping to increase employability of students;
 (b) whether any physical targets have been set in the last three years, except 2020-21; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made during the last three years?

Vacancies of teachers vis-a-vis dropout rates in aspirational districts

1127 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the vacancies of teachers in primary and secondary schools vis-a-vis dropout rates in these schools in aspirational districts;
 (b) whether there is a correlation between unfilled vacancies of teachers and dropout rates;
 (c) if so, the measures adopted by Government to tackle this issue, the budget allocated, targets achieved and coverage;
 (d) the percentage of schools that run as single-teacher schools in different States;
 (e) the drop-out rates in such schools in the last two years;
 (f) whether Government has adopted any measures to reduce drop-out rates and fill these unfilled vacancies; and
 (g) if so, the details thereof, including the time line?

Bhasha Sangam mobile app

1128 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched a Bhasha Sangam mobile app in partnership with MyGov recently; and
 (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of this app?

Representation regarding NEP by Tamil Nadu

1129 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any response to the representations made by State Government of Tamil Nadu with regards to the three language policy adopted in the NEP and the action taken thereon;
- (b) whether NEP has taken into account any expert study or the system of education in Tamil Nadu and other States or consulted stakeholders before framing NEP;
- (c) whether the Ministry has data on the number of schools run by Government/private bodies which are affiliated to CBSE, State and district-wise especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

National Education Policy 2020

1130 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 mentions about any specific relief to the poor, women and caste and religious minorities, any clear commitment that can hold the Government accountable, Right to Education Act (RTE) and universalization of education and mechanism to link primary and secondary education with the RTE;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether there is any policy directive affirming the rights/reservation of SCs, STs & OBCs in academic institutions- for students or teachers?

Establishment of SPAs

1131 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of institutes recognized by the Ministry that provide degree courses of B.Planning, B.Tech Planning in the country, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has formulated any framework to monitor the progress of the establishment of proposed School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) and, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has contemplated any action plan to increase the number of SPAs in the country, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pupil to Teacher Ratio

1132 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the findings in UNESCO's State of the Education Report for India, 2021 which states that there are 11 lakh vacancies in teaching posts in the country, and 69 per cent of these vacancies are in rural India, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (b) whether Government is aware that Pupil to Teacher Ratios (PTR) are adverse in secondary schools in the country, if so, whether Government has a detailed plan to address this issue?

R&D in higher education

1133 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of the country among prominent countries in terms of fund allocation for Research and Development (R&D) in higher education as a percentage of annual GDP;
- (b) the details of the schemes run by Government to promote R&D in higher education; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized on R&D in higher education during the last five financial years including the current financial year?

Increase in NER primary and upper primary schools

1134 **Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the Net Enrolment Rate (NER) of children in primary and upper primary level schools in the country during each of the last five financial years including the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Central Government has set any target for increasing the NER of children in primary and upper primary level schools in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the year by which the Central Government proposes to achieve the target of 100 per cent enrolment in primary and upper primary levels in the country; and
- (e) the details thereof?

Central aids and schemes for improvement of higher education

1135 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the various Central aids and schemes provided to States for the improvement of higher education in the country;
- (b) the details and number of institutions which benefited under those schemes during the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the funds released for Centrally sponsored educational institutes in Kerala during the last five years, institute-wise;
- (d) whether State Government of Kerala has recently represented to the Ministry for educational aids for certain projects in higher education in the State; and
- (e) the reaction of Government to Kerala's request thereto?

Promotion of research and innovation in schools

1136 # **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheme of Government to promote research and innovation in schools and to develop inquisitiveness and technical temperament among students in the country, including Rajasthan;
- (b) the State-wise details of the total number of students so far under this scheme; and
- (c) the details of the total budget allocated for the year 2021-22 and the total amount spent during the last three years?

Schools with vocational training courses

1137 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- the State-wise total number of schools without vocational training courses as a percentage of total number of schools;
- whether vocational training courses are being initiated in schools which do not have them; and
- the number of schools that have started vocational training during the last three years?

Upper primary schools

1138 **Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- the total number of upper primary schools throughout the country, State-wise;
- whether there is a shortage of upper primary schools across the country;
- if so, whether there is a plan to build more upper primary schools;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Vikramshila University in Bhagalpur, Bihar

1139 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- whether ₹ 500 crore was announced for the establishment of Vikramshila University in Bhagalpur under the Prime Minister's package announced in the year 2015 for Bihar;
- whether a three-member Committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor of South Bihar Central University was to select a suitable plot out of the three plots provided by Government;
- whether the interim report of the above Committee has been submitted to the Central Government in March, 2021; and
- if so, by when Government would take a decision on the Committee's report and convey the same to the State Government?

Vacant teaching posts in Central Universities, IITs and IIMs

1140 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- the institute-wise details of the vacant teaching and non-teaching positions in Central Universities, IITs and IIMs;
- the status of the vacant positions belonging to SC, ST, OBC and EWS categories in the said institutes;
- whether the provisions of reservation have been relaxed in IITs and IIMs; and
- by when Government plans to fill these vacancies by running a campaign?

Enrolment of students in schools

1141 **Dr. K. Keshava Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- the percentage of enrolment of students in schools under the Central Government from classes I to XII for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021;

- (b) whether the Central Government plans to provide additional chances under the Right to Education (RTE) Act to those students who could not enroll in schools on account of the COVID-19 pandemic and have exceeded the permissible age;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Educationally backward districts in Karnataka

1142 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of districts identified by UGC as educationally backward in Karnataka;
- (b) the measures/steps taken by the Ministry and/or UGC to improve educational standards in such districts; and
- (c) whether any physical targets have been set and if so, the details of targets achieved so far, district-wise?

Functioning of Central Universities and disbursal of student's scholarships

1143 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given any directions for full operations of Central Universities and other institutions that comes under the purview of Government;
- (b) by when the Central Universities and other institutions of national importance will begin offline classes for undergraduate and postgraduate students;
- (c) whether it is a fact that UGC has failed to disburse various scholarships for postgraduate and research students during the university closure period due to COVID-19;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of scholarship amount that is disbursed by the UGC during this period?

Impact of COVID-19 on dropout rates

1144 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the dropout rates of students of both Government and private schools from 2017 to 2020, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Ministry has conducted or intends to conduct any extensive survey to calculate loss of learning in the academic year 2020-21 due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether existing programmes administered through the DIKSHA application and SWAYAM PRABHA have an efficient impact evaluation strategy to monitor the performance of the programmes;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, how does Government ensure the effectiveness of knowledge dissemination?

National Literacy Rate

1145 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the National Literacy Rate in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken and schemes introduced under National Education Mission to eradicate

- illiteracy in the country and the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised under National Education Mission, scheme-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the list of beneficiaries under the schemes of the Ministry, State-wise?

Making English medium education compulsory in primary schools of Andhra Pradesh

1146 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has made English medium education compulsory for classes I to VI from 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the State Government's decision will deprive children of the rights guaranteed under Article 21(A) of the Constitution of India and is also against the spirit of new National Education Policy (NEP), 2020; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Upgradation of school under SSA

1147 **Shri Irranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is helping the States to upgrade upper primary schools to composite schools;
- (b) if so, the details of upper primary schools identified in Karnataka for upgrading them to composite schools, district-wise, particularly in Belgaum;
- (c) the details of infrastructure and other facilities provided under the above upgradation of schools;
- (d) whether Government is aware of the initiatives by Karnataka Government to improve infrastructure in schools; and
- (e) if so, whether Government proposes to extend help to the State Government in this endeavour?

Lack of teachers in schools

1148 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of a report by the United Nations which states that India needs 11.16 lakh additional teachers to meet the current shortfall;
- (b) if so, whether any steps are being taken to remedy the situation;
- (c) whether there are any schemes to incentivize teachers to fill up these vacancies; and
- (d) the budget allocation for the same so far, the details thereof?

Computer education in primary schools

1149 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to introduce computer education in primary schools across the country; and
- (b) if so, the work done in this regard so far and the details thereof?

Setting up new Central Universities in the country

1150 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- whether action has been taken by Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), and Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in the country during next three years;
- if so, the location-wise/State-wise details thereof; and
- the steps taken by Government to achieve the above targets?

Status of NDLI, SWAYAM and NAD projects

1151 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- the number of books digitally available on the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and the number of people using NDLI;
- the plans for popularizing and improving this facility;
- the present status of Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) courses, the number of courses available and number of students enrolled with SWAYAM;
- the plans to popularize these courses;
- the status of the National Academic Depository (NAD) and the number of certificates and academic documents registered in this scheme; and
- the plans for popularizing NAD?

Central Educational Institutions in Andhra Pradesh

1152 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- the status of Central Educational Institutions established in Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation;
- the number of annual intake of students in these institutions during the last three years;
- whether the sanctioned posts in the various faculties have been filled up;
- if not, the number of posts which are lying vacant;
- whether any alternative arrangement has been made to fill the teaching faculty like visiting/on deputation/guest teachers, if so, the details thereof; and
- by when all the vacant posts are expected to be filled by regular incumbents?

Job oriented degrees of IGNOU

1153 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- whether degrees of IGNOU are job oriented, the details thereof;
- whether degree in Master of Science in Counselling and Family Therapy (MSCCFT) in IGNOU is equivalent to a degree in MSc. Psychology for the purpose of recruitment to the post of Educational and Vocational Guidance Counsellor (EVGC) in Government institutions and schools, the details thereof; and
- the other career opportunities arising for candidates opting for this degree program?

Schemes for the development of latent talent of poor students

1154 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by Government for the development of latent talent of poor students at the school and college level in the country;
- (b) whether Government has implemented any schemes/projects for setting up of Model Degree Colleges for improving education in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the infrastructure/quality of education in the country?

Developing audio and talking books scheme under new education policy

1155 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has developed the talking books scheme under the new education policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Indian sign language dictionary policy under the new education policy

1156 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated Indian sign language dictionary policy under the new education policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Accessibility of higher education

1157 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 provides reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections;
- (b) if so, whether this is contradicted by the fee hike in Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) i.e. Central Universities, IITs and Centrally-funded HEIs;
- (c) whether the fee hike in Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) i.e. Central Universities, IITs, and Centrally-funded HEIs will make education inaccessible to poorer persons; and
- (d) the details of steps taken with amount spent to ensure accessibility of higher education to poorer persons in the country?

Initiatives for affordability of education

1158 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to reduce the fees of higher education in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiative to make professional education affordable for students belonging to middle class or lower middle class; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Identification of educationally backward districts

1159 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified such districts in the country, specially in Uttar Pradesh, which are educationally backward and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to improve the level of education in the said districts?

Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu due to losses incurred by rains and floods

1160 **Shri Vaiko:**

Shri M. Shanmugam:

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any representations or memorandum has been received from the State Government for financial assistance due to losses incurred in the recent heavy rains and floods which devastated parts of Tamil Nadu, especially coastal and Delta districts;
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereto;
- (c) the number of persons died due to floods and related incidents and the property damaged, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any Central team has been deployed to assess the damages and to sanction grants-in-aid to the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Overcrowding in prisons

1161 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the increasing trend of overcrowding in our prisons;
- (b) the details of the occupancy rate of prisons in the country for the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not constructing more prisons to accommodate the increasing number of prisoners; and
- (d) whether Government is aware of the fact that around 75 per cent of the prisons are occupied by undertrials, if so, the details of the measures underway to remedy the situation thereof?

Recruitment of North-Eastern people in various forces

1162 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is recruiting people from North-Eastern States for Delhi Police;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of recruitments made during the last two years; and
- (c) whether there is any plan for special recruitment of people from the North-Eastern region to other forces?

Exponential increase of drug trade

1163 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that drug trade has exponentially increased during 2019-20;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that drug abuse leads to thousands of deaths every year in the country;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to deal with this problem; and
- (d) whether Government plans to give more autonomy to NCB and other related investigating agencies for eradication of this problem?

Increase in cyber crimes in the country

1164 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of complaints that cyber crimes are increasing in the country which affects the banking and financial companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including major cyber crimes, including forgeries to the tune of several crores during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has taken any decision to upgrade the quality of investigation of cyber crimes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus displaced in the valley

1165 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kashmiri Hindus and Kashmiri Pandits displaced in the Valley after Article 370 was revoked from Kashmir; and
- (b) the number of terrorists and citizens who died and the number of soldiers from forces and paramilitary forces martyred in Kashmir after Article 370 was revoked?

Drugs seized at Mundra Port, Gujarat

1166 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 3000 kilograms of drugs worth around ₹ 21000 crore were seized on 17th September, 2021, at Mundra Port, Gujarat;
- (b) whether this incident is being investigated by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) or any other agency and, if so the names of the offenders and the action taken against them; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that drugs were confiscated from Mundra Port earlier as well and if so, the quantity thereof and the action taken in that case?

Reviewing functioning of NCB

1167 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to review the functioning of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing custodial deaths

1168 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of custodial deaths in the country are increasing alarmingly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the year 2021, major State-wise, in the country; and
- (c) the steps that have been taken to sensitize the jail authorities in this regard?

Legal assistance to undertrial prisoners

1169 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would consider to provide free legal assistance to undertrial prisoners in view of their growing numbers in jails in the country so that the illiterate and poor accused can get timely legal assistance; and
- (b) whether certain provisions regarding arrest had been made in the year 2010 by amending Section 41 of the Criminal Procedure Code which are not being followed in the cases of arrest?

Investment in Jammu Kashmir

1170 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been investment of Indian and foreign capital after the abrogation of Article 370 from Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Voluntary donation to NDRF

1171 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) did not previously allow voluntary donations;
- (b) if so, the date from which NDRF started accepting voluntary donations;
- (c) the details of donations received as such; and
- (d) the expense incurred by Government to publicise NDRF?

Decennial Census

1172 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) by when Government is going to undertake a decennial census;
- (b) whether Government has started its work yet;
- (c) if so, by when the work would be finished and the data be made available;
- (d) if not, when the work would start and by when the work would be finished;
- (e) whether Government still uses 2011 census data while making policy decisions; and
- (f) if so, whether Government is aware of the ramifications it may pose by rendering the policy ineffective due to changes happening between 2011 and 2020 or 2021?

Drugs seized in the country

1173 **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of volumes of heroins and other drugs seized during 2019, 2020 and 2021, year-wise, drug-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of cases of seizure of heroins and other drugs being investigated by NIA; and
- (c) the reasons for increase in seizure and smuggling of drugs, particularly in some States like Gujarat and some ports?

Benefits of Bharatmala Project for Jharkhand

1174 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

Will the Minister of *Road Transport and Highways* be pleased to state:

- (a) the benefits set to be earned by Jharkhand from 'Bharatmala Project' and the name of the States which could be directly connected through these roads; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to construct underpasses at a number of places which have elephant corridors while developing green field road projects?

Cyber crimes against children

1175 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cyber crimes against children that were registered during the last three years;
- (b) the number of child pornography cases that were registered during the last three years;
- (c) the State-wise progress details of the cyber forensic-cum-training laboratories being set up to prevent cyber crimes;
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to keep children safe on the internet and curtail the nationwide rise in cyber crimes against children; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgrading infrastructure of AHTUs

1176 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) that have upgraded infrastructure;
- (b) the funds utilized for the setting up of AHTUs from the ₹ 100 crores allocated as the Nirbhaya Fund; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to monitor and prevent the use of internet and tools of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) being used for human trafficking, if so, the details thereof?

Terrorist attacks in the country

1177 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of terrorist attacks in the country during the last three years; and
- (b) how many CAPF officers, other ranks and security personnel sacrificed their lives in

such terrorist attacks?

Increase in naxal attacks

1178 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Naxal attack incidents have risen in the States of Chhattisgarh, Bengal and Odisha during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the number of Naxal attacks, month-wise, during October 2020 - October 2021;
- (c) the number of Naxalites apprehended and killed during the last 12 months;
- (d) the number of casualties suffered by para-military officers, other security personnel and civilians respectively; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to control the attacks?

Deaths of farmers during protests

1179 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers who died in the farmers' protests on the borders of Delhi from 2020 till date;
- (b) whether Government has announced any compensation, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount spent by Delhi Police from August 2020 till date to provide security at the farmer's protests, the details thereof?

Safety of migrant workers in Kashmir

1180 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the migrant workers and residual minority community members in Kashmir from different States are fleeing Kashmir region with the fear that they would be targeted; and
- (b) if so, the measures taken by Government for the safety of migrant workers in Kashmir region?

Loss/damages due to natural disasters

1181 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly \$87 billion USD have been lost and many people have been displaced last year due to natural disasters such as tropical cyclones, floods and droughts in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of losses occurred during the last two years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the various mechanisms of State and Central Governments to tackle such climate-related disasters in the country?

Norms in relation to martyrdom

1182 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan regarding the status of martyrs;

- (b) the norms in relation to martyrdom in the forces; and
- (c) the difference between the amenities provided to dependents of martyrs in armed forces and para-military forces, the details thereof?

Role of NDMA in addressing disasters

1183 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is the apex body for disaster management in the country and is mandated to lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management; and
- (b) the details of various disasters (such as cold/heat waves, floods, cyclones) which occurred in the country during the last five years and the role played by NDMA in addressing such disasters, State-wise, with urban and rural as separate categories?

Safety measures taken against cyber crimes

1184 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for providing adequate infrastructure facilities and state-of-art technology gadgets and manpower to combat the cyber crime menace in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to create an Advanced Centre for Cyber Security in the country to harness and impart latest skills in cyber security for police personnel to face the increasing cyber crimes and menace through internet, mobile phones and social media networks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of schemes and programmes for rural areas

1185 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes and programmes being implemented by Government especially for the rural areas;
- (b) whether the convergence between the Ministries has been envisaged as per the design of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) so that a better utilization of resources can be done; and
- (c) the number of set objectives that have been achieved and the details thereof?

Long queues at immigration counters at airports

1186 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that at some international airports in India, there are long queues for outgoing international passengers and arriving incoming passengers at the Immigration/Emigration counters; and
- (b) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that the wait time at these counters are the least and expedite the paper work?

Damages due to incessant rains in Andhra Pradesh

1187 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry is aware of devastation caused by cyclone and heavy to very heavy incessant rains in Rayalaseema district, Andhra Pradesh in November, 2021;
- (b) whether Ministry is also aware of deaths of more than 30 people, loss of livestock, floods to Cheyyeru and Penna rivers, apart from damaging road, rail, power and other infrastructure;
- (c) whether any Central Team has been sent to assess the damage, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of financial assistance given by Central Government to State to take up relief and rehabilitation works; and
- (e) whether Ministry will consider declaring it a national calamity?

Extension of Ayushman CAPF scheme benefits

1188 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Government has extended the Ayushman CAPF healthcare scheme benefits of the central health insurance programme to all Central Armed Police Forces in a phased manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how much time it will take for its full implementation?

Stopping journalists from reporting in J&K

1189 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the J&K administration has issued orders under which journalists can be stopped from reporting if their work threatens peace and public tranquillity and which directs unauthorised/unregistered journalists to complete their registration or obtain approval of the administration before they can be allowed to perform their duties;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government is aware that the Constitution guarantees freedom of the press and the requirement of registration or Government's authorisation for journalists to perform their duties lacks statutory backing?

Deaths at farmers' protest

1190 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

Will the Minister of *Home Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has collected data and maintained a record of deaths caused due to dehydration, weather conditions and suicide among other factors amongst protesting farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has announced any policy to support families of the deceased in terms of income compensation and job opportunities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Safeguarding citizens of J&K

1191 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to safeguard the citizens of Jammu & Kashmir who are getting affected by terrorist activities nowadays;
- (b) whether Government has given any compensation and support to those innocents who lost their lives in terrorist attacks in recent times; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Forensic criminology institutes/ labs

1192 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would set up more forensic/ criminology institutes/ labs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any forensic institution is proposed to be set up in Madurai, Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reforms in police administration

1193 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would bring reforms in police administration in Centre/State level in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a wide gap in ratio between police and public in the country compared to other countries; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to reduce the gap by recruiting more police in the country?

Strengthening of PRIs

1194 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the major schemes being implemented by the Ministry to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) in the country;
- (b) the progress of implementation of each of the above schemes and to what extent the schemes help in strengthening the PRIs;
- (c) the status of implementation of each of the above scheme in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds pending for release to Panchayats under 14th & 15th Finance Commissions and the steps taken to release the same?

Awards to Odisha

1195 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

the details of the awards/achievements/appreciation conferred to the State of Odisha by the Ministry over the past five years?

Panchayats in Karnataka

1196 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- the details of Panchayats in Karnataka, district-wise;
- whether it is a fact that the 15th Finance Commission has also given funds for rural local bodies and, if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Ministry provides computers to Panchayats under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan; and
- the details of Panchayats in Karnataka that have been provided with computers so far, district-wise, and efforts being made to cover other Panchayats?

Uniform Panchayati Raj System

1197 **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- whether Government has done any study on the uniform Panchayati Raj System in the entire country under the Panchayati Raj Act; and
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Broadband connection to Gram Panchayats

1198 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- whether Government have covered all the Gram Panchayats in the State of Andhra Pradesh in providing broadband connectivity;
- if so, the details thereof;
- if not, the reasons therefor;
- whether Government has put in place any mechanism to ensure that there is continuous connectivity and issues like server down, slow connectivity, etc., are rare and non-recurring; and
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Central Government's support to States for strengthening of Panchayats

1199 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Panchayati Raj** be pleased to state:

- whether Government is facilitating the State Governments for creation of better and adequate infrastructure for the Panchayats of the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- the details of steps taken by Government to increase transparency and accountability in the functioning of Panchayats?

National Highway projects in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand

1200 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- whether Government has approved any projects related to new National Highways in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during the last three years;
- if so, the details thereof project-wise along with the financial allocation; and
- the number of projects which have been started out of these and the estimated time

limit for their completion?

Highway projects in the North-Eastern States

1201 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken specific initiative to complete all ongoing National Highway projects within the estimated period, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has any proposal to take up new National Highway projects in North-Eastern states for the uplifting of socio-economic status of the people by providing better connectivity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Use of plastic in construction of roads and highways

1202 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has disbanded the idea for better utilization of used and discarded plastic in construction of roads and highways, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether NHAI takes expert opinion on the use of better material and technology for construction of world-class highways in the country which may have much larger life; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Roads constructed in Bihar under Bharatmala project

1203 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the roads being constructed in Bihar under the Bharatmala project;
- (b) the complete details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the expressway planned to be constructed from Patna to Kolkata as proposed under Bharatmala project; and
- (d) the details of various phases of construction of projects to be launched in Bihar under the Bharatmala project and the plan to complete those projects?

National Highways projects in Tamil Nadu

1204 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has decided on the letter by Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to declare eight State roads in Tamil Nadu as National Highways and entrust the development work with the State Government with requisite funding;
- (b) the status of Bengaluru-Chennai Highway Project and Maduravoyal to Chennai Port elevated corridor project;
- (c) the road projects pending in Tamil Nadu and whether any new projects have been undertaken in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the steps taken to give up toll system all over the country, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Release of Central assistance under CRIF

1205 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

the steps taken for release of balance requirement of ₹ 182.53 Crore during the current financial year, 2021-22 for timely completion of the sanctioned projects under Central Road Infrastructure Fund (CRIF)?

Four-laning of NHs in Assam

1206 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that all National Highways are maintained by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the National Highways are dilapidated in Assam and grave concern and resentment has been reported over tardy four-laning works and repairing of the National Highways in Assam; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Asset monetisation plan of the Ministry

1207 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the projects planned under the National Asset Monetisation, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of how the Ministry plans to use this money for the long-term goals, the details thereof?

Condition of National Highway passing through Surguja District Chattisgarh

1208 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noted dilapidated state of the National Highway passing through Chattisgarh, particularly through its Surguja district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal for renovation of highways passing through Surguja and Balrampur-Ramanujanj of Chhattisgarh; and
- (d) the amount of funds allocated for the maintenance of National Highways passing through the said districts during the last three years and the current year and the details of the amount spent?

Road bypass project for Gulbarga city

1209 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a detailed project report at a total amount of ₹ 1,481.11 crores for bypass of Gulbarga City, which is essential for the people of Hyderabad-Karnataka Region and also which is going to facilitate four States (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Karnataka) was received from the Government of Karnataka long back;
- (b) whether it a fact that the work proposal for the bypass road was processed, and the same got stuck at the stage of giving new National Highway (NH) number to this work; and
- (c) if so, the status of the project and timeline to complete the work?

Delay in completion of National Highway from Hyderabad to Bijapur

1210 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Highway from Hyderabad to Bijapur (up to Sindagi), has been upgraded to National Highway (NH No.163) only from Hyderabad to Telangana border, i.e. up to Medak;
- (b) whether Government is aware that from Medak border to Ramasamudra (64 km) and from Subash Chowk (Yadgir City) to Sindagi via Shahapur (120 km), i.e, total 184 km road work is still not approved;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the delay in approval and development of the remaining portion of 184 km as the National Highway; and
- (d) the timeline by which such construction is likely to be completed?

Deaths due to road accidents in Rajasthan

1211 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of accidents occurred, persons killed and injured on National Highways in Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that majority of these accidents were caused by heavy vehicles, mainly trucks and buses, which passes through the main city;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by Government to prevent accidents on National Highways in Rajasthan?

Manufacturing of flexible engines

1212 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Government has directed car manufacturers to compulsorily produce flexible engines capable of running on hybrid fuels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether this will be helpful in reducing dependency on conventional fossil fuel?

Debt of NHAI

1213 **Shri John Brittas:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHA) resorts to taking loans for various projects;
- (b) if so, the total debt of NHA as on date;
- (c) whether this debt is accounted as part of the Government of India's debt; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expansion of Highways in Telangana State

1214 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any request from State Government of Telangana for expansion of Kalwakurthy-Hyderabad highway as four lane;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and sanctioned for this project?

Innovation in electromagnetic roads

1215 Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards innovation in electromagnetic roads which recharge cars and trucks wirelessly to charge EV batteries and reduce carbon emissions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether Government is also considering to invest in this innovation in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of FASTag on toll booths

1216 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of progress of installation of FASTag on toll booths across the country;
- (b) the steps Government proposes to take on vehicles with FASTag; and
- (c) the steps for improvement that Government proposes to make to ensure smooth passage of vehicles at the toll plaza?

Use of electric vehicles

1217 Dr. Santanu Sen:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the incentives given, if any, by Government to promote electric vehicles;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to the cab aggregator to keep a certain percentage of their fleet electric and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the number of electric vehicles, State-wise?

Toll gate collection in Tamil Nadu

1218 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether road commuters suffer due to the increase of toll amount collected in various toll gates in the country, particularly in the 48 toll gates in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total revenue generated from each of the 48 toll collection centres in Tamil Nadu during the last five years, year wise and toll gate-wise;
- (c) whether Government received any requests from Tamil Nadu to withdraw the increase on toll levied and to stop collection of tolls from the toll gates which are more than ten years old; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Investigation of hit and run cases

1219 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government for fast track investigation of hit and run accidents; and

(b) whether there is any scheme to compensate victims of hit and run accidents, if so, the details thereof?

Pending National Highway projects in Maharashtra

1220 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of pending National Highway projects under National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (b) the timeline by when Government proposes to complete the Wardha-Butibori Section Highway project?

Utilization of CRF

1221 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Road Transport and Highways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of utilization of Central Road Fund (CRF) during last three years;
- (b) whether Government proposes to utilize CRF for the development of inland waterways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any such funds have been allocated for the development of inland waterways in Jharkhand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken for development of rural areas

1222 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the development of rural areas has been one of the priorities of Government;
- (b) if so, the action taken to remove the imbalance between urban and rural India and steps taken by Government to make villages self-sufficient; and
- (c) the action taken for the weaker sections living in rural areas to have a pucca house to live in, an all weather road to reach the nearest facilities or markets, employment opportunities, pensions for old persons, widows and physically handicapped and training to impart skills to people of rural areas of the country?

Funds earmarked and provided to Maharashtra under PMGSY

1223 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds earmarked and actually provided to Maharashtra under PMGSY for connecting the villages with roads, phase-wise and the roads in kilometres constructed during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether many roads in Maharashtra are lying incomplete on account of non-receipt of funds from Government;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that Government has received reminders from Government of Maharashtra in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Funds for SC/ST workers under MGNREGA

1224 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the funds for the SC/ST MGNREGA workers are not received regularly;
- (b) if so, the action taken to solve this issue; and
- (c) the amount of the funds yet to be delivered to the States in this regard, State-wise?

Allocation and utilisation of funds under MGNREGA

1225 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fund allocated, released and utilised during 2021-22 till 30th November, 2021 under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), State-wise;
- (b) the details of number of job cardholders who have sought jobs under MGNREGA during 2020-21 and 2021-22 till date, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of number of jobs provided to job cardholders under MGNREGA during 2020-21 and 2021-22 till 30th November, 2021, year-wise and State-wise?

Utilisation of funds under PMGSY in Uttar Pradesh

1226 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Uttar Pradesh for last three years till date, year wise; and
- (b) the details of kilometres of rural roads approved and constructed under the said scheme in last three years, till date, year-wise?

Awards conferred to Odisha

1227 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

the details about the Awards/Achievements/Appreciation conferred to the State of Odisha by the Ministry over the past five years?

Budgetary allocations under MGNREGA

1228 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocations under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (b) whether it is a fact that MGNREGA allocation for the year 2020-21 has been reduced; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Increasing wages and days under MGNREGA

1229 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the daily wage and number of days of MGNREGA in the light of increasing unemployment and financial stress amongst the poor in rural and urban India; and

(b) whether Government is considering for an urban employment guarantee act/program similar to MGNREGA?

Use of machine under MGNREGA

1230 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain States have requested to allow use of machines in the work done under MGNREGA;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to allow use of machines for executing projects in different terrains?

Use of MGNREGA funds in Andhra Pradesh (AP)

1231 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned/released to Andhra Pradesh (AP) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during last five years, till date;

(b) total MGNREGA funds sanctioned/released/utilised in different districts of AP;

(c) utilisation of MGNREGA funds for different types/ sectors of activities in AP;

(d) amount of funds used and number of buildings constructed for Village Secretariats, Rythu Bharosa Kendras, schools and other buildings for administrative purposes;

(e) whether Ministry is aware that MGNREGA funds have been used in AP for construction of boundary walls of waqf properties or churches; and

(f) if so, whether this is not a violation of MGNREGA guidelines?

Demand for jobs in MGNREGA

1232 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken in lieu of absorption of more people for MGNREGA;

(b) the budgetary utilization, out of the allocation of 2.84 billion person days under MGNREGA for 2020-21;

(c) the amount of payments pending to the States; and

(d) the amount of supplementary funds, if any, allocated for the same?

Employment under MGNREGA

1233 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of *Rural Development* be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and month-wise number of individuals given employment under MGNREGA since April 1, 2020 till date;

(b) the State-wise and month-wise number of individuals who completed minimum 100 days of work under MGNREGA since April 1, 2020 till date;

(c) the reasons for high disparity between individuals given work under MGNREGA and individuals who completed 100 days of work under MGNREGA since April 1, 2020 till date;

and

(d) the State-wise funds disbursed under MGNREGA since April 1, 2020 till date?

Rural road network

1234 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Rural Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of rural road network in the country as on 31st October, 2021;
- (b) the total number of villages/districts in the country connected by road network by end of the said period, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the number of villages/districts to be covered under the current financial year?

Skill development in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha

1235 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of youth in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha who have been imparted skill development training under skill development scheme during the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken by the State Governments to provide post-training employment at the local level; and
- (c) the amount of financial assistance released by Government to these States for this training programme during the last three years and the total amount of funds spent from this financial assistance by these States, till date?

Skill development as per international standards

1236 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared a concept of skill development training module/syllabus as per international standards under the skill development programme to cater to the need of foreign countries where Indian manpower is in much demand;
- (b) the countries with which India has signed Memorandum of Understanding to ascertain skilled apprentices/training of international standards under Skill India programme for the developed world and to make them acceptable in the developed countries; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Skill mapping of migrant labourers

1237 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

Will the Minister of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any roadmap/plan for skill mapping and skill development of migrant labourers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to train migrant labourers with industry-relevant vocational skills and index their wages with the skills they possess?

Reviewing of skill development training centres by NSDC

1238 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of Skill Development Training Centres set up in various States/UTs by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has collected details of Skill Development and Training Centres set up or proposed to be set up in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of students provided training by these Skill Development Centres across the country during the last five years; and
- (d) the total number of students provided employment in Government and private institutions, State/UT-wise?

Promoting entrepreneurship

1239 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the action taken by Government for promoting entrepreneurship to enable the youth to productively contribute to the economic development of the country by giving priority to the entrepreneurship through various measures such as Startup India, Mudra Scheme, etc. so as to train and finance entrepreneurs under Skill India Mission; and
- (b) the achievements made by Government on skill development and entrepreneurship by implementing a flagship scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country?

Skill development of traditional artisans and craftsman

1240 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

Will the Minister of ***Skill Development and Entrepreneurship*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to support and upgrade the skills of traditional artisans and craftsman;
- (b) whether Government has not done much to update or upgrade the skills of traditional artisans and craftsman who have acquired their skills on their own way; and
- (c) whether Government will come up with national schemes to double their income during next five years and without such meaningful initiatives India cannot become 5 trillion economy?

Constitution of Transgender Welfare Boards/Commissions

1241 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the States have not constituted Transgender Welfare Boards/Commissions in their States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time limit for the constitution of Transgender Welfare Boards/Commissions in these States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Proposals under DDRC and ADIP

1242 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received from Tamil Nadu Government under District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) and Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) schemes during the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals for which approval has been accorded;
- (c) the number of proposals pending for approval; and
- (d) the time by when the pending proposals are likely to be approved?

Pre-matric scholarships for the disabled

1243 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received by Government under pre-matric scholarship for the disabled, year-wise and state-wise, during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that quota for Kerala regarding the same is fixed, if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government intends to increase the scholarship quota for Kerala, if so, by when it is going to be increased, if not, the reasons therefor ?

Specially-abled students impacted due to COVID-19

1244 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether hostels for students suffering from disability have been closed due to lack of funds during COVID-19, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether teachers were trained to impart education through online classes to specially abled students especially to visual, speech and hearing impaired, if so the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether government has any data on how many specially-abled students dropped out of schools due to Covid-19, if so the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance to old age homes

1245 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of old age homes that have sought assistance from Government during the past three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of old age homes which have been provided assistance; and
- (c) the reason for delay in providing assistance in some cases?

Welfare fund for PwDs

1246 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds released to various States for the welfare of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) during the last three years, year-wise, especially in Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of the new schemes formulated for the welfare of PwDs; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to increase job avenues for the PwDs across the country?

Residential schools for SC/ST students

1247 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of residential schools which are presently running for SC/ST students in all over the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to establish some more residential schools for SC/ST students in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of old age homes

1248 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of old age homes in the country considering the increasing population of senior citizens;
- (b) the number of proposals received for opening of old age homes and the number of new old age homes opened; and
- (c) whether reports of senior citizens not being properly looked after or taken care of in old age homes have been received, if so, the details thereof and the steps/corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Post-matric Scholarships for SC students

1249 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of SC students especially in Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh , district-wise who have been given post-matric scholarships in last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of post-matric scholarship scheme like state contribution, eligibility, amount of assistance, mode of transfer etc.;
- (c) whether Government is planning to give scholarships to 4 crore SC students in next five years, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Ministry is planning to transfer scholarships from Central Government through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), if so, details thereof?

Scholarships for SC students

1250 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

Will the Minister of ***Social Justice and Empowerment*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of number of SC students, gender-wise who availed the post-matric scholarship for 2019-2020 till date;
- (b) the State-wise details of number of SC students who availed the pre-matric scholarships for 2019-20, till date;
- (c) the State-wise details of number of students who availed the Central Scholarship - Top Class Education for SCs for studies in professional courses for 2019-20 till date; and
- (d) the State wise details of number of students who availed the Central Scholarship - National Overseas Scholarships for SCs to avail scholarships for higher education overseas

for the years 2019-20 till date?

Skill development, rehabilitation and empowerment of the specially abled

1251 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government for skill development, rehabilitation and empowerment of the specially abled; and
- (b) the details of the efforts made in Uttar Pradesh?

Activities of Ambedkar Foundation

1252 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of activities carried out by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation for OBCs, SCs and STs during last three years;
- (b) whether Government has created awareness to popularise the said schemes among the targeted groups, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the challenges faced by the Foundation while implementing the said schemes; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the said schemes?

Implementation of Swachhta Udyami Yojana

1253 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of community toilets built and sanitation vehicles procured under the Swachhta Udyami Yojana in the state of Maharashtra and the country, for the last three years;
- (b) the number of safai karamcharis provided with livelihood under the scheme, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Manual scavenging in the country

1254 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of people currently engaged in manual scavenging in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of people engaged in manual scavenging who have died during the last five years;
- (c) the number of manual scavengers who have been rehabilitated by Government since 2016, year-wise and State-wise details thereof;
- (d) the funds allocated for the rehabilitation process and how much of that has been utilized; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to ensure proper rehabilitation of workers?

Welfare of PVTGs

1255 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) notified as on date in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

- (b) whether Government is implementing a Scheme, namely "Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)" which covers the identified PVTGs among Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) whether the activities/projects sanctioned under the scheme differ from State to State depending on their demand; and
- (d) the details of the funds sanctioned to States under the Scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

Schemes for the welfare of Tribal community

1256 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes being implemented by the Ministry for the welfare of tribal community in the country, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Ministry for different schemes and how much amount has been spent from the allocated funds for the betterment of tribal community?

Micro tribal communities

1257 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tribal communities in India which has population of less than 500;
- (b) the number of such tribes which are declining in terms of their demography;
- (c) the number of such tribes that have their own languages;
- (d) whether Government will form an expert committee to protect and promote smaller tribal communities less than 500 population;
- (e) whether the institutions formed to study tribal life are collecting statistics of such communities to know the reasons for their demographic decline; and
- (f) if so, whether Government will share any such report prepared by them?

Welfare of tribals in Rajasthan

1258 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any particular scheme has been provisioned for tribal population in the country and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the schemes being run in tribal areas of Rajasthan for family welfare; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to initiate a new scheme for the welfare of tribal people in tribal dominated areas of Rajasthan and, if so, the details thereof?

Boarding schools for tribal students

1259 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has floated any scheme to construct/promote boarding schools for tribal students and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of work completed under the said scheme in Rajasthan in the last three years; and
- (c) the details of fund utilized with special reference to Rajasthan under the said scheme during the last three years?

Going Online as Leaders (GOAL) Programme

1260 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of *Tribal Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched the second phase of the GOAL (Going Online as Leaders), a Facebook programme aimed at inspiring, guiding and encouraging tribal girls from across the country to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities recently, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the States which were selected in the first phase;
- (c) whether members from the community were selected from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of EMRS

1261 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of *Tribal Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government, as a part of its decision to impart quality education to rural tribal people, decided to promote Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a fresh decision to set up 750 such schools all over the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the schools being established under this Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated for this purpose to Andhra Pradesh?

Rehabilitation of tribal communities

1262 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of *Tribal Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether members of the tribal community have been displaced due to development program, if so the details thereof;
- (b) how many members of the tribal community have been rehabilitated due to development projects in the year 2019-20 and 2020-21, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the proportion of displaced persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes?

Establishment of EMRS in Chhattisgarh

1263 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of *Tribal Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the scheme related to the establishment of EMRS in the country;
- (b) whether some locations in Chhattisgarh have been identified by Government under the said scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof with special reference to Surguja division;
- (d) whether any amount of funds has been approved by Government for the said scheme to Government of Chhattisgarh and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has set any time limit for construction of such schools, and, if so, the details thereof?

Hostels for tribal students

1264 **Shri K.J. Alphans:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the numbers of hostels run by Government for education of tribal children;
- (b) the number of tribal hostels run by NGOs which are provided assistance by Government; and
- (c) the quantum of assistance provided to them during the last five years?

GI tags for tribal products

1265 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Tribal Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) has proposed to get Geographical Indication (GI) tag for 177 tribal products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any tribal products have been selected from Andhra Pradesh for GI tagging;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the progress made so far in obtaining these GI tags; and
- (f) the details of the tribal products that have GI tags at present?

Impact of use of mobile and internet on children

1266 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any analysis has been made regarding the physical and mental impact of the unrestrained use of mobile and internet on children as per the survey conducted by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the dearth of parks for children to play and other ample space due to commercialisation, especially in urban areas, is also a reason as per the survey, if so, the suggestions by the Commission to do away with this problem; and
- (c) the reaction of Government on those suggestions, the details thereof?

Compliance to CEDAW guidelines

1267 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is a signatory to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- (b) if so, the various measures adopted by Government to comply with its guidelines, including budget allocation, status of implementation and coverage;
- (c) whether the Ministry has formulated any policy to provide protection and rehabilitation to women internal migrants as stipulated by recommendation number 26 of CEDAW; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Child wasting and stunting

1268 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Global Hunger Report 2021

has lowered the rank of India on the basis of FAO estimate on proportion of undernourished population;

(b) whether as per this report, child wasting and child stunting has remained unchanged in 2021 compared with 2020;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has given any response to this study; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Malnutrition and anaemia in women

1269 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the effective strategy developed by the Ministry in dealing with the persistent problems of malnutrition and anaemia amongst a larger population of women; and

(b) the details for last three years in this regard, State-wise?

Malnutrition among children

1270 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children suffering from malnutrition in the country and the number of children in the severe category, State-wise;

(b) the mortality rate owing to malnutrition; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to increase the nutritional level of children in the States where the outcomes are poor?

Crimes against women

1271 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken to prevent crimes against women in the country, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has issued any advisory to State Governments/UTs in this regard, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to bring any new legislation in this regard which will act as a deterrent for those committing crimes against women, the details thereof?

Missing and vulnerable children

1272 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases reported of missing children on the National Tracking System of the Ministry in last two years, the details thereof, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Ministry has empanelled any stakeholders and NGOs for the National Tracking System for missing and vulnerable children, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry has conducted any public-awareness initiatives about National Tracking System for missing and vulnerable children, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Human trafficking in women and children

1273 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that human trafficking, especially of women and children trafficking, is increasing day-by-day in the country;
- if so, the steps taken by Government to solve this problem;
- whether Government plans to form a high-level Committee to completely solve this problem; and
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Addressing health issues of children

1274 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- whether Government acknowledges the issues of child stunting, undernourishment, child and under-five mortality in the country as stated in the Global Hunger Index Report;
- if so, whether Government is planning to address these health issues on a priority basis; and
- whether Government accepts the report in its entirety, if not, a detailed response clarifying and explaining the denial thereto?

Anaemia in women

1275 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:**

Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- the number of anaemic women in the country during the last five years till date, year-wise;
- the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), year-wise from inception till date; and
- the number of beneficiaries under PMMVY, year-wise from inception till date?

Increasing malnutrition in children during Corona period

1276 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that malnutrition among children has increased during Corona period;
- the amount of funds spent by Government to eradicate malnutrition during last three years scheme-wise;
- whether it is a fact that Mid-Day Meal could not be served to children due to closure of schools which led to increase in malnutrition; and
- the percentage of funds dedicated to the schemes being run to eradicate malnutrition among children which is being gobbled up by corruption resulting from the collusion of officers and staff?

Development of students at Anganwadi centres

1277 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Women and Child Development** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to measure growth/progress of students at Anganwadi centres;
- (b) whether Government has taken measures to improve the facilities of the Anganwadi centres in villages; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds under POSHAN Abhiyaan

1278 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

Will the Minister of *Women and Child Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and released under POSHAN Abhiyaan and POSHAN 2.0 in 2019-2020, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan and POSHAN 2.0 in 2019-2020, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds returned to Government under POSHAN Abhiyaan and POSHAN 2.0 in 2019-2020, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise;
- (d) the data on malnourished children in the year 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, State-wise; and
- (e) the data on stunted children during the years 2017-18 till present, State-wise?

Under-nourishment of women and children

1279 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Shri Sanjay Raut:

Will the Minister of *Women and Child Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that India stands 101st position out of 116 countries on the basis of total undernourished population as per Global Hunger Index 2021 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any study on under-nourishment of women and children in regular intervals and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to tackle the issue of under-nourishment of women and children;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to reduce number of deaths due to malnutrition among children?

Scheme for monitoring nutritional status of children

1280 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

Will the Minister of *Women and Child Development* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that malnutrition is a serious problem affecting the health of the children;
- (b) whether schemes are now available for monitoring the nutritional status of school going children; and
- (c) whether Government will consider extending the POSHAN Abhiyaan scheme to all the schools atleast at the primary level, if no specific scheme is available?

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