

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO INDIA

CZECH REPUBLIC

- The Czech Republic welcomes the commitment of India to ratify CAT. Could you please provide more information on the current developments in the parliamentary scrutiny of the Prevention against Torture Bill (2010) and the prospects for its adoption?

DENMARK

- Could the Indian Government provide some clarification on the scope of the application of the death penalty in “rarest of the rare” cases, as defined by the Indian jurisprudence?
- Which steps and measures will the Government of India take to ensure the complete elimination of manual scavenging?

GERMANY

- How can the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act even after its amendment ensure that human rights defenders are able to carry out legitimate and peaceful activities without fear of harassment and intimidation?
- Discrimination of minorities because of religion, race, caste or sex is prohibited by the Indian Constitution. Impunity of infringement being reported, how does the Indian government intend to enforce the rule of law and order in these cases?
- How does the Indian government intend to improve the access of underprivileged minorities to education and medical treatment?

IRELAND

- What measures are in place to ensure the protection of Human Rights Defenders? Is there a plan to introduce a scheme for witness protection?
- Will the Prevention of Torture Bill contain any provisions in relation to children?
- What measures are being taken to ban all forms of child labour for children aged 6-14 years under the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986?

SLOVENIA

- What is the envisioned time-frame for adoption and entry into force of the constitutional amendment bill which would reserve for women one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha?
- What is the envisioned time-frame for ratification of the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT)?
- Is the right to work only guaranteed to members of rural households (through MGNREGA) and if yes, why? How does the government guarantee employment?
- What steps has the government taken to apply CESCR recommendation to take the necessary legal measures to give full effect to ICESCR in domestic law?
- What is the status of the HIV/aids bill which addresses issues of stigma and discrimination of infected persons?
- What measures are being taken to enforce the prohibition of child marriages?
- What steps have been taken to improve prison conditions and to address the problem of overcrowding?
- What measures are being taken to effectively eliminate bonded labor and manual scavenging?

UNITED KINGDOM

- The UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief raised concerns about the laws and bills on religious conversion in several Indian states. What steps is the Government of India taking to address these concerns?
- Can the Government of India outline the steps it is taking to address its own concerns over India's declining sex ratio?
- What steps is the Government of India taking to ensure an early adoption of its proposed law to prevent and control communal and targeted violence?