

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, February 8, 2022/ 19 Magha, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Ayush; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Power)

Total number of questions -- 15

Revival of Gorakhpur fertilizer plant

61 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the availability of chemical fertilisers to the farmers is ensured after reopening of the Gorakhpur fertiliser plant which was closed for thirty years; and
- (b) the extent to which Government has succeeded in realising the aspiration of the State of Uttar Pradesh and Purvanchal and bridging the demand and supply gap of urea?

Death of health workers due to COVID-19

62 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of health workers in each State who have passed away due to COVID-19, disaggregated into doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, paramedics, etc.; and
- (b) the quantum of compensation paid to the families of deceased health workers in each State?

IPDS in the country

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

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

- (a) the salient features and the current status of implementation of the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) in the country;
- (b) the details of the total budgetary allocation made and funds released under the said scheme including Rajasthan, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses and to ensure 24X7 power supply as mentioned under the objectives of the said scheme; and
- (d) the details of the completion of works under the said scheme in the various cities of Rajasthan?

Deaths of tribal women and children due to malnutrition in Chhattisgarh

64 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of many cases of deaths of tribal women and children of Chhattisgarh due to malnutrition and other diseases;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has noticed that the number of cases of death of pregnant women, children and newborns in the tribal dominated areas in Chhattisgarh has increased during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the main reasons of their death; and
- (e) whether Government has asked any report from the State of Chhattisgarh in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Special scheme to spread awareness about mental health

65 # Smt. Seema Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special scheme has been run by Government to create "awareness" among citizens about "mental health" after COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, by when Government would formulate any effective plan in this regard, primarily considering this point; and
- (d) whether Government would consider to organise "Mansik Swasthya Pakhwara" yearly under all the Ministries at national level in this regard, in order to create awareness about the campaign?

Alarming rise in Omicron cases in the country

66 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken note of the alarming rise in the spread of Omicron variant of COVID-19 cases in the country that is paralyzing the health conditions of the people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to obviate this in the country?

Beneficiaries of PM Jan Arogya Yojana

67 # Shri Ram Chander Jangra:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) under Ayushman Bharat Yojana at present, State-wise ;
- (b) whether Government is facing any kind of difficulty in the implementation of the said scheme, if so, the measures which are being considered to be taken to deal with the same, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any scheme under consideration by Government which could provide the benefits of the said scheme to the deprived beneficiaries by conducting a nationwide survey again, if so, the details thereof?

API Import from China

68 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is dependent on China for the supply of Active Pharmaceuticals Ingredients (API) for drug manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details of total percentage imported from China and domestic production, in terms of value and quantity;
- (c) the contingency plan of Government in case of sudden dipping in the supply of APIs along with the quality check currently in place for API imported into the country and measures taken to avoid the dependency?

Budget allocation for integrated hospitals under AYUSH Mission

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

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

- (a) the details of budget allocation sanctioned for integrated hospitals under AYUSH Mission, State-wise;
- (b) the total funds released for Uttar Pradesh under AYUSH Mission; and
- (c) the total number of AYUSH integrated hospitals which are currently functional in Uttar Pradesh, the details thereof?

Income Tax provisions availed by private healthcare sector

70 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the steps taken to identify tax base in the private healthcare sector and for identifying stop-filers and non-filers ;
- (b) the steps taken to improve the codification of private healthcare to decrease confusion and misuse of tax provisions;
- (c) whether Government has adopted measures based on the CAG report of Private Health Reports of Department of Revenue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Scientific study of medicinal plants and the Ayurvedic dravyas

71 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan for scientific study of Ayurvedic dravyas described in 57 authoritative texts and analyse 600 Indian medicinal plants to establish their efficacy in medical treatment backed up by clinical trials for domestic and global acceptance for no side effects; and
- (b) if not, the reasons thereof despite the fact that some of the therapies prescribed in the authoritative texts as per scientific studies have proved quite effective like Arjuna bark powder and Arogyavardhini for lowering of bad cholesterol and Chyavanprasha in cough and cold, etc.?

Advancement of pharma technology institutes for active pharmaceutical materials

72 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special initiative has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government for advancement of pharma technology institutes in order to reduce dependency on imports for active pharmaceutical materials in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in Anaemia cases in India

73 Shri Binoy Viswam:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons as to why there has been an increase in anaemic children between 6 to 59 months and increase in anaemic women aged 15 to 49 years despite the Anaemia-free Bharat campaign;
- (b) the budget allocation and expenditure of Central Government schemes towards the reduction of Anaemia;
- (c) whether Government has conducted or is considering a review of the National Nutritional Anaemia Prophylaxis Programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to address this issue, given that its existing attempts have not achieved satisfactory results?

Deaths due to cancer in the country

74 Shri P. Bhattacharya:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that every year more than 3 lakh persons die of cancer in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that every year 10 lakh new cases of cancer come into light;
- (c) if so, the action taken by Government to create awareness about the causes of cancer; and
- (d) the action taken by Government to develop drug for this disease?

Complaints about online transactions

75 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) the number of complaints which Reserve Bank of India has received under the various Ombudsman schemes in various categories, in the last two years, in the country;
- (b) whether there is a rise in complaints related to debit and credit card transactions and online banking; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to address those complaints and to ensure that additional safeguards are provided in the transactions through debit card, credit card and online banking, the details thereof?

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