

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 22, 2022/ 1 Chaitra, 1944 (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

Proposal to amend Medical Devices Rules, 2017

196 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that all wholesale and retail trade outlets selling medical devices in the country will soon need a registration from the Drug Regulators of the States they operate in;
- (b) whether Government proposes to amend the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 to empower the Drug Licensing Authorities to issue such registration certificates to outlets that sell, stock, exhibit or offer for sale or distribute medical devices including in-vitro diagnostic medical devices in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Consultancy assignments to private firms

197 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) whether there is a regular practice in the Ministry and its Departments to give some consultancy assignments to different firms;
- (b) whether there are any rules and regulations for selecting such firms, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of consultancy firms which were given such contracts worth more than ₹ 25 Lakh during 2015-2019, along with their names and assignments handled?

Renewable energy generation capacity

198 # **Shri Neeraj Dangli:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) the targeted percentage of renewable energy generation capacity during the year 2020-2021;
- (b) whether there is any shortfall in the targeted generation capacity, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of renewable energy projects established by Government across the

country including the State of Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year, the details thereof, State-wise?

Disinvestment/Privatisation of IDBI Bank

199 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated calls seeking Expressions of Interest in the sale of its shares in IDBI Bank;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the proposed timeline for the same;
- (c) whether Government has consulted unions and associations of IDBI Bank employees to address their concerns about the proposed privatisation of IDBI Bank; and
- (d) the reasons as to why Government is proposing to sell its stake in IDBI Bank despite the Finance Minister's assurance in 2003 to maintain at least 51 per cent shareholding at all times?

Public and Private investment in power sector

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

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

- (a) the amount of public and private investment made in the power sector during the Eleventh and Twelfth Plan periods;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to assess the additional power requirement of the country during the next ten years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the resources identified for the purpose; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to enhance public and private investment in the power sector to achieve the goal of round the clock supply of power to all?

Implementation of PM Surakshit Matritva Campaign

201 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) the percentage of women who have benefitted from the PM Surakshit Matritva Campaign since its introduction in 2016;
- (b) whether such women have received four ante-natal visits as promised under the scheme, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of pregnant women who accessed institutional delivery for all their deliveries from Government hospitals;
- (d) whether this number has improved since the introduction of PM Surakshit Matritva Campaign, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether Government has conducted any studies to understand its inadequacies?

Use of non-fossil based component of Electric Power

202 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Overseas Development Institute estimates that India could lose 3-10 per cent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually by 2100 due to climate change;
- (b) if so, the details of proposal by Government to reduce the emissions intensity of its

economy, to increase the non-fossil-based component of electric power and to expand the carbon sink from forest and tree cover; and
 (c) the details of plan to achieve sustainability with a decreased budget from ₹ 7,681.80 crore (2021-22) to ₹ 6,900.68 crore (2022-23)?

Policy to discourage the consumption of tobacco

203 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) whether Government has drafted new policies to combat the use of tobacco;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of action taken by Government to discourage the purchase of tobacco as there has been no change in the taxation levied on the price of tobacco for FY 2023;
- (d) what measures have been implemented to curb the consumption of tobacco by minors; and
- (e) whether Government plans to revise its policy banning e-cigarettes considering that e-cigarettes have been granted FDA approval and that after their ban, underage smoking has increased?

KRIBHCO fertilizer plant in Nellore district

204 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) the details of joint venture entered into with Morocco to set up ₹ 3,000 crores worth of KRIBHCO (Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited) fertilizer plant in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the present status of the project;
- (c) whether there is any cost and time overrun; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Progress in solar energy targets for North Eastern States

205 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any solar energy targets have been planned in order to achieve 100 GW of solar power by 2022, if so, details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) percentage share of each of the North Eastern States in the current solar-capacity and reasons for such low share of these States in overall solar-capacity;
- (c) whether solar component of Renewable Purchase Obligations (RPOs) imposed on States and UTs has been met, if so, State-wise/year-wise details of solar RPOs met since 2018, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether penalties have been imposed on States for non-compliance with RPOs and if so, year-wise details thereof?

Seat allocation for MBBS and allied medical courses

206 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many of our Indian students are going abroad to pursue MBBS;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase the number of seats in MBBS and allied medical courses in our country; and

(c) the details of MBBS seats available in the country, State-wise?

Research on herbal medicines like Bahera

207 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to undertake research on various herbal medicines like Bahera which keeps stomach to brain healthy;
- (b) if so, the number of herbal medicines on which new researches have been done so far; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Shortage of beds for general patients in the hospitals

208 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the beds reserved for COVID-19 patients were lying vacant by 85 per cent in hospitals while general patients faced shortage of beds in the months of February-March, 2022; and
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study on the inconvenience caused to the general patients due to the treatment of COVID-19 patients?

Disinvestment of HLL Lifecare Limited

209 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to reconsider its decision to disinvest profit-making public sector HLL Lifecare Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government has taken any plans/proposals to hand over the ownership of HLL Lifecare Limited based in Thiruvananthapuram to the State Government of Kerala without any competitive bidding process; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Plan for development of medicine for cancer

210 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

- (a) whether the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in collaboration with National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR) has any plan to develop medicine for cancer, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the clinical test of the said medicine has been successful, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the said medicine has been useful for all types of cancer, if so, the details thereof?

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