

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 15, 2022/ 24 Phalgun, 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

Status of PM-SAUBHAGYA in Parbhani

136 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the work undertaken in Parbhani district of Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (PM-SAUBHAGYA), location-wise;
- (b) the number of Gram Sabhas identified in Parbhani district under PM-SAUBHAGYA and the number of locations where work has been completed and the number of locations where work is yet to be completed; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and/or spent for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year, along with the names of agencies which have been provided the said work in Parbhani district, work and village-wise?

GST compensation to States

137 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the details of GST compensation to States pending till date, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Centre is committed to release the full GST compensation to the States and Union Territories in line with the GST (Compensation to States) Act, 2017 for the transition period ;
- (c) whether Government is extending the levy of compensation cess beyond five years to meet the revenue shortfall and servicing the loan through the special window scheme, for the States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Siddha Medical Research Centre at Kollimalai hills, Tamil Nadu

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

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Kollimalai hills in Namakkal District in Tamil Nadu is very famous for medicinal plants;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that most of the indigenous medicinal plants are in this

Kollimalai hills;

(c) whether Government would consider setting up a Siddha Medical Research Centre in Kollimalai hills;

(d) if so, by when the said Centre is likely to be set up; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Effects of renewable energy projects on employment creation

139 # **Smt. Seema Dwivedi:**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study on promoting use of new and renewable energy along with its positive effects on employment creation, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has issued any guidelines in respect of renewable energy industry containing detailed information regarding size of firm, type of employment (skilled/ unskilled) etc; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government would ensure issuance of the same?

Banking fraud by ABG Shipyard

140 **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

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

(a) whether the biggest banking fraud of around ₹ 23000 crores in the history of Indian banks by M/s ABG Shipyard has been reported;

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

(c) whether Government has inquired into the matter and has fixed responsibility in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise; and

(e) the reasons for delay in reporting of fraud and filing of FIR against the accused?

Ambulance service under National Health Mission

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

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

(a) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for financing ambulance service under National Health Mission, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of general and critical care ambulances provided in various States under National Health Mission during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of ambulance service in the country especially in rural areas?

Mechanism to prevent violence against doctors

142 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

(a) whether Government has the record of the number of instances of attacks on doctors during the last three years, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to prevent violence against doctors, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government to enhance the penalty for violence against

doctors; and

(d) the details of helplines, if any, set up by Government to extend immediate help to the doctors who are harassed by patients and the number of complaints received and action taken thereon so far?

Consumption of coal

143 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

(a) the consumption of coal in metric ton every year in the country to meet the energy needs of the country;

(b) the percentage of this consumption which is produced in the country and which is imported; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of coal in the country and to reduce its dependence on imports?

Establishment of new PSUs in the country

144 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

(a) whether Government has established Public Sector Undertakings/Enterprises in various States/ Union Territories (UTs) of the country including West Bengal since 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to set up suitable PSUs in view of the availability of skilled and unskilled manpower in various States/UTs of the country including West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Availability of drugs at reasonable price

145 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

(a) the steps being taken by Government to control the prices of drugs and to provide drugs at affordable/reasonable rates to the poor;

(b) whether there are benefits of opening Pradhan Mantri Janaushadhi Kendras;

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

(d) the steps taken to make pharmaceutical companies self-reliant by way of increasing indigenous resources in the country?

Rooftop Solar energy

146 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

(a) the target for rooftop solar energy production this year;

(b) the achievements made so far;

(c) the incentives being provided for rooftop solar energy production; and

(d) whether there are issues of connectivity to the grid?

Reduction of subsidy on urea and nutrient-based (NPK) fertilisers

147 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing an acute shortage of fertilisers as per analysis of the Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS) data;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that amid this acute shortage, Government has reduced subsidy on urea and nutrient-based (NPK) fertilisers and this move is expected to adversely hit the ailing farm sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Ayush medicines for COVID-19

148 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the current progress on manufacturing the AYUSH – 64 medicines for COVID-19 developed by the Central Council of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences; and
- (b) the measures being taken by Government to create awareness amongst people regarding the use of Kabasura Kudineer for mild COVID-19 patients across the country after its successful trials and implementation in Tamil Nadu?

Bio-energy capacity in the country

149 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the details of the plans made by Government for the exploration of bio-energy capacity in the country;
- (b) the current status of electricity generation from the said energy sources;
- (c) whether the bio-energy plants in the rural areas of the country are functional or dormant and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to increase the number of biogas plants in the country;
- (e) whether Government also proposes to set biogas plants in every household of the farmers of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Percentage of tax payers in the country

150 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) the number of persons who are paying income tax in the country;
- (b) the total percentage of tax payers vis-à-vis population of the country;
- (c) whether Government has assessed the number of persons whose income comes under tax net but are not paying any tax, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government has taken to cover the leftover population in the tax net?

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