

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 29, 2022/ 8 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

Commissioning of the Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha

271 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the present status of the Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha;
- (b) the date by which the plant is expected to be commissioned; and
- (c) the reasons for the delay in commissioning of this Plant?

Branches of AIIMS in the country

272 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the total number of AIIMS which are functional in the country at present;
- (b) the status of AIIMS, Gorakhpur and Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh in comparison to AIIMS, New Delhi;
- (c) the extent of reduction in the number of patients registered in AIIMS, New Delhi due to the functioning of newly set up AIIMS in other cities of the country; and
- (d) the details thereof?

NPAs of Indian lenders

273 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether NPAs accumulated by Indian lenders are higher than those of the banks in most major economies, including US, UK, China and Japan, if so, the details thereof and the rank of India out of the major world economies plagued by bad loans;
- (b) whether any comprehensive strategy has been chalked out by Government to nab the defaulters, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has obtained forensic audit report of the banks on major defaulters and if so, the details thereof and action initiated against the defaulters; and
- (d) details of NPAs from 2014 to till date, year-wise and bank-wise?

Shortage of administrative staff to handle disease outbreaks

274 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of administrative staff when the country is confronting the annual epidemic of Dengue, Chikungunya and COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details of shortage of administrative staffs, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to enhance the capacity of experts as well as scientific staff to deal with future pandemic situations?

Outstanding dues to private hospitals under CGHS

275 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the amount of outstanding dues that Government owes to private hospitals under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS);
- (b) the last time when pricing of these health care services under the scheme was done and whether Government has plans to revise it; and
- (c) the details of the budgetary allocation for CGHS?

'Heal in India' initiative

276 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched 'Heal in India' initiative to promote health care delivery services and infrastructure for international patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it also has a plan to launch 'Heal by India', by providing manpower from India to health care sector in other countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be launched; and
- (e) the estimated job opportunities abroad for our trained professionals in the health sector, and the details thereof?

Momentum to the economy

277 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government is preparing any Road map to give a momentum to the economy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Lower GST rates on drugs for Cancer treatment

278 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of GST rates on drugs used for cancer treatment in the country and whether it is a fact that some medicines are taxed at exorbitant rates;
- (b) whether Government intends to extend the tax benefits provided to drugs like Keytruda to other medicines used for the treatment of cancer;
- (c) if so, the status of the Committee looking after this matter, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time frame Government has set for a common man to receive relief of lower GST rates on the purchase of cancer drugs?

Support to NGOs to develop herbal gardens

279 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) the details of existing provisions to support Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to develop different types of herbal gardens;
- (b) the details of procedures, eligibility and communications for applying to avail the Central Sector Scheme for NGOs in particular; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulation of prices of non-scheduled drugs

280 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to regulate prices of medicines or formulations not included in Schedule I of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (non-scheduled drugs) through the Trade Margin Rationalization (TMR) approach;
- (b) if so, whether the trade margin will be capped at the first point of sale; and
- (c) how the price at the first point of sale will be determined, whether on the actual price or a derived price based on a formula?

MUDRA loans to MSMEs, SHGs and village level entrepreneurs

281 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) the details of MUDRA loans to MSMEs, SHGs and village level entrepreneurs during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities created under MUDRA loan in MSMEs, SHGs and village level entrepreneurs during the last four years, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to increase village level entrepreneurs?

Beneficiaries of Atal Pension Yojana

282 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries who have benefitted from the Atal Pension Yojana since inception, if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the amount of pension that has been disbursed to the beneficiaries in the last three years, if so the details thereof, State-wise, especially for Jharkhand; and
- (c) whether there were reported cases of pension being disbursed with delayed period, if so, the number of such cases in the last one year, the details thereof?

Trading scam in SEBI

283 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government noticed some serious allegations against some former and present SEBI top officials that they have allowed preferential access to some brokers to

- the trading system;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether there is an allegation that the investigation against the former SEBI CEO had been delayed and it has been going at a slow pace; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof and the status of the investigation at present?

Payment of power dues by Andhra Pradesh

284 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is timely paying dues of the power sector, if so, the details thereof, year-wise during the last three years; and
 (b) the action taken against the defaulter, if the dues are not paid in time, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Free electricity to the farmers

285 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government has received any representations from the State Governments that the direct benefit transfer principle under the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2020 has not been applied to the agriculture sector;
 (b) if so, the details thereof;
 (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an ongoing policy by the respective State Governments to ensure free electricity to the farmers which needs to be continued; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof, and Governments' reaction thereto?

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