

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 -- 160

Proposal to introduce Ayurveda as treatment for lifestyle diseases

641 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce Ayurveda as an effective treatment for life-style diseases in view of the increasing popularity of this Indian system of medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government proposes to launch effective Ayurvedic medicines developed on a large scale; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made in this direction?

New guidelines to combat Omicron variant

642 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued a new set of guidelines for people to combat the highly mutated Omicron variant;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to run affordable Ayurvedic stores for people to take advantage of the Ayurvedic medicines?

Newly sanctioned AYUSH hospitals in Haryana

643 # **Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

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

- (a) the number of new AYUSH hospitals sanctioned to be constructed in Haryana during last three years;
- (b) the number of sanctioned hospitals where construction work has been started and the ones where it remains to be started, the details thereof; and
- (c) the timeline fixed for the completion of construction of sanctioned hospitals and the details thereof?

Policy to fight against COVID-19 using AYUSH system

644 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy to fight against COVID-19 using all the treatments available under Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy streams;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard;
- (c) the number of AYUSH COVID centres/clinics set up in the country to fight COVID-19 virus, State- wise; and
- (d) the details of total funds released for the treatment of COVID-19 to AYUSH hospitals, State-wise?

Budget allocation to AYUSH Ministries in the States

645 # Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:

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

- (a) the number of States which have constituted a separate AYUSH Ministry and the States which have not done so as it has been seven years since the Ministry of AYUSH was constituted;
- (b) the budget allocated to States by Ministry of AYUSH during the last three years;
- (c) the amount spent out of the allocated budget by States and State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that this amount is unspent in most of the States, if so, the reasons therefor?

Collaborative efforts between AYUSH and other forms of medicine

646 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any collaborative efforts amongst AYUSH and other forms of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to build trust amongst the fraternity of other medicine systems regarding AYUSH and its systems; and
- (d) what has been the outcome of these trust building measures?

Status of work on the National Institute of Unani Medicine for Non Communicable Diseases

647 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) the details of the budget allocated and utilized for funding various initiatives concerning control of Non Communicable Diseases in the country especially State of Haryana in each of the last three years including the current year;
- (b) the status of work on the National Institute of Unani Medicine for Non Communicable Diseases and by when will the Institute including the hospital be ready for serving the people; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Initiating positive dialogue between medical practitioners of Allopathy and AYUSH

648 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has ever taken any concrete steps to organise long-term dialogue between the practitioners of different systems of medical treatment to lay a path ahead to effectively treat patients suffering with diseases of serious nature;
- (b) if not, what is the take of Government on this proposal for the sake of keeping human beings free from illness; and
- (c) whether Government would set a high-level working group of medical experts and representatives of premier research institutions belonging to different systems of medicinal treatment?

Janaushadhi Kendras in the States

649 **Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

- (a) the number of functional Janaushadhi Kendras State-wise; and
- (b) the State-wise budget expenditure on Janaushadhi Kendras in the year 2020-21 and 2021-22?

Cancer medicines at affordable pricing

650 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is increasing number of cancer patients in the country year after year;
- (b) if so, whether medicines for cancer are available at cheaper rates and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority issued notification of certain medicines for cancer in the schedule, and put price capping, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Government to ensure that medicines for cancer are manufactured in large scale by drug companies and made available/distributed at affordable rates?

DAP Fertilisers

651 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Indian farmers are currently facing an acute shortage of DAP (Di-ammonium Phosphate) fertilisers, if so, the steps Government has taken to provide adequate supply of the fertiliser at subsidised costs; and
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiative to develop DAP in the country, if so, the progress of such program?

Measures for life saving drugs and medical machines under NPPP

652 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to increase the affordability of life-saving drugs and medical machines under the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy (NPPP); and
 (b) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for domestic production of fertilizers in Tamil Nadu

653 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether Government has allocated funds to States especially to Tamil Nadu to resolve the fluctuating prices of raw materials required to produce fertilisers;
 (b) whether Government has taken any measure to address the lack of domestic production of fertilizers in the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
 (c) whether Government has created any awareness program to address the over usage of fertilisers in agriculture because of the wrong usages of NPK; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand of fertilizers in Karnataka

654 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether demand for Urea, DAP, MOP and NPKS in Karnataka is 16.5 lakh metric tons (LMT), 6.5 LMT, 3.2 LMT and 17.2 LMT respectively for current season;
 (b) the details of supplies so far made to the State and by when the remaining fertilizers are going to be supplied;
 (c) the details of fertilizers being imported into the country to meet the demand and foreign exchange that Government is foregoing for 2021-22; and
 (d) the status of revival of fertilizers/urea plants in the country, plant-wise?

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)

655 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- a) whether the creation of requisite infrastructure for six NIPERs which were declared as Institutes of National Importance has been delayed by more than a decade, if so, the reasons therefor;
 b) the intended timeframe of construction of campus with permanent buildings for these NIPERs; and
 c) whether the Government plans to set up new NIPERS, if so, the details thereof ?

Annual requirement of fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural purpose

656 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the total annual requirement of fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural purpose in the country;
 (b) the total production of different variety of fertilizers and pesticides and whether they meet country's total requirement;
 (c) the quantum of export and import of fertilizers and pesticides; and
 (d) whether it is a fact that due to excess use of fertilizers and pesticides in certain region of the country, there is growing sign of non-communicable diseases like cancer, if so, the steps Government is contemplating to curb it?

Fertilizer shortage in Bihar

657 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers in Bihar are facing acute shortage of DAP and Urea leading to a crisis situation for cultivation of Rabi crops, if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government to ensure seamless and adequate supply of fertilizers to Bihar; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Bihar has received 26 percent less than its share of fertilizers this year, if so, the reasons therefor?

Commissioning of new project Namrup-IV

658 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

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

- (a) whether Government has finalized the plan for commissioning a new project as Namrup-IV under the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizers Corporation Ltd.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a declaration to this effect was made by the Minister at Namrup on 26th June, 2006;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when it is likely to be commissioned;
- (e) the total outlay and the target set for implementation of Namrup-IV during Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (f) the other steps initiated by Government for better health and survivability of the Namrup unit in this global competition era?

Production of fertilizers

659 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

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

- (a) whether any increase has been registered in the production of fertilizers during the last three years till date and if so, the extent of increase thereof;
- (b) whether new fertilizer plants are being set up as per the growing needs of the future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of plants likely to be set up, State/UT-wise?

Budget outlay for fertiliser

660 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the details of Budget outlay for fertiliser during the past five years;
- (b) whether there has been excess use of fertilisers in certain States; and
- (c) if so, the details of action plan to bring it down?

Medical Device Park in Hoshangabad district

661 # **Shri Kailash Soni:**

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

- (a) whether an approval was granted by Union Government for construction of Medical Device Park in Mohasa-Babai Industrial area of Hoshangabad district at a cost of ₹ 193 crore and another proposal had also been sent by the State Government for the

- establishment of a Bulk Drugs Park in Mohasa-Babai Industrial area itself at a cost of ₹ 276 crore;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof; and
- (c) the district-wise details thereof?

Vacancies in NCLT

662 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some posts are lying vacant in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) by when the vacancies are likely to be filled up and from when these posts are lying vacant, the details thereof?

Allocation and distribution of CSR funds

663 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of distribution of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for 2019-2021 State-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) guidelines relating to distribution of CSR funds and how the utilization of these funds is monitored/audited;
- (c) whether Government has any response to the objections raised that local funds are not available for NGOs in Tamil Nadu as most of the CSR goes to Central Government oriented projects;
- (d) steps to encourage and fund NGOs through CSR as there has been a 90 per cent drop in donations from abroad for NGOs from 2017–2021; and
- (e) if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor?

National Competition Policy

664 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any National Competition Policy (NCP), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to counter the negative verdicts received in international arbitrations and the details thereof?

Direct listing of shares on Foreign Stock Exchanges

665 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had notified the rules to permit companies, especially Start-Ups to allow them to directly list their securities on foreign stock exchanges; and
- (b) if so, the total number of domestic companies/Start-Ups that have raised finance by listing their securities on foreign stock exchanges since the laws were amended and the sectors thereof?

CSR money spent

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

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount spent by various corporate companies including Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether Government is aware that several companies have established Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to spend their CSR funds and are thereby misusing the provisions of the CSR policy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has formulated any scheme to review the works done by them, if so, the details thereof?

Contributions to political parties by companies

667 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount contributed to political parties by companies in the last three years;
- (b) the top 15 companies to contribute to political parties in the last three years;
- (c) the total amount of electoral bonds purchased in India since 2017 by companies; and
- (d) whether any foreign companies have donated money to political parties in India?

Employee Welfare of Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL)

668 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that employees of NINL have not received salaries since March 2020 despite sales of finished products in financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22 continuing in full scale;
- (b) details of revenue generated from sales of finished products in financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22;
- (c) details of the proportion of revenue that has been released towards salary of employees during financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22;
- (d) whether existing NINL employees will be retained post disinvestment, and whether they will be provided benefits such as pay scale revision, DPC, VRS, pension etc; and
- (e) if not, the details of the alternative arrangement?

Charges on deposits and withdrawal in banks

669 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that a number of private as well as Government banks are going to charge beyond cash deposit of ₹ 10,000 and withdrawal of ₹ 25,000 in savings as well as other accounts w.e.f. 1.1.2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether before taking this decision, the banks have considered the problems faced by small depositors, labourers who deposit their hard earned cash income into banks; and
- (d) if so, whether Government will ask banks to reverse these charges at least in savings accounts?

Privatisation of CPSUs

670 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) the details of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) privatised or disinvested since 2014;
- (b) how many CPSUs among them were profit making and how many were under loss;
- (c) the amount of money received by Government after the privatisation or disinvestment; and
- (d) whether any of the CPSUs which Government decided to privatise was taken over by the State Governments, if so, the details thereof?

Rising NPAs of PSBs

671 **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have recorded operating profits of around ₹ 16 lakh crores during 2009 to 2021 and ₹ 14 lakh 40 thousand crore have been spent on settling bad loans of defaulters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, PSB -wise; and
- (c) the reasons for failure of Government to check the manifold rise in NPAs of PSBs since 2014?

Value of Indian currency

672 **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Indian rupee has become the worst performing currency of Asia during the last few quarters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last four quarters;
- (c) the reasons for sharp decline in the value of Indian currency; and
- (d) the details of measures taken by Government to arrest the sharp decline of Indian rupee?

Issuance of electoral bonds

673 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) the number of electoral bonds and denominations issued by the RBI in the years 2020-2021;
- (b) the amount of electoral bonds encashed by political parties during 2020-21 and the details thereof, party-wise; and
- (c) whether any electoral bonds have been issued to foreign entities, if so, the details thereof?

Contributions to State Revenue

674 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Shri Rajmani Patel:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) the details of Government's actual revenue and revenue targets for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22;
- (b) the contributions of the increased fuel prices and increase in GST rates to the revenue for financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021- 22;
- (c) whether Government intends to reconsider the extension of GST compensation cess from two to five years, as per demands from various States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Registration in the Atal Pension Scheme

675 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the number of people having got their names registered in the Atal Pension Scheme during the financial year 2021-22 till date; and
- (b) the number of people who got registered and benefitted through this scheme during the last five years, the details thereof?

Writing off and recovery of bank loans

676 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the details of bad loans upwards of ₹ 100 crores written off by Public Sector Banks from 2015 to December 2021; and
- (b) the details of recovery rate of loans upwards of ₹ 100 crores in value for all PSBs, Bank-wise?

Employment in PSUs in Andhra Pradesh

677 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) list of manufacturing Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under various Ministries having headquarters or units, plants located in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) year of establishment of the Central PSUs having headquarters, units, plants in (a) above;
- (c) total investment so far in the units in (a) above by year of investment;
- (d) number of persons employed (full time and on contract basis) in Andhra Pradesh in the PSUs, plants, units located in the State by category and level;
- (e) employment in Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) in full time and contract basis; and
- (f) number of persons employed in non-manufacturing PSUs in Andhra Pradesh, PSU-wise?

Taxes collected from Andhra Pradesh and fund releases

678 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) how much GST revenues are directly collected into Consolidated Fund of Andhra Pradesh State since 2017-18, year-wise;
- (b) which components and how much GST revenue was collected directly into Consolidated Fund of India by Union Government since 2017-18, year-wise;
- (c) how much Income Tax has been collected from Andhra Pradesh since 2017-18, year-wise, payee-wise (individual and corporates);
- (d) the fund released to Andhra Pradesh since 2017-18 by way of tax devolution, different types of grants and releases towards Central sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and any other transfers, year-wise;
- (e) GST compensation paid to Andhra Pradesh since 2017-18, year-wise?

Purchase of NPAs by FPIs and AIFs

679 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to widen the capital pool available by allowing Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) and Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) to purchase Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and to partner with Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loan demand by Andhra Pradesh

680 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has demanded a loan to the tune of ₹ 23,000 crore for the remaining months of the current financial year 2021-22;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Chief Minister of the State of Andhra Pradesh had made a visit to New Delhi in this regard in January, 2022; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures taken to combat third wave of COVID-19

681 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any elaborate arrangements to meet any contingencies that may arise due to COVID-19 third wave;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ill-performing loan recovery rate

682 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the reasons behind the slow ill-performing loan recovery rate; and
- (b) despite the recent developments, the concerned authorities only managed to recover 40 percent of the loan amount from the loan fugitives, and the steps being taken by Government for the full/maximum loan recovery from the wilful defaulters?

Legislation to curb evasion of taxes using off-shore accounts

683 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning any legal action against the recently revealed names of tax-evaders through off-shore accounts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is planning any new legislation to curb the rising trend of evading taxes by using off-shore accounts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Finance Commission recommendations impacting tax devolution to States

684 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the details of the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Finance Commission recommendations towards tax devolution to States;
- (b) whether it has led to increased tax devolution in percentage terms from central divisible pool for the State of Odisha, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for the same; and
- (d) the criteria based on which Odisha received more or less in percentage terms from central divisible tax pool as the case maybe?

Payment of dividend by LIC

685 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has paid any dividend to Government during the financial years 2019 -20 and 2020-2021, if so, the amount paid by LIC;
- (b) if not, the amount due from LIC for the above-mentioned financial years and the reasons for non-payment of dividend in any of the financial years; and
- (c) whether Government has increased the capital base of LIC as allocated by the budget of 2021-2022 and the amount so infused and the date on which such infusion has taken place?

Reduction of GST on handlooms

686 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to reduce GST on handlooms to save the industry from its collapse;
- (b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

GST on Textiles

687 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- a) whether Government has taken note that the decision of Government to increase the GST on Textiles from 5% to 12% is irking the textile industry;
- b) if so, the details thereof;

- c) whether the Ministry has received any representations from handloom industry representatives requesting for reduction of GST on handloom textiles and pressed for implementation of zero GST to safeguard the handloom industry and face the competition in the markets;
- d) if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the response of Government to such a request?

Rationalisation of GST rates

688 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- a) whether the 46th GST Council meeting recently discussed the demand for rate hike and correction of inverted duty structure and rationalisation of GST rates;
- b) if so, the recommendations made by the Council; and
- c) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

CD ratio of PSBs

689 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Credit Deposits (CD) ratio of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the State of Odisha is showing a falling trend though a major chunk of the total deposit is kept with PSBs; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Increasing inflation and fuel prices

690 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:

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

- (a) whether Government has or intends to implement policies to address the rise in inflation and cost of living in India, given that the wholesale and retail inflation rate for the month of December, 2021 stood at 13.56% and 5.59% respectively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government intends to reduce fuel and oil prices, given the sharp spike in inflation rate over the last two years and the economic slump the country is suffering as a long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cryptocurrency subscribers in India

691 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) whether Government has collected data on the number of subscribers in India across various cryptocurrency exchanges;
- (b) the value of cryptocurrencies investment by Indian citizens; and
- (c) whether there is any framework for check and balance on the cryptocurrency market currently?

Privatisation of CEL

692 **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

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

- (a) whether bid for privatisation of profit making PSU, Central Electronics Limited (CEL) under Ministry of Science and Technology has been won by M/s Nandal Finance and Leasing Limited, a furniture making company;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has postponed/cancelled the privatisation of CEL recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Electoral bonds issued and encashed

693 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) the amount of electoral bonds encashed by political parties during the financial year 2020-2021 and the details thereof, party-wise;
- (b) the number of electoral bonds issued in the 19th tranche of electoral bonds, branch-wise and denomination-wise;
- (c) the amount of electoral bonds encashed by political parties in the 19th tranche of electoral bonds and the details thereof, party-wise; and
- (d) the number of electoral bonds issued to foreign entities from inception till date?

Tax on electricity under GST

694 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to tax electricity under GST;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how much annual revenue loss due to imposition of GST on electricity could result?

Benefits and transactions of Rupay card

695 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the concept and utility of Rupay card;
- (b) the number of Rupay cards distributed or subscribed;
- (c) the benefits for the customers; and
- (d) the number of transactions taken place with Rupay cards?

Expanding the coverage of GST to include fuels

696 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government plans to expand the coverage of GST by including fuels like petrol and diesel in it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the impact of inclusion of fuels in GST on State finances;
- (d) whether Government has analysed the impact of this on consumers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in cooperative banks in Kerala

697 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is large scale misappropriation of funds by the management in cooperative banks in Kerala; and
- (b) the action taken by Government against the persons responsible for these incidents?

MUDRA Loans disbursal

698 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:

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

- (a) whether Government had set any target for disbursal of MUDRA loans, the details thereof, bank-wise and branch-wise;
- (b) the targets set in the financial year 2020-21 and to what extent they have been achieved; and
- (c) whether there is any mechanism to let members of public in a locality know as to how many such loans have really been disbursed by a particular branch in the locality and to whom, if not, the reasons therefor?

Non acceptance of the coin of Rs 10

699 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

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

- (a) whether the coins of ₹ 10 are not being accepted in many parts of country presuming as fake ones;
- (b) whether Government will take necessary steps to make 10 Rupee coin legal tender in the country;
- (c) any case filed for not accepting 10 Rupee coin by vendor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Disputes under AMRCD referred to Cabinet Secretary

700 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether the decision of the Cabinet Secretary is final and binding on all concerned for resolving commercial disputes through newly created mechanism of Administrative Mechanism for Resolution of CPSEs Disputes (AMRCD);
- (b) the number of cases pending at AMRCD which have been referred to Cabinet Secretary for resolution/decision;
- (c) whether the Cabinet Secretary is aware of the pending commercial dispute at AMRCD between Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs-HSCL and Ministry of Power-NTPC, Kahalgaon; and
- (d) whether it has been considered and decided, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

PM Gati Shakti Master Plan

701 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the progress made under the “Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan”;
- (b) the details of steps being taken for seamless planning and coordinated execution of infrastructure projects in a timely manner; and
- (c) the number of Departments synchronized in planning and implementation of the various activities in order to reduce time and cost escalation, the details thereof?

Verification of tax benefit claims by Trusts/Societies

702 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) the current mechanism for verification of tax benefit claims by Trusts/Societies under Section 12A, 80G and 10(23)(c) etc. of Income Tax Act;
- (b) whether it is a fact that “provisional registrations” granted to these Trusts are without any verification by the IT department;
- (c) if so, under which provision of the Income Tax Act these provisional registrations are being granted;
- (d) the steps taken to prevent Trusts from making fake and fraudulent claims to get the provisional registrations; and
- (e) whether this helps in money laundering and, if so, the total number of such cases found so far?

Round the clock availability of COVID-19 vaccines

703 **Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

whether Government will be extending the Vaccination Center timings beyond 5:00 p.m. to make the vaccination available round the clock considering the extreme spread of COVID-19, if so, the plans thereof?

Fund allocation for rural health services in Gujarat

704 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the funds allocated by Government for smooth functioning of rural health services in Gujarat during the last five years;
- (b) whether any action plan has been prepared to utilize the said funds within the stipulated time frame; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocation to Gujarat under NHM

705 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of funds allocated and utilized under National Health Mission (NHM) including Gujarat since its inception till date;
- (b) whether Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to allocate more funds to

strengthen NHM and make it more effective;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of Community Health Centers (CHCs) and Public Health Centres (PHCs) set up in Gujarat since the inception of NHM?

National Blood Policy

706 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to introduce legislation to support the National Blood Policy, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government plans to bring the processing charges of blood and blood components under the ambit of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government plans to undertake a review of National Blood Policy, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government plans to undertake a follow-up of the assessment of blood banks done by NACO in 2016, if so, the details thereof?

Change in name of PM-JAY in Jharkhand

707 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

(a) whether Government of Jharkhand has changed the name Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB- PMJAY) to Ayushman Bharat - Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB- MJAY); and

(b) the response of Government on the unethical exercise of renaming world's biggest and most successful scheme and the steps likely to be taken in this regard?

Target for COVID-19 vaccination of children

708 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

the future targets of the vaccination for children against COVID-19?

Denial of admission to CGHS patients in private hospitals during COVID-19 pandemic

709 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that private hospitals have denied admission to CGHS patients during the COVID-19 pandemic on the ground of low cost fixed for treatment and delayed payment;

(b) if so, the number of COVID-19 patients who got treatment in private hospitals during the last two years;

(c) whether Government has plans to increase the charges of various treatments under CGHS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Uttar Pradesh

710 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing the Ayushman Bharat Yojana covering nearly half the population of the country, if so, the salient features and targets of the scheme;
- (b) the amount for which applications have been received under the said Yojana till date and the quantum of amount released to beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government plans to include economically poor persons in addition to BPL Card holders under the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons benefitted under the said scheme till date in Uttar Pradesh?

Approved COVID-19 vaccines in India

711 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

- (a) the vaccines that got approval in India for vaccination drive;
- (b) the number of people who have taken 1st and 2nd doses of each of these vaccines;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any studies to understand the effectiveness of the approved vaccines after allowing it for the usage, if so, the findings and the percentage of effectiveness of each vaccine, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the percentage of effectiveness of each of these approved vaccines claimed by the vaccine manufacturers?

Deaths accrued due to oxygen shortage in the country

712 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the number of deaths that were accrued due to oxygen shortage during the lockdown in the last one year, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all the States have submitted the data regarding deaths due to oxygen shortage, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to compensate the victim families, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the capacity of oxygen storage has increased in the country from the last one year, if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocation to Tamil Nadu under NHM

713 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

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

- (a) the details of funds allotted and utilised under the National Health Mission (NHM) since its inception, State-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to allocate more funds to strengthen NHM and make it more effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Public Health Centres (PHCs) established under NHM since its inception, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to assess the implementation and progress of NHM along with its present status?

Funds spending for health department in North East States

714 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in terms of spending on health, North Eastern States are in line with the national average;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of North East States during the period of 2016 -2017 to 2021- 2022; and
- (d) how many Public Health Centres (PHCs) and new medical colleges have been opened in the North East States in the above period, State-wise?

Rise in deaths due to Non-Communicable Diseases

715 Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of death in the country, contributing to 60 per cent of deaths and the common risk factors namely tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and lack of physical activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to address these risk factors;
- (c) the percentage of the health budget allocated towards the prevention of NCDs;
- (d) whether Government plans to conduct an assessment of the functioning of the public health infrastructure and focus on prevention of NCDs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Anaemia among girls and pregnant women

716 Shri Digvijaya Singh:

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

- (a) status of anaemia among girls/pregnant mothers as per National Family Health Survey-5 and the national average of the same;
- (b) whether status of anaemia among girls/pregnant mothers in Madhya Pradesh is worse than the national average, if so, percentage of the same in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) year-wise details of funds allocated by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh under "Anaemia Mukh Bharat" campaign implemented at the national level since 2018; and
- (d) efforts which have been made by Government in Madhya Pradesh to make girls and pregnant mothers anaemia-free and the details of the success achieved so far?

Shortage of COVID-19 vaccines in the States

717 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to media reports claiming shortage of COVID-19 vaccines in some States;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the steps that are being taken to address the situation?

Status of e-Sanjeevani OPD facility

718 # Shri Ram Chander Jangra:

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

- (a) the current status of e-Sanjeevani OPD facility launched by Government and the details of the availability of doctors under the same, the number of doctors treating patients online or through telecommunications;
- (b) the State-wise details of patients who have taken advantage of this scheme since April 2020 till date; and
- (c) the changes which are expected in the said scheme in future?

Action plan to address the shortage of doctors

719 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

- (a) the details of existing doctor-patient ratio in the country;
- (b) whether this ratio is as per the parameters of World Health Organisation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has launched any health mission or chalked out any action plan to address the shortage of doctors and specialists at the ground level and also reducing the burden on secondary and tertiary level hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the details and salient features of the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

Extensions made in the field of medical education

720 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the details of the extensions made by Government in the field of medical education to strengthen the health services in the country;
- (b) the increase registered in the number of medical colleges and seats for MBBS and PG after the year 2014; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Different Group-wise birth rate in the country

721 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) the current birth rate in various States;
- (b) whether Government has any data of birth rate with respect to Scheduled Castes, Sechduded Tribes, minorities, Christians and Sikh communities;
- (c) if so, the percentage of birth rate in above respect; and
- (d) if not, whether Government would make list of caste-wise birth rate in future?

Deaths due to Omicron variant

722 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Omicron cases are spreading in various States in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of people who lost their lives due to Omicron till now, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

Growth of digital healthcare services in the country

723 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that digital healthcare services in India are likely to witness immense growth in the near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps that are being taken to develop a technology to provide for Personal Healthcare Equipments in India which are affordable and accurate?

WHO report on the Mental Health Atlas

724 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the WHO report on the Mental Health Atlas, there are just three psychiatrists, and even lesser number of psychologists for every million people in India, which is 18 times fewer than the Commonwealth norm of 5.6 psychiatrists per 100,000 people; and
- (b) the details of the steps that have been taken in this regard to increase the workforce in this sector?

Improvement in the working conditions of resident doctors

725 Shri Jose K. Mani:

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the total number of resident doctors across Government run hospitals in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to improve the working conditions of resident doctors across Government run hospitals in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and
- (e) whether Government has any specific plans or proposals to achieve the World Health Organisation recommended doctor-population ratio 1:1000 in the country by the year 2024?

Collection of money as royalty of Covaxin

726 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) the total money collected by ICMR as royalty from sales of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin;
- (b) how much of this money has come from outside the country;
- (c) how this money is being planned to be spent; and
- (d) how much of the initial cost of ICMR in doing R&D for the development of Covaxin has been recovered from the said amount collected so far?

Disruption in supply of indented medicines in Unani Dispensary of CGHS

727 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

- (a) whether the process of supply of indented medicines in Unani Dispensary of CGHS is disrupted for more than three months; and
 (b) if so, when it will be started so that the medicines can be received on time especially in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic?

Child mortality rate in the country

728 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) the details of children died since 2016, year-wise and State-wise;
 (b) the districts in India that have the highest child mortality rate and the details thereof;
 (c) the reasons for such high rates; and
 (d) the districts in India that have the least child mortality rate and the details thereof?

Present status of AIIMS in the country

729 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) whether all the Indian States are having AIIMS;
 (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
 (c) how many AIIMS are there in total;
 (d) whether Government is proceeding to build AIIMS in all the States; and
 (e) if so, the progress made regarding the same?

IMR and MMR status in India

730 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in India over the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
 (b) the steps undertaken to improve the IMR and MMR in India; and
 (c) the degree of success so far in improving the IMR and MMR with specific reference to Odisha?

New CGHS dispensary at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

731 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) the target date fixed for completion of the new CGHS dispensary at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi and the year in which sanction has been accorded;
 (b) the total amount earmarked for the new Dispensary and the amount spent so far;
 (c) whether there is a delay in the opening up of the new CGHS facility at Vasant Kunj, if so, the reasons for such a delay; and
 (d) the date by which the new CGHS Dispensary will be made functional in Vasant Kunj?

Radiotherapy facilities in Public Health Institutions

732 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- a) whether public health institutions have adequate space for setting up radiotherapy facility;

- b) if so, a detailed list of all public health institutions in the country having such a facility;
- c) if not, the steps taken by Government to rectify this; and
- d) whether Government has planned for a PPP model in radiotherapy at public healthcare institutions?

Availability of Linear Accelerators in Public Healthcare Institutions

733 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) whether radiotherapy facilities in Public Healthcare Institutions are equipped with Linear Accelerators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken by Government to rectify this?

Establishment of Wellness Centres under CGHS

734 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the norms for establishment of new Wellness Centres under CGHS;
- (b) the details of under-construction CGHS Wellness Centres in the country, along with the expected time of completion, State/ UT/location-wise;
- (c) the details of existing Wellness Centres in Karnataka and the facilities given therein, location-wise;
- (d) whether Government proposes to establish new Wellness Centres by relaxing the norms in rural districts, where a number of CGHS beneficiaries are facing great difficulty due to non-availability of CGHS Wellness Centres; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in dialysis related cases in the country

735 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether the number of patients requiring dialysis is steadily increasing in the country, if so, the details thereof during the last four years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the number of dialysis machines in the country is lesser than the actual requirement and if so, the details thereof indicating the number of hospitals where dialysis centres have been opened and where they are yet to be opened, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government hospitals are adequately equipped to provide free dialysis to the increasing number of patients and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is providing any financial and logistic support to States?

People's medical debt

736 Shri Ripun Bora:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the magnitude of people's medical debts accruing due to COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government intends to implement policy measures to address rising medical debt of persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including that of persons who survived;

- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of measures being implemented to reduce out of pocket medical expenditure of Indian citizens?

Funds allocation to strengthen Public Health Infrastructure and NHM

737 Shri Ripun Bora:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to allocate more funds in order to strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure and National Health Mission (NHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the Public Health Infrastructure in India including the States of North-East?

Compensation to ASHA workers and other frontline workers

738 Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:

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

- (a) whether ASHA workers have been adequately compensated for their frontline work during COVID-19, if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to ensure physical and mental well being of the frontline COVID-19 workers, in particular NRHM workers and ASHA workers, if so, the steps taken and the data, State-wise, district-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has provided monetary support and benefits to ASHA workers to cover additional healthcare costs in the form of insurance cover or covering additional medical expenses in case of illness, if so, the details thereof?

Rise in cases of COVID-19

739 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the alarming rise in COVID-19 cases across the country;
- (b) whether Government is prioritising research on potential future variants of the virus;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including budgetary allocations toward R&D and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to start administration of booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines to the 18+ years population in light of the rise in cases, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) details of how Government is ensuring accurate data on the number of cases, given the increasing usage of home tests?

Deaths due to COVID-19 in Gujarat

740 # Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) the number of deaths due to COVID-19 pandemic in Gujarat which Government has informed about;
- (b) the amount of compensation given till 16th January, 2022 to the families of the persons who died of COVID-19 in Gujarat; and

(c) the number of pending applications in this regard?

Facility of low cost health insurance policy

741 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) whether as per NITI Aayog report, 40 crore Indians still do not have financial protection from high medical expenses through health insurance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan before Government for a new low-cost comprehensive insurance product for the above mentioned section of people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Reluctance in allocation of seats by private medical colleges and Deemed Universities to States/UTs

742 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the reluctance of the private medical colleges and Deemed Universities in allocating seats to the State Governments/Union Territories in both UG and PG medical courses;
- (b) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) will exercise its authority to fix the quantum of seats to be allocated to the State Governments/Union Territories from private institutions, private universities and Deemed Universities in MBBS courses, as done in the case of PG medical courses; and
- (c) if so, the mechanism available to penalise the institutions who are not adhering to the norms of MCI?

Extension of shelf-life of COVID-19 vaccines

743 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether Government has accorded sanction for extension of shelf-life of the already expired doses of Covaxin and Covishield by another six months;
- (b) if so, the technical and scientific data relied upon for ensuring the safety of recipients on administering such doses of vaccines of whose shelf-life were extended; and
- (c) the reasons for the shelf-life extension of the already expired doses of vaccines?

Study to assess spreading rate of Omicron variant

744 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) whether any studies have been done in view of Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 infects and multiplies faster than the Delta variant and original SARS-CoV-2 and if so, the comparative details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to provide preventive care and treatment to the affected people in view of the present explosion of COVID-19 in the country;
- (c) the details of advisory issued to the State Governments to manage the pandemic effectively; and
- (d) the details of assistance like ventilators, medical oxygen, other infrastructure including funds released to the States to deal with the present situation?

Adoption of Two child policy

745 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to bring Two child policy in the country in order to control rising population, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of other measures taken by Government including bringing legislation to control the rising level of population?

Decline in birth rate and population

746 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that fewer babies have been born in 2021 than were born in 2003 and the Indian family size is shrinking faster;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that India's population will start to collapse in two decades; and
- (d) if so, what are the steps Government will take in this regard?

Increase in Per Capita expenditure on health

747 # Shri Hardwar Dubey:

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

- (a) the efforts being made by Government to increase Per Capita public expenditure on health in view of the fact that the total Per Capita public expenditure on health in India is still amongst the minimum in the world and whole world is going through the pandemic; and
- (b) the policy adopted by Government to increase public investment in health sector?

Penetration of Health Insurance schemes in rural areas

748 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 59 per cent of the households in India do not have even a single member covered under a health insurance scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has implemented any measures to ensure that such households do not go into debt during the pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Timely vaccination for pregnant women

749 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of a recent WHO report that prescribes that timely COVID vaccination is a must for pregnant women;
- (b) whether Government has adopted any measures to ensure that all pregnant women get timely vaccinations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including details of coverage of such initiatives, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is a fact that there has been rural-urban divide in the penetration of such initiatives; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor, including the measures taken to address this issue?

NCDs among women

750 Shri N.R. Elango:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the greatest burden of death and disability among women is attributable to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), most notably cardiovascular diseases, cancers, respiratory diseases, diabetes, dementia, depression and musculoskeletal disorders; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government keeping in view of the fact that to improve the health of women most efficiently, adequate resources are needed to be allocated to the prevention, management and treatment of NCDs among women?

Facilities to COVID-19 warriors during pandemic

751 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the dependants of doctors, nurses and COVID-19 warriors who died while providing treatment to the patients in hospitals during COVID-19 period, have still not got the facilities as announced by Government;
- (b) the sectors from which the employees were termed as COVID-19 warriors, during COVID-19 period;
- (c) the details of the facilities provided to the dependents of COVID-19 warriors who died while providing COVID-19 treatment; and
- (d) the number of COVID-19 warriors whose dependents yet remain to be provided the facilities announced in this regard?

Committee to study origins of COVID-19

752 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

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

- (a) whether Government has formed any Committee to study the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic and the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether Government will pursue reparations in case the pandemic is found to be man-made and the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export of COVID-19 medicines and injections

753 # Shri Ram Shakal:

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

- (a) whether India has emerged as a saviour for other countries of the world in fighting COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of countries to which medicines/injections were exported and the total amount gained by the country?

Working of CGHS centres

754 **Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that duties assigned to CGHS doctors with MBBS degree have been reduced to just data entry and printing approval letters so that patients go to Panel hospitals;
- (b) whether these doctors examine patients, suggest tests and prescribe medicines for any one; and
- (c) what Government proposes to do when the CGHS centres face internet failures and hence no patients are seen by doctors and no medicine is dispensed?

Cases of Fairbank's and Acromegaly diseases

755 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of patients suffering from Fairbank's disease (Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia);
- (b) the number of specialist doctors available to treat this disease in India;
- (c) the number of cases of Acromegaly (hormone disorder leading to unusual height increase);
- (d) the programmes to tackle both the diseases and the facilities to patients of rural India and poor families to access medical treatment; and
- (e) whether there is relief (subsidies) on drugs prescribed for them ?

Cases of hypothyroidism

756 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of reported cases of hypothyroidism in India;
- (b) whether it is a fact that such cases are increasing in the country ;
- (c) the gender specification and also age specification of such reported patients;
- (d) the States which have reported maximum number of patients in the last three years; and
- (e) whether there is any study of (economic) class division of such patients?

Status of COVID-19 vaccination to eligible population

757 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the eligible population (above 18) vaccinated for COVID-19;
- (b) the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of vaccines that have been provided free of cost?

Status of vaccination of pregnant women

758 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) the number of pregnant women who have been vaccinated so far in the country, State-wise;

- (b) whether any side-effects of COVID-19 vaccines have been observed in pregnant women, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to increase the rate of vaccination among pregnant women, the details thereof?

Deaths due to pneumonia

759 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:

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

- (a) the details of the deaths caused by pneumonia during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that pneumonia is the leading cause of infant mortality; and
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to solve this problem?

Allopathic doctors and other medical staff in India

760 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the total number of registered allopathic doctors in the country and the doctor to population ratio;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase the number of doctors; and
- (c) the total number of other medical staff available in the country, category-wise?

Rules for grant of financial upgradation to CMOs (Homoeo)

761 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

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

- (a) the rules for grant of Financial upgradation to CMOs(Homoeo)in CGHS ;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the review Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) of CMOs (Homoeo) 2007 batch for grant of Financial Upgradation has been inordinately delayed, and is pending till date;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the timeline by which the review DPC will be done; and
- (e) the details regarding the implementation of OM No. Z 28015/04/2008-E.I (Ayush), dated 25th April, 2011 and 15th August, 2011?

Dementia cases in India

762 Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) the number of cases of dementia in India, State-wise and year-wise from 2019 till date;
- (b) whether Government is aware that recent study conducted by Lancet Public Health indicated an increase of dementia cases in India by 197% by year 2050;
- (c) whether Government intends to evaluate prevalence of risk factors associated with dementia and implement policies to address the said risk factors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government intends to curb the production and sale of cigarettes as smoking is one of the risk factors associated with dementia?

Procurement of equipments under PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

763 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) the details of procurement of equipments proposed for Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, under PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government proposed to set up Super Speciality Blocks in Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada and also in Government Medical College, Anantapur; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the status of setting up of the Super Speciality Blocks?

Concealment of COVID-19 deaths

764 Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether number of deaths due to COVID-19 has been concealed by the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether some States have revised the death figures nine times the deaths reported by respective States earlier;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) whether Government would conduct fresh survey by Central agencies in this regard to ascertain the real number of deaths?

Organ transplantation in the country

765 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to save life of patients who required organ transplant in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to ease the eligibility criteria for organ donors who wish to donate his/her organ to save someone's life; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Budget provision under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

766 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) the budget provision made by Government under Ayushman Bharat Yojana and funds spent out of it during the last four years, the year-wise number of beneficiaries thereof;
- (b) the average per capita expenditure under this scheme; and
- (c) the funds spent in Bihar during the last four years and the year-wise number of beneficiaries?

Financial assistance for solar energy projects

767 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

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

- (a) whether financial assistance is provided by the Central Government to Governments of various States for solar energy;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided to States like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi, Punjab, Maharashtra and Bihar including North-Eastern States; and
- (c) the districts of these States where power is being generated from solar energy?

Solar Parks in Uttar Pradesh

768 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) the number of Solar Parks approved by Government in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the number of Solar Parks developed fully so far in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the amount allocated by the Union Government to develop Solar Parks, along with the details of expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) whether any time-limit has been fixed by Government to complete the pending work of Solar Parks for Uttar Pradesh?

Measures to promote Green Hydrogen

769 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering using Green Hydrogen in the production process of steel across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the current hydrogen production capacity of the country and how much of it is based on fossil fuels, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure a cleaner switch to non-polluting ways of extracting hydrogen, the details thereof?

Solar waste management

770 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any solar waste management policy and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has data on e-waste generated by discarded solar panels, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to incentivise reuse/recycling of photovoltaic cells by PV manufacturers at the end of life cycle, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the State/UT-wise details of raw material recovery facilities available for solar e-waste?

Villages electrified through Solar batteries in Maharashtra

771 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) the number of villages in Maharashtra, district-wise, including Parbhani, electrified through solar batteries during the last six years;

- (b) the funds allocated to Maharashtra for the same during the said tenure and funds spent thereon, district-wise;
- (c) whether the State Government is also contributing towards this; and
- (d) if so, the extent thereof?

Photovoltaic cells and modules in the country

772 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) the current manufacturing and production capacity and value of photovoltaic cells and modules in the country;
- (b) the value of import of photovoltaic cells and modules for solar power generation and other relevant purposes;
- (c) whether the value of import is greater than the value of domestic production of photovoltaic cells and modules; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken to increase the manufacturing and production of photovoltaic cells for solar power generation?

Solar power in Rajasthan

773 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the State-wise number of solar power plants in the country;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken/ are being taken to set up solar power plants in Rajasthan particularly in Dausa district;
- (c) if so, the district-wise details thereof in Rajasthan; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Renewable energy projects in Rajasthan

774 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) the details of the funds released/spent for generating renewable energy to the State of Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (b) the funds utilized during the said period, the year-wise details of the increase in installed capacity and generation of solar energy; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to set up public and private solar parks in the State of Rajasthan for generation of renewable energy, if so, the details thereof?

New and Renewable energy sources in West Bengal

775 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted in the State of West Bengal regarding the possibility of new and renewable energy sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Executive matters related to commercial shipping

776 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Ministry to deal with all executive matters relating to commercial shipping;
- (b) the steps being taken by Directorate General of Shipping to augment the developmental efforts under the National Policy on Shipping and Waterways; and
- (c) the details of data regarding capacity, facilities, orders received and delivery, employment and economic performance etc. in relation to Indian ship building and ship-repair industry?

Vacancy in ports of the country

777 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are a lot of vacancies in different ports of the country as a result of which the efficiency of the ports are affected, the details of vacancies in the various ports in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up, whether any timeline has been drawn in this regard and from when these posts are lying vacant, category-wise, details thereof?

Development of ports and port infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

778 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned any funds for the development of ports and port infrastructure in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated in the last five years, year-wise, port-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to curb the monopoly of private players in Port business activities?

Disaster management in Ports

779 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any study to determine the impact of natural disasters on ports in the country, especially in Maharashtra, if so, details thereof;
- (b) the economic impact and loss occurred due to damage of the ports in the country over the last three years; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plans for disaster management and resilience for ports in the country especially in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Ship building in the country

780 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage share of indigenously built ships in global shipping;
- (b) the details of ship-repair cluster projects along both coasts and their completion status, envisaged to be completed by 2022 under the Maritime Vision 2030;

- (c) the State/UT-wise details of subsidies and tax benefits utilised by indigenous and foreign private shipping companies respectively; and
- (d) the State/UT-wise details of amount sanctioned, allocated, disbursed and utilised to promote ship construction and repair industry in the country, and details of any schemes, policies thereof?

Action plan for 86 non-functional ports in the country

781 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state: the plan of action for 86 non-functional ports in the country?

Cargo traffic handling by Indian ports

782 Shri Jose K. Mani:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the cargo traffic handled by Indian ports in the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to increase the cargo handling capacity of Indian ports under the Sagarmala Project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has the data regarding financial assistance provided to various State Governments and other beneficiaries under the Sagarmala Project; and
- (f) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Transportation of goods through coastal waterways

783 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the promotion of transportation of goods through waterways by Government has resulted in transportation of goods through coastal waterways instead of road and railways;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the annual growth of transportation of goods through coastal waterways has increased ten times since 2014;
- (c) whether growth rate was only 1.4 per cent between the year 2009-10 and 2013-14; and
- (d) the growth rate during the year 2020-21?

Light House tourism in Odisha

784 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the potentiality of Light House tourism in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details along with the actions taken by Government so far in this regard; and
- (c) the details of fund sanctioned and utilization of funds for Light House tourism infrastructure development?

National Highways Upgradation projects for port connectivity in Andhra Pradesh

785 Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of progress made on the upgradation projects for Port connectivity of NH 65, NH 67, NH 216 of Andhra Pradesh under Sagaramala scheme respectively; and
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized till now?

Coastal Community Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh

786 Shri Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of progress made on the development of Fishing Harbour and Coastal Tourism Circuit under Sagaramala Scheme with respect to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) the details of the funds allocated till now?

Shipping container problems

787 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest position regarding the crisis in freight shipping due to the worldwide container shortage crisis;
- (b) the details of month by month increase in rates on the most important routes from India over the last two calendar years;
- (c) the assistance Government has offered to mitigate this crisis that has a ripple effect down the entire supply chains, disrupting country's global trade; and
- (d) the other problems facing country's shipping industry?

Sagarmala project in Puducherry

788 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the fund allocation under each component in Sagarmala project in Puducherry;
- (b) the number of review meetings conducted by the Ministry in Puducherry, the present status thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any allocation of funds made for appointing the staff in the Sagarmala project?

Vizhinjam International Seaport

789 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the work of the Vizhinjam Container Terminal has not adhered to the time schedule decided by Government;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the same with details thereof; and
- (c) the status of the project and the scheduled time frame for commissioning?

Ports in Andhra Pradesh

790 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major, medium and minor ports on PPP model functioning in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of cargo handling capacity and cargo handled by each of the above port in the last five years, port-wise;
- (c) whether above ports are not handling cargo to their fullest capacity;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) the details of new ports in public and private sector coming up in Andhra Pradesh?

Electrical load vis-a-vis plan to increase power generation

791 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether Government has made State-wise assessment of the power load required at the time of peak demand of power after the completion of Saubhagya scheme;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the estimated electrical load at the time of peak power demand;
- (c) whether the grid capacity will be adequate to meet the estimated electrical load, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether Government has made any plan to increase the power generation and grid capacity accordingly?

Thermal Power in Karnataka

792 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether Mangalore Thermal Power Plant in Karnataka has been taken up under Fast Track Power Projects with an estimated capacity to produce 1000 MW;
- (b) the details of existing capacity and the capacity addition that the above power project is going to add in the coming years;
- (c) the anticipated date by which MTP is going to start its production; and
- (d) the details of efforts being made to produce green energy in place of fossil fuels in Karnataka in view of emphasis on green fuel given by the Union Government?

CSR Fund for Public Sector Undertakings

793 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) the area-wise and head-wise details of the funds spent under the CSR fund during the last three years by various Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry;
- (b) the State-wise details including the State of Bihar; and
- (c) the Undertakings still left with the CSR funds and the respective amount of that fund?

Payment dues on DISCOMs

794 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that total outstanding dues owed by electricity distribution companies (DISCOMs) to power producers have risen to ₹ 1,13,227 crore in December;
- (b) whether the payment security mechanism under which DISCOMs are required to open the Letter of Credit (LC) for getting power supply, is working satisfactorily;
- (c) the position regarding Government's waiver of penal charges for the late payment of

dues; and

(d) the fate of the ₹ 90,000 crore liquidity infusion for DISCOMs that Government had announced?

Power crisis in Bihar

795 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) the NTPC quota of electricity for Bihar from the Central pool;
- (b) whether Bihar has received its full quota of electricity from Central pool in the year 2021, if not, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has any futuristic plan to make Bihar self sufficient in power sector, if so, the details thereof?

Average hours of continued power supply in rural areas of the country

796 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the details of the average hours of continued power supply per day in the electrified villages in the country;
- (b) the steps being taken to increase the average hours of continued power supply in the villages; and
- (c) the details of the areas identified as no power cut zones, State-wise, district-wise?

Rural electrification

797 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) the State-wise details of schemes initiated in the power sector in various States along with the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of funds released State-wise during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the total number of villages electrified in the country during the last two years?

Rooftop solar targets

798 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 20 per cent of Rooftop solar target has been achieved in the country till 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that consumers are facing several problems during the installation of rooftop solar panel in their households;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to boost and for proper implementation of Rooftop Solar project system in the country?

Electricity in villages

799 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) the number of villages electrified in India during the last three years and the number of villages yet to be electrified in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that proposals for electrification of villages from various State Governments are pending, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of BPL families that are being provided free power connections, State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the amount spent for providing free power connections in the last three years, State-wise details thereof?

Power cuts in various States

800 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has details of cumulative hours of electricity cut, if so, the State-wise details of past three years;
- (b) whether Government has been able to identify major reasons for prolonged electricity cuts across various States in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has taken measures to reduce the electricity cut or power outage in the country and if so, the details thereof?

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