

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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

Promotion of AYUSH system of medicine in Andhra Pradesh

2081 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is formulating an action plan to promote the AYUSH system of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of AYUSH centers proposed to set up in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and released to such AYUSH centres during the last three years along with the status thereof?

Upgradation of existing health facilities in AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres

2082 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether Government has upgraded the existing health facilities in AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise details of the budget allocated by Government for the upgradation of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres during the last three years; and
- (d) if not, whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme in this regard, the details thereof?

AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres under NAM

2083 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres operationalized so far/to be operationalized across the country under National AYUSH Mission, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to launch a targeted AYUSH Public Health Programme involving States and UTs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide cost effective AYUSH services with a

universal reach through upgradation of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries?

Guidelines to restrict AYUSH products of medicinal use

2084 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has noticed the dubious claims and advertisement of AYUSH products, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any protocol or guidelines are in force to restrict AYUSH products of medicinal use; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for the promotion of international cooperation in AYUSH sector

2085 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the number of foreign nationals undertaking AYUSH courses through fellowship or scholarship programmes offered by premier AYUSH institutions in the country;
- (b) the year-wise distribution of the fellows and their country of origin since the inception of the scheme for the promotion of international cooperation in AYUSH; and
- (c) the details of AYUSH Information Cells established and working health centres/institutions in foreign countries with AYUSH equipment, etc?

Establishment of AYUSH educational institution in Andhra Pradesh

2086 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are no Government AYUSH educational institutions established in Andhra Pradesh till date;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish any AYUSH educational institution in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme for cultivation of natural herbs and medicinal plants

2087 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to introduce any special innovative scheme for the cultivation of natural herbs and medicinal plants in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds earmarked and allocated for such projects during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has provided funds for development of infrastructure, Research and Development and training facilities in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh for the AYUSH system of medicine; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the list of projects pending approval from the Ministry during the last three years?

Construction of new AYUSH hospitals

2088 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) how many new AYUSH hospitals have been constructed during the last three years in various parts of the country, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) how many such hospitals are still under construction and whether any timeline has been fixed for completion of those hospitals along with cost escalation due to delay in completion of hospitals and the details thereof?

Revival of Ayurvedic medicines

2089 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the revival of Ayurvedic medicines and their role has become significant;
- (b) how much India earned by selling Ayurvedic medicines in 2020-21 and onwards;
- (c) the steps being taken to stop Ayurveda companies which are producing unauthorised medicines which may be detrimental to health; and
- (d) how many laboratories are in the country to examine and certify the authenticity and claims of such medicines?

Export of Ayurvedic medicines

2090 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the growth in export of Ayurvedic medicines during the last seven years, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps Government has taken to remove impediments in the export of Ayurvedic medicines; and
- (c) the plans for increasing the availability of medicinal plants for Ayurvedic medicines?

AYUSH research centres

2091 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has developed dedicated AYUSH research centres in the country, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether most of the AYUSH research centres lack infrastructure facilities, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government plans to open new AYUSH research centres and strengthen/upgrade the existing ones and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of research which is underway in AYUSH research centres to cure life threatening diseases and the outcome thereof?

AYUSH colleges imparting education and training

2092 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH colleges/ institutes imparting education and training in the country, State/UT-wise;

- (b) whether Government proposes to set up/recognise new AYUSH colleges/ institutes and train the doctors in order to address the problem of shortage of doctors in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government also proposes to create more educational opportunities in the AYUSH sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by Government for the promotion and development of AYUSH education in the country?

Shortage of chemical fertilizers

2093 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether the farmers are struggling hard for purchase of Urea, DAP, MOP and other phosphatic and potassic fertilizers for use in farming due to short supply in co-operative stores and market;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) the action Government has taken to increase supply of essential chemical fertilizers in view of the fact that the total farm yield during rabi season is likely to get adversely affected; and
- (d) the steps Government has taken to increase indigenous production of nitrogenic, phosphatic and potassic fertilizers and to reduce dependence on imports?

Biopesticide formulation by Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology (IPFT)

2094 **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 the Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology (IPFT) has developed biopesticide formulation for insect control in seed spice crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the new steps taken by Government for effective use of this biopesticide for controlling different agriculture insects especially in seed spice crops across the country?

Production and consumption of city compost

2095 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) the details of the annual production and consumption of city compost since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the city compost production plants currently operational, State-wise;
- (c) the quantity of organic city waste that is not being converted into compost in Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad;
- (d) whether Government is considering any proposal to include organic waste of rural areas under Marketing Development Assistance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Problems of the fertilizer industry

2096 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether a section of the fertilizer industry has urged Government to look into their

problems and help the industry as well as to prevent imports;

(b) if so, whether production of fertilizers was suspended by several companies and the shortfall had to be met by imports; and

(c) if so, whether under the "Make in India" initiative, Government proposes to take any steps to protect the fertilizer industry and make the country self-reliant in fertilizers, if so, the details thereof?

Use of organic fertilizers in agriculture

2097 # **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study regarding effects of chemical and organic fertilizers on agricultural production, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up sale and distribution centres for organic fertilizers on the lines of sale and distribution centers set up for chemical fertilizers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has chalked out any scheme to promote use of organic fertilizers, Vermicompost and D-compost, if so, the details thereof?

Janaushadhi Kendras

2098 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras that have been set up so far and how many of them are functional including that in Odisha;

(b) the number of varieties of drugs being supplied to Janaushadhi Kendras and whether it is as per the requirements of patients;

(c) the average price and quality difference between Janaushadhi and other drugs; and

(d) the percentage of people benefitted by Janaushadhi and what more steps are required to be taken to cover more people under this scheme and steps taken by Government to remove the deficiencies?

Subsidy on fertilizers

2099 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

(a) whether farmers are receiving the desired benefit of subsidy provided on fertilizers due to the neem coating of urea;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether some of the companies in Northern Region try to get more subsidy on the basis of percentage of production by showing low production capacity;

(d) if so, the details of the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure maximum benefit of fertilizer subsidy to the poor and marginal farmers?

Fertilizer subsidy to companies in Uttar Pradesh

2100 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

(a) the total amount allocated by Government for the subsidy to fertilizer producing companies of Uttar Pradesh during the last financial year; and

(b) the details of amount allocated and utilized in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

Demand of fertilizers made by Government of West Bengal

2101 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the details of demand of fertilizers made by the State Government of West Bengal from the Union Government during the last three years till date, name-wise and quantum-wise;
- (b) the quantum of fertilizer supplied to West Bengal against the said demand till this season;
- (c) whether there is shortage of fertilizers for farmers in West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Russia-Ukraine war on fertilizer import

2102 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine is expected to cast a shadow on India's fertilizer imports as Russia is the one of the main exporters of fertilizer to India, if so, what sort of preparedness has been done by Government to avoid any future shortage of fertilizers; and
- (b) whether Government also maintains some buffer stock of key fertilizers, if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical Device Park

2103 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the criteria fixed for development of Medical Device Park in the country;
- (b) whether a proposal from the State Government of Tamil Nadu for release of financial assistance for developing Medical Device Park in Tamil Nadu is pending with the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor, along with the present status thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by Government on the said proposal, if any?

Acquiring land for National Fertilizers Ltd.

2104 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of people whose land was acquired by Government during the setting up of the unit of National Fertilizers Ltd. situated in Vijaipur in District Guna, of Madhya Pradesh, the names along with the number of land owners; and
- (b) the details of the number of people who have been provided jobs in the National Fertilizers Limited, Vijaipur till date, out of the total number of people whose land had been acquired?

Recruitment in National Fertilizers Ltd.

2105 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of the number of employees recruited in the Vijaipur, Madhya

Pradesh unit by the National Fertilizers Limited from the year 2014 till date; and
 (b) the year-wise details of the number of employees recruited by the company who belong to Guna district and to Madhya Pradesh respectively and who do not hail from Madhya Pradesh?

Import of Urea

2106 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) how much Urea had been imported during the past ten years, year-wise;
- (b) the actions taken to increase the production of Urea domestically; and
- (c) by when would India be self-sufficient in the production of Urea?

Request to set up Medical Device Parks in States

2107 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Governments for setting up Medical Device Parks;
- (b) if so, the State-wise number of proposals received and status thereof;
- (c) whether any policy/plan has been formulated for providing an assistance to promote/set up such Medical Device Park in States, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether an approval has been granted to set up a Medical Device Park in Gujarat, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of current progress made for the said project and the aims and objective to set up such Medical Device Parks?

Subsidy and availability of fertilizers

2108 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) details of fertilizers provided to farmers;
- (b) subsidy given on each of the above fertilizer during last three years and current year, year-wise and company-wise;
- (c) subsidy given to farmers on urea;
- (d) whether there is any demand from farming community to provide urea at nominal price;
- (e) if so, whether any proposal has been moved in this regard for approval of Union Cabinet and, if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor;
- (f) whether there is shortage of fertilizers in various parts of country which delayed farming cycle and caused economic losses; and
- (g) if so, details thereof and actions for redressal?

Use of Green hydrogen to produce chemical manure

2109 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether it is proposed to produce chemical manure by using Green hydrogen; and
- (b) if so, the details of the way in which self-reliance can be increased in the production of chemical manure by using Green hydrogen?

Import of chemicals and fertilizers from China

2110 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

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

- (a) whether Government has stopped import of chemicals and fertilizers from China and the details thereof;
- (b) the total pharmaceutical imports from China, year-wise from 2015;
- (c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to reduce the dependency on Chinese imports particularly the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) and the details thereof and the decision taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to provide adequate support to Indian pharma companies in this regard?

National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct

2111 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched the National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to ensure that the Guidelines are properly followed by businesses and thereupon to measure performance of business entities for fulfilling their socio-economic and environmental responsibilities;
- (c) whether Government is planning to make the businesses to report mandatorily on the Guidelines, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Social spending by companies

2112 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that social spending by companies mandated by law has gone down;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the total contribution towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the last five years, year-wise?

Cumbersome procedure of CSR compliance

2113 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) the reasons for sharp decline in CSR activities and only 64 per cent registered on social spending by companies in the financial year 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the procedure of CSR compliances are cumbersome; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to simplify the procedure?

Percentage of profit spent on CSR

2114 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) whether Government has the details of PSUs/companies functioning under each Ministry, the details of profits earned/losses made by each of them during the past three

financial years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has the details of percentage of profit spent on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by each of them in past three financial years, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has the details of percentage of profit spent on CSR by India's multinational conglomerate companies in past three financial years, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fraud prevention/investigation/prosecution

2115 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

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

the steps proposed to be taken by Government to review and revamp our systems of fraud prevention and investigation and prosecution for financial frauds?

Cases registered under IBC

2116 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

(a) the number of cases registered in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC);

(b) the details of action taken in the said cases, so far; and

(c) the details of the companies against which action has been taken under IBC?

Monopolies and antitrust practices by corporates

2117 Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

(a) the total number of cases filed, pending and decided by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) since 2018;

(b) the total amount of compensation ordered by CCI against corporates in the last three years, the details thereof, sector-wise;

(c) the ten largest compensation orders passed by CCI against corporates since 2019;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken note of antitrust and monopolising practices amongst major corporates in various sectors including e-commerce, telecom, tyres, mining, etc.; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that such practices do not take place?

Insider Trading Regulations of SEBI

2118 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

(a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received some complaints/representations against some top executives of corporate houses for not intimating stock exchanges and SEBI of purchase of shares under the Insider Trading Regulations of SEBI;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints examined during the last six months with the name of corporate houses; and

(c) the action SEBI has taken or proposes to take against such top officers of big corporates?

Off-budget transfers

2119 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

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

whether Government will consider to stop the practice of off-budget transfers directly to the bank accounts of the implementing agencies in respect of all the schemes and release Central Assistance through the Consolidated Fund of the State from the year 2022-2023?

Release of pending dues

2120 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to release ₹1,703 crore to the AP Civil Supplies Corporation and another ₹4,976.51 crore for implementation of the Employment Guarantee Scheme that the Union Government owed; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Global Minimum Tax Agreement

2121 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) how the Ministry looks at the Global Minimum Tax Agreement of 15 per cent entered into among Ireland, Estonia and Hungary;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 90 per cent of countries have agreed for a minimum corporate tax of 15 per cent except Pakistan, Kenya, Nigeria, Sri Lanka;
- (c) how the Ministry thinks it is possible to implement it from 2023 when some countries like Switzerland, Poland, etc. are not agreeable to this; and
- (d) the details of India's stand on the above minimum 15 per cent corporate tax globally?

Budget allocation towards Assam and NER for the year 2022

2122 **Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya:**

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

- (a) the budget allocation for the year 2022 for Assam and NER;
- (b) new plans and projects sanctioned in this plan year for entire NER; and
- (c) the major areas in which Government is going to utilize the budget allocation to NER?

Prevention of influx of contraband narcotics

2123 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the measures taken to prevent smuggling or influx of contraband narcotics into India via ports and waterways; and
- (b) the quantum and value of contraband narcotics seized from ports and waterways across the country in 2021?

SIDBI plan to provide finance

2124 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is planning

to provide finance to promote and develop MSME, if so, the details thereof;
 (b) whether SIDBI has any special plan to help and promote small time business and women, if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the details of performance of SIDBI in North Eastern States specially in Assam for the last three years?

Confiscating property of business persons who fled abroad

2125 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed or proposes to return the funds to the banks by confiscating the properties of business persons who fled abroad without repaying the loans of the banks;
- (b) if so, the efforts made by Government in this direction; and
- (c) the details and total valuation of the property of such business persons confiscated by Government so far?

Grant to Goa on the occasion of 60 years of liberation

2126 Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:

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

- (a) whether the promise of ₹ 300 crores sanctioned by the Union Government for Goa on the occasion of 60 years of liberation has been given to the State;
- (b) the Budget head under which the said ₹ 300 crores was granted to Goa;
- (c) the details of guidelines which were given by the Union Government to the State Government of Goa for utilisation of the said ₹ 300 crores; and
- (d) the detailed breakup of expenditure of the said ₹ 300 crores, which was utilised for the 60 years of liberation?

Violation of faceless assessment procedure by IT officials

2127 Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:

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

- (a) the details of faceless assessments conducted, including penalty procedures and disposals under the faceless assessment procedure prescribed under the Income Tax Act and rules thereunder;
- (b) whether Income Tax Officers are aware about the provision of Section 5A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 which allows income to be apportioned equally between spouses;
- (c) whether Central Processing Centre (CPC) Bangalore processes the Income Tax returns without applying the provisions of Section 5A in several cases resulting in hardships and harassments to the tax payers of Goa;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken against the erring officials?

Increase of GST on textile products

2128 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to increase GST on textile products from 5 per cent to 12 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that textile industry is already finding it difficult to compete with Bangladesh and increase in GST will further result in the closure of about one lakh textile units and 15 lakh jobs; and
 (d) if so, whether Government will reconsider its decision?

Problems with Jan Dhan Accounts

2129 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) the number of instances of fraudsters operating Jan Dhan accounts reported in the last five years in different States;
 (b) the number of instances of data breaches in Jan Dhan accounts reported in the last five years in different States;
 (c) the different measures adopted by Government to reduce these incidents and make the intended beneficiaries more aware in the last two years; and
 (d) the different measures adopted by Government to ensure regular transactions and credit from institutional sources?

Gold imports

2130 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) total import of gold during the last three years along with the reasons for sharp surge in gold imports, year-wise;
 (b) whether Government has taken any measures to curb gold imports, if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the steps taken by Government to find long term sustainable solutions to increase the domestic supply of gold?

Financial risks to Indian banks due to current Russia-Ukraine crisis

2131 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) details of Indian banks currently registered on the System for Transfer of Financial Messages developed by Russia and the Cross-Border Interbank Payment System developed by China;
 (b) whether Government has/intends to register any Public Sector Bank in either of these interbank transfer systems for dealing with Russia, if so, details thereof and, if not, the alternative arrangements in place;
 (c) whether there are any pending transfers to PSBs from Russian businesses, if so, the estimated amount and the plans made to recover such estimated dues; and
 (d) steps taken to insulate Indian banks from financial risks emanating from the current Russia-Ukraine crisis?

Scheme for women in rural areas by NABARD

2132 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether schemes/programmes are being implemented for the welfare of women in rural areas by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);

- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) the number of women benefitted, along with the total funds allocated for the said schemes/programmes during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken for providing assistance to women by NABARD, especially women of backward tribal areas across the country?

NABARD scheme for tribal people

2133 # Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:

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

- (a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is implementing any scheme for the welfare of tribal people across the country;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details with regard to the State of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated under the said schemes/programmes during the said period in Madhya Pradesh and the district-wise details of the benefits availed by the tribal people under the said schemes; and
- (d) the steps taken by NABARD to provide assistance to the backward tribal community of the country?

KCCs for fishers, fish and dairy farmers

2134 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) how many Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) have been issued in Andhra Pradesh so far to fishers, fish, dairy and animal husbandry farmers so far, by category and district-wise;
- (b) the criteria for eligibility for issuance of KCCs to each such category;
- (c) number of such eligible farmers for KCC and coverage so far, district-wise;
- (d) the reasons for low coverage in different districts;
- (e) number of KCC beneficiaries by category in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh and how many of them have been issued KCCs, Mandal or Taluka-wise within Guntur district; and
- (f) the steps taken by Government for enhanced coverage?

Loan disbursements converted to NPAs

2135 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government has been able to categorise the general reasons for loan disbursements getting converted to NPAs, if so, what are the prominent categories;
- (b) whether the RBI guidelines for risk management in banks have led to improved monitoring of the overall risks undertaken, if so, what has been the experience; and
- (c) whether the reforms undertaken to identify and mitigate stressed disbursements have proved to be enough to deter NPAs, if not, the reasons therefor?

Newly established AYUSH centres

2136 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the details of the new AYUSH centres constructed/established during the last five years under the Ministry, State-wise and centre-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps taken for spreading awareness and promoting acceptance amongst the public regarding Ayurvedic system of medicine?

Status of Public Sector banks

2137 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to shore up the management and capital of Public Sector Banks (PSBs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ATMs in rural India

2138 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) the number of ATMs per 100,000 adults in rural and urban areas respectively;
- (b) the number and value of transactions by the means of Micro ATMs in urban and rural areas respectively; and
- (c) total value of cash withdrawal from Micro ATMs in the last three years?

Total external debt to GDP ratio

2139 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) India's short-term and long-term external debt obligations, year-wise from financial year 2014 till date, with interest rates where applicable;
- (b) the details of external loans Government availed for the purposes of COVID-19 relief and management, including source, quantum, interest where applicable, loan period etc;
- (c) the total amount of external debt being repaid, year-wise from financial year 2014 till date, in principal and interest as of the latest date, by the country; and
- (d) the ratio of the total external debt to GDP, year-wise from 2014 till date?

Debt-to-GDP ratio

2140 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) India's total Central and State debt payments, year-wise from financial year 2014 till date, as a percentage of GDP;
- (b) the reasons why Government will not meet the deadline set by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act Review Committee of 2016 regarding the reduction of total debt to 60 per cent of GDP by 2023;
- (c) whether Government has laid out an alternate plan to meet the targets laid out by the FRBM Act Review Committee;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the Government's target for debt-to-GDP ratio by 2024?

Extension of ECLGS

2141 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs);
- (b) whether banks have sought an extension of the scheme by one year;
- (c) whether Government proposes to ease the conditions for availing benefits under ECLGS;
- (d) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) warned of an increased stress in the MSME sector; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Privatisation of BPCL

2142 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) the number of Expressions Of Interest (EOIs) received with respect to the privatisation of BPCL, and the number of such EOIs withdrawn or stalled as on date;
- (b) whether the Ministry intends to issue a fresh call for EOIs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has a plan in place to ensure security of jobs of current employees of BPCL; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of GST hike

2143 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken cognisance of the devastating impact of the 7 per cent GST hike on garments, textiles and footwear on businesses, karigars and MSMEs from Agra which is India's largest producer of shoes;
- (b) whether Government intends to reverse this GST hike, considering the slowdown of business due to rising COVID-19 cases and restrictions on socio-economic activities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of how Government intends to mitigate the loss of employment caused by this GST hike, estimated at 15 lakh jobs?

Privatisation of CPSUs and Land compensation to States

2144 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has finalised privatisation of some Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) for which the State had given land;
- (b) whether demand has come from States that the Union Government should compensate the States with the land cost at the current rates or with an equivalent equity stake in the new entity, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of discussions held with States in identifying such CPSUs and present status thereof?

Strike by bank employees

2145 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether Public Sector Bank unions went on strike to protest against privatisation of banks and demanded to withdraw the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereon;
- (c) whether Government would hold talks with various Bank unions to resolve the issue including giving assurance of job security and not adversely affecting their working conditions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, how does Government assure the Bank unions that the reduced shareholding will not affect their interests?

Bank frauds

2146 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

the details of data of frauds that took place in banks and financial institutions as on March 2021, bank-wise, amount-wise and number-wise?

Tax on tobacco products

2147 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government is of the view that increasing taxes on tobacco products can reduce the consumption;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has carried out any studies to determine that increasing prices of tobacco products reduce the consumption; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue from corporate tax and petroleum products

2148 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the revenue earned from corporate tax, the details for the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) what percentage of GDP does the corporate tax earned by Government constitute, the details year- wise for the last five years;
- (c) the revenue earned from the tax, various kinds of cess and surcharges on petroleum products, the details year- wise for the last five years; and
- (d) what percentage of GDP does the revenue earned from petroleum products constitute, the details year- wise for the last five years?

Income Tax Rule 194 N

2149 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received requests from any States for the withdrawal of Income Tax Rule 194 N for primary cooperative society units; and
- (b) if so, the action taken on those requests?

Checking of cases of online bank frauds

2150 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the measures being taken by Government to check the cases of online frauds in banks during the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the actions taken by Government against the officers and employees found involved in the said online fraudulent activities; and
- (c) the number of cases of frauds in banks during the said period, State-wise?

Cryptocurrency advertisements

2151 **Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of sharp increase in opening up cryptocurrency exchanges and advertising of cryptocurrency in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government has approved opening of such exchanges and advertisements; and
- (c) if not, the action initiated by Government against such business of cryptocurrency which is not legal tender?

White Paper on Black Money

2152 **Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray:**

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

- (a) whether Government published White Paper on Black Money in 2012, whereby Government promised to curb generation of black money, illicit transfer to tax havens overseas and to secure the repatriation of illicit wealth to the country;
- (b) the action Government successfully initiated since the publication of that White Paper, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government shall publish another White Paper on Black Money; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing banking frauds

2153 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) whether there has been an increase in cases of banking frauds in the country in the preceding three years, especially in the State of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total amount involved, the recovered amount and the recovery rate in the preceding three years; and
- (c) the steps taken to tackle the issue of banking frauds?

Government schemes covered under Direct Benefits Transfer Scheme

2154 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) how many Government schemes are there in which remuneration or wages are transferred or paid through their bank accounts;
- (b) the schemes in which benefits are paid through other routes for want of bank accounts;

and

(c) whether there is any middle man between Government and beneficiaries, if so, the details thereof?

Impact of Russia-Ukraine war on Indian economy

2155 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any review of the economy consequent upon the break-out of war between Russia and Ukraine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how far it would be a set back for the economic recovery for the world, India in particular; and
- (d) the measures taken to bolster the economy, the details thereof?

Defaulted loans referred to NCLT

2156 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) the number of defaulted loans referred to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 for the financial years ending March 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021;
- (b) the total amount of bad loans involved in these cases;
- (c) the number of cases resolved by NCLT during the above period; and
- (d) the total amount recovered, year-wise?

Change in real GDP

2157 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) the percentage change in the real GDP from 2019-20 to 2021-22;
- (b) the percentage change in the Private Fixed Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) from 2019-20 to 2021-22;
- (c) the percentage change in the Gross Fixed Consumption Expenditure from 2019-20 to 2021-22;
- (d) the percentage change in the per capita GDP from 2019-20 to 2021-22;
- (e) aforementioned comparisons, (a) to (d), with figures adjusted for inflation; and
- (f) the reasons for this slow recovery and lack of growth?

Detection of wilful defaulters

2158 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) total number of wilful defaulters reported by public and private sector banks since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the total amount of debt and liabilities owed by wilful defaulters to the public and private sector banks currently, the details thereof, bank-wise;
- (c) whether the percentage of wilful defaulters has increased since 2014, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) amount recovered by the banks from the wilful defaulters since 2014, bank-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the total number of wilful defaulters prosecuted since 2014?

Increase in excise on tobacco products

2159 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

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

- (a) whether Government has considered or is considering any proposal to increase excise duty on tobacco products in the current financial year, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is considering any proposal to rationalize classification of cigarettes based on filter length; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Cash and asset recovery by Enforcement Directorate

2160 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) how many raids have been conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the last five years, the details thereof;
- (b) the recovery of alleged illegal cash and assets during the said period, the details thereof; and
- (c) what percentage of recovered money is from businesspersons, criminals, service sector and political background people, the details thereof?

Sale of Government stake in NALCO

2161 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has recommended for sale of Government stake in NALCO during current financial year;
- (b) whether Government has decided to accept such recommendation; and
- (c) if so, the percentage of stake that will be withdrawn from NALCO?

Exorbitant prices being charged by vaccine manufacturers

2162 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Covaxin and Covishield manufacturers are charging exorbitantly and at different prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is addressing the issue of pricing of two vaccines and additional services charges by private hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the complete details thereof?

Medical oxygen generation plants in district hospitals

2163 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether all the district hospitals of the country have an oxygen generation plant;
- (b) if not, the details of such district hospitals, State-wise;
- (c) whether all the medical oxygen generation plants sanctioned till date are operational;

and

(d) if not, the details of the medical oxygen generation plants which are out of use?

Vacancies in AIIMS, Mangalagiri

2164 Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:

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

- (a) whether even after starting OPD services two years ago and academic session starting from 2018-19, there are still 40 per cent vacancies of faculty in AIIMS, Mangalagiri;
- (b) whether out of 831 nursing staff, only 129 are in position and there are just 16 in position of administrative staff against the sanctioned strength of 90 and there is 50 per cent vacancies in Senior Registrars, Junior Registrars and tutors;
- (c) if so, the reasons for such unacceptable staff strength in an institution like AIIMS; and
- (d) by when the Ministry is going to fill all the vacancies?

Salary and allowances of ASHA workers

2165 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering a plan to increase the salary and allowances of ASHA workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, whether any concrete step would be taken in this regard by Government in future; and
- (c) the number of instances when the salary and allowances of ASHA workers have been increased during the last five years?

Prediction of fourth wave of COVID-19

2166 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) whether the researches of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) have predicted the fourth wave of COVID-19 in the country between June and August on the basis of Gaussian Distribution system;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereon;
- (c) whether the scientists/researchers have expressed the possibility of the emergence of any new variant, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the preparations made or proposed to be made by Government in the health sector keeping in mind the above apprehensions?

Utilization of financial assistance received from international financial institutions

2167 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

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

- (a) the total amount of financial assistance received from international financial institutions like World Bank, ADB, AIIB and NDB in health sector during last three years;
- (b) how much of that fund has already been utilized and for what purpose;
- (c) whether any amount of such fund has been provided to different States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has evaluated the performance of State Governments and the Central agencies in utilization of such funds, if so, the results thereof?

Utilisation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme during COVID-19 pandemic

2168 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

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

- (a) how Ayushman Bharat Scheme was utilised during the COVID-19 pandemic to reduce the financial burden on the poor;
- (b) the State-wise data thereof;
- (c) whether there was any provision of testing included as part of the PM-JAY; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures taken to control blindness cases

2169 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) whether India is the worst affected country in the world by blindness and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the estimated number of blind people in the country particularly in rural and backward areas, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the scheme being implemented by Government to control blindness indicating the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government for improvement of eye donation, collection, storage, processing and maintenance of quality in this regard?

Budget allocation to Chhattisgarh for COVID-19 management

2170 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State of Chhattisgarh was allocated funds from various budgetary heads during the first, second and third phase of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, scheme-wise, head-wise and phase-wise details of the budget allotment, expenditure of funds and the balance amount from the year 2019 to January, 2022; and
- (c) whether Government has received any kind of complaints regarding the misuse of the budget allocated to the State of Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof, and the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Price control mechanism for life-saving drugs

2171 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is currently levying 12 per cent GST on life-saving drugs;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any studies to understand the financial hardships that have resulted from it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government is planning to institute a price control mechanism to make these drugs more affordable to the people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package

2172 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) the details of financial and technical assistance given to States/UTs under the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package so far;
- (b) the details of all other assistance and support undertaken by the program, State-wise with special mention to West Bengal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID-19 vaccines administered to individuals between the age 15 to 18 years

2173 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government has data on how many individuals between the age of 15 - 18 years have been vaccinated so far against COVID-19 and data on whether after having COVID-19 vaccines, the number of persons of age 15-18 years testing positive has reduced;
- (b) response of Government with regards to complaints of utilizing unapproved COVID-19 vaccine on persons of age 15-18 years;
- (c) whether there is any upgradation in BCG Vaccine Laboratory situated inside Kings Institute Guindy, Pasteur Institute Conoor for manufacturing COVID-19 vaccines and reopening of Integrated Vaccine Complex (IVC) at Chengalpattu in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Treatment facilities for Sick cell anaemia in tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh

2174 # Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:

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

- (a) whether Sick cell anaemia is an acute disease, if so, the measures taken by Government to deal with the said disease in the tribal dominated districts of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) whether any financial assistance is provided by Government to treat this severe disease, if so, the details thereof?

Easing age cut-off for booster doses

2175 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether thousands of doses of COVID-19 vaccines are lying unused in hospitals across the country;
- (b) whether hospitals across the country have stocks of COVID-19 vaccines that are facing expiry in the near future;
- (c) whether easing sixty years' cut-off for booster doses is on the agenda of the Government; and
- (d) whether there has been a slowdown in vaccination across the country as the infection and cases seem to have ebbed?

Budget allocation for PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission

2176 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission on 25th October, 2021 with a mission to develop the capacities of primary, secondary and tertiary care health systems, strengthen existing national institutions and create new institutions, to cater to detection and cure of new and emerging diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the scheme during 2021-22, so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated under the scheme under Budget 2022-23?

Green ports in Karnataka

2177 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to identify the Green ports in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the study and investigation done to propose ports to be declared Green ports including the criteria laid down in this regard?

Control of anaemia among children in the country

2178 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether anaemia is the single largest deficiency that is affecting the children in the country;
- (b) if so, what steps have been taken/being taken by Government to carry out periodic blood tests in schools to assess the haemoglobin levels and provide necessary nutrient support to children; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vaccines for children

2179 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has approved any COVID-19 vaccine for children;
- (b) if so, the details pertaining to the efficacy of the vaccine with data of clinical trials;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any road map/plan to roll out vaccination drive for children, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has collected any data with regard to high-risk group and age-group among children who needs to get the vaccine on priority; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Shortfall in Health Sub-Centres and Primary Health Centres in Bihar

2180 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) the number of Sub-Centres and Primary Health Centres in Bihar, district-wise;

- (b) whether there is a shortfall in Health Sub-Centres and Primary Health Centres in the State of Bihar; and
 (c) if so, the reasons for the shortfall and the tangible measures Government has taken to solve the issue?

Health care facilities in tribal areas

2181 # **Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

- (a) the number of women in tribal areas who have lost their lives at the time of delivery of their child due to malnutrition and lack of medical facilities in the country during last three years;
 (b) the quantum of funds allocated and utilized to ensure eradication of malnutrition and availability of medical facilities for tribal community in the country during last three years;
 (c) whether many States/UTs are lagging behind in providing the above facilities in tribal areas; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken in this regard?

Action plan to enhance capacity of AIIMS, Jodhpur

2182 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal or action plan to enhance the capacity of AIIMS, Jodhpur in view of the increasing pressure of patients, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
 (b) whether any action plan has been prepared to enhance the capacity of Cancer, Neurology and other departments in view of the increasing number of patients in AIIMS, Jodhpur, if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) whether Government proposes to construct residential facilities for the convenience of citizens and to increase the seats of medical education in AIIMS, Jodhpur, if so, the details thereof?

Survey on mental health related issues

2183 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry conducted any survey on issues relating to mental health in the country;
 (b) if so, what has been the findings of the survey;
 (c) whether COVID-19 pandemic led to a rise in cases of mental health issues like depression and anxiety;
 (d) if so, the initiatives taken by the Ministry to deal with the situation; and
 (e) whether Ministry plans to take measures to raise awareness about various aspects of mental health?

Pending Central Assistance/grants to Odisha's medical colleges

2184 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the total pending Central Assistance or grants to Odisha's medical colleges where the Union Government is supposed to provide funds and sharing;

- (b) the total assistance or grants by Odisha Government to these medical colleges; and
- (c) by when the pending funds from the Union Government would be sent to these medical colleges of Odisha?

AIIMS in Kerala

2185 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the request of Kerala Government for according sanction to set up an All India Institute of Medical Science in the State is pending with the Union Government;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Kerala Government has already identified suitable land for setting up AIIMS at Kinalur in Kozhikode district and informed the Union Government; and
- (c) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Dialysis centres in Gujarat

2186 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

- (a) the details of dialysis patients in the country, State/Union Territory-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the dialysis centres set up in Gujarat;
- (c) whether Government is providing any assistance to increase the member of dialysis centres in Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Assessment of working of NRHM

2187 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the working of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any strategy for effective implementation of NRHM in the country; and
- (d) whether it is also proposed to empower the local bodies for the effective management of the health schemes, and if so, the details thereof?

Health facilities in Begusarai-Barauni

2188 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) whether the health infrastructure in India's one of the oldest industrial cities, Begusarai-Barauni in Bihar is satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the main health facilities available for the people;
- (c) if not, what steps Government contemplates to take; and
- (d) whether Government will treat Begusarai not as an ordinary district but as an industrial town or city as an industrial city engages a large number of people?

Expensive medical education

2189 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry decides the fee structure for medical UG and PG courses for private colleges, if so, State and UT-wise fee structure of medical UG and PG courses; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that due to high fee structure of UG and PG courses, middle class parents are unable to support their children for MBBS and PG courses, if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken by Government to reduce the fee for medical UG and PG courses?

New medical colleges in Pratapgarh and Jalore districts of Rajasthan

2190 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to sanction the pending proposals for setting up new medical colleges in Pratapgarh and Jalore districts of Rajasthan; and
- (b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fire incidents in hospitals

2191 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the number of casualties caused due to accidental fires in hospitals in Maharashtra and other States for the past three years;
- (b) the steps Government has taken to determine the liability for such incidents in hospitals, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has mandated a fire officer and mandatory training of hospital staff in cases of fire, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

PG medical seats in Telangana

2192 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) the number of Post Graduate medical seats which remained unfilled in the last academic year, speciality-wise in Telangana State;
- (b) the measures taken by Government to ensure that seats do not remain unfilled, if any; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to increase the number of Post Graduate medical seats considering the need of specialized doctors?

Guidelines for packaging of food and other products

2193 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to introduce guidelines and regulations to indicate food, food substances and edibles on the packaging of food, fast food, juice and drinkable products which are harmful and/or addictive for children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has undertaken or plans to commission a study which evaluates

the impact of such indicators on food packaging on behavioural changes in parents and children while purchasing such food products which may be harmful or addictive for children, if so, the details thereof?

Budget allocation for capacity expansion of public hospitals

2194 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of the number of new beds and ventilators set up in all the public hospitals across the country during the last two years of COVID-19 crisis period; and
- (b) the details of the financial budget released for the capacity expansion of the public hospitals of the country and construction of new hospitals by Government during the last five years and the extent of work completed so far against the said allocation?

Expected fourth wave of COVID-19

2195 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the predictions made by a research team from IIT-Kanpur that COVID-19 fourth wave will hit India by 22nd of June, 2022 and attain its peak in September-October, 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared/is in the process of preparing any blue print to meet any such eventuality;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Health Mission in Andhra Pradesh

2196 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the details of technical and financial support provided by the Ministry under National Rural Health Mission for better and smooth functioning of health services in States;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and spent under National Health Mission (NHM) in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of physical targets set and achieved during the above period; and
- (d) the details of proposals received in the form of Programme Implementation Plans under NHM during the above period, year-wise, and status of the proposals?

De-addiction programme

2197 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the work done under the de-addiction programme, launched by Government across the country and the details of the funds spent/allocated/released for the same, State/Union Territory-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of the number of beneficiaries under the programme, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to tackle substance use disorders;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has any special training programme for nurses/doctors/care

- givers/primary health workers to handle addicts;
 (f) if so, the details thereof; and
 (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of COVID-19 on migrant women and children

2198 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that COVID-19 pandemic has severely affected the migrant women and children;
 (b) if so, the details of the women and children so affected;
 (c) the steps taken to address the challenge of COVID-19 induced disruption on migrant women and children; and
 (d) whether Government has also taken steps to ensure that these migrant women and children have access to health care and education?

Steps taken to achieve Universal Health Coverage

2199 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to build health system resilience, achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and strengthen health, social and economic security and also to build a fairer, healthier, more health secure India for all;
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Health mafia in Jharkhand

2200 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the health mafia in the State of Jharkhand is carrying out scams of crores of rupees through private hospitals by misusing the Ayushman Bharat Yojana which is a scheme made for the poor; and
 (b) the concrete steps taken/to be taken by Government to stop such immoral and anarchist elements?

Sub Centres under National Rural Health Mission

2201 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the status of the IT backed procurement, management and logistics systems for provision of free drugs at Public Health facilities, under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), State-wise; and
 (b) the number of Sub Centers under NRHM with regular electric supply, regular water supply and accessible all weather motorable approach roads, State-wise?

Waiver of CGHS card fees for retired Government employees

2202 # **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government charges a hefty lump sum amount from the Central

Government employees for making CGHS card on their superannuation;
 (b) if so, the amount that is being charged and the reasons for not providing CGHS card free of cost even after serving for many years in Government service;
 (c) whether Government proposes to waive off the amount charged for CGHS card on the retirement of Central Government employees; and
 (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Assessment Promotion Scheme at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

2203 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the details of the laid down procedure of the Assessment Promotion Scheme (APS) followed by AIIMS;
- (b) whether any objective or measurable criteria is part of the APS that is considered by the Selection Committee;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the weightage given to ACR, work report and personal interview as the rules of the APS;
- (e) whether Government is aware of arbitrary and non-transparent procedures by the Selection Committee at AIIMS, Bhubaneswar with regards to APS; and
- (f) if so, the measures undertaken thereon?

Indigenous technology for renewable energy sources

2204 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether any scheme is being run by Government to encourage local development and manufacturing of renewable energy technology including solar and wind mill technologies among other means;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether any incentives have been disbursed to common people;
- (c) whether the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has achieved such development through its 'Make in India' campaign in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Green Hydrogen Policy

2205 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the Green Hydrogen Policy, multiple modes for procuring renewable energy for Green hydrogen production would be permissible;
- (b) the extent of reduction likely in the production cost of carbon free Green hydrogen under the new policy;
- (c) the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of carbon free Green hydrogen in Uttar Pradesh?

Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects in the country

2206 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) details about setting up of solar parks across the country especially in Tamil Nadu, funds invested by Union Government and electricity generated along with the details of project developers and investors and direct and indirect employment opportunities created in view of the scheme for “Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects” for enhancement of capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW in 2017;
- (b) whether this scheme will help farmers and people in rural parts of the country and remove issues of electricity unavailability to rural people; and
- (c) if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor?

Development of Biomass energy system

2207 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any guidelines for the development of Biomass energy system in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of financial assistance provided to each State including Bihar for this purpose during the last three years, the details thereof?

Power generation from renewable resources

2208 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) the percentage of power generation from renewable resources compared to the power generation from coal based resources from 2019 to 2021;
- (b) whether it has increased from previous years;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase the capacity of generation of electricity from renewable sources; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Capacity addition in non-renewable energy

2209 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that at the present pace, India can achieve only about 135 GW by 2024;
- (b) the details of capacity addition in non-renewable energy, particularly solar and wind, since fixing the target of 175 GW in 2015, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the pace of renewable energy addition in the last 2-3 years is not so encouraging;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof and how Ministry is planning to fix it;
- (e) whether Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) have played any role in achieving the target; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

National Green Hydrogen Mission

2210 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to subsidise the high cost of producing hydrogen energy in order to ensure demand for the resource;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is offering additional benefits apart from free power transmission to ensure consumers choose hydrogen power over other sources such as biogas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of timelines and estimated costs of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

Progress regarding renewable energy targets

2211 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India proposes to achieve its renewable energy targets of 450 gigawatt (GW) by 2030 according to the Glasgow agreement;
- (b) if so, the quantitative details of progress achieved so far in this regard; and
- (c) the details of projects proposed and funds allocated to the State of Kerala to promote renewable energy in the State?

Action Plan to produce, store and distribute Green hydrogen

2212 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any detailed Action Plan to produce, store and distribute Green hydrogen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) India's current and the expected electrolyser capacity to become carbon emission free country;
- (d) whether Government will mandate any industries currently using "Grey" hydrogen to transition to the green variety to create demand for Green hydrogen; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Hiring agency to finalise Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM)

2213 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

whether Government is thinking of hiring services of internationally reputed agencies in the field of factory inspection and appraisal in order to have a final list of ALMM?

Equipments for Solar Power installation

2214 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a plan to boost production of equipments needed for solar power like solar wafers, cells and inverters to reduce import dependency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) if not, the details of any future plan Government might be considering;
- (d) whether Government is considering the environmental impact of the ground-mounted solar power installations versus the rooftop installations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action plan for the same?

Problems in installation of net-metering system

2215 # **Smt. Seema Dwivedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched any programme to encourage installation of domestic rooftop solar plant with net-metering system, if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether any study has been undertaken regarding the problems coming in the process of installing net-metering system, if so, the State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is contemplating on taking any concrete steps to simplify the process of installing net-metering and resolve the issues therein; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government would consider it?

Electricity generation from urban waste

2216 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) State-wise details of the volume of urban waste generated and the volume of urban waste that goes into generation of electricity in the country;
- (b) whether Government has acted upon the recommendations in the 20th Report (2015-16) of Standing Committee on Energy that data on rural waste generated be collected, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are any pilot projects ongoing for generating electricity out of urban waste, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the status of five projects that were being carried out earlier; and
- (d) recommendations of the 20th Report that have been put into action?

Solar Power Projects in Odisha

2217 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the places in Odisha where Government had identified land for the purpose of building solar parks under the Solar Park scheme;
- (b) whether any land was identified in Kalahandi district for the same purpose;
- (c) the details of the projects commissioned, sanctioned and completed in Odisha under the Solar Park scheme; and
- (d) whether Government intends to commission any solar power project in the Kalahandi, Balangir and Koraput (KBK) region of Odisha, given the potential of the region?

Incentives for wind energy producers

2218 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) the details of incentives presently given to the producers of wind energy, particularly in investments and import duty benefits in tariffs to achieve the target of Green Energy in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to withdraw some import duty benefits from wind energy developers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Sustainable Rooftop Implementation for Solar Transfiguration of India (SRISTI) scheme

2219 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) the total solar power capacity achieved in India under Sustainable Rooftop Implementation for Solar Transfiguration of India (SRISTI) scheme as on date;
- (b) the details of solar power capacity achieved under SRISTI scheme as on date, State-wise;
- (c) total Central Financial Assistance disbursed by Government under the said scheme as on date; and
- (d) the data of the Central Financial Assistance disbursed by the Union Government as on date, State-wise?

Solar, Wind, Tidal and other Renewable Energy

2220 Shri Jawhar Sircar:

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

- (a) the installed capacity and the power generated by renewable energy sources, according to different categories like solar, wind, tidal and others;
- (b) the plans to expand production of renewable energy sources in the country and the annual expenditure in terms of installations and incentives; and
- (c) by when the generation from renewable, nuclear and clean zero carbon sources is likely to cater to 50 percent, 75 percent and 90 percent of India's energy needs?

Waterways found useful for freight transport

2221 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) the number of waterways which have been found useful for freight transport in the country;
- (b) the number of waterways which are being utilized for transporting goods at present;
- (c) whether it is a fact that most of the waterways selected for freight transport remain unuseful; and
- (d) the funds spent for the development of these waterways during the last three years and the revenue received during the said period, therefrom?

Development of Pandu port as hub of (Inland) shipping in North East

2222 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to make Pandu Port in Assam the hub of (Inland) shipping in the North East, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to establish a ship repairing workshop at Pandu Port, if so, how will it be beneficial to the North East; and
 (c) whether Government is planning to encourage entrepreneurs and foreign investors to boost inland navigation in the North East, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Inland waterways and Arth Ganga initiative

2223 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) current share of inland waterways in the overall transport sector and reasons for gross under-utilisation of India's 20,236 km of navigable waterways;
 (b) average cost of fuel consumption per tonne km via inland waterways;
 (c) whether the target of four times increase in cargo volume on Ganga, under Arth Ganga initiative announced in December 2019 has been met, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
 (d) State-wise actual progress on economic benefits proposed in Arth Ganga initiative since 2019; and
 (e) whether any project on the lines of Arth Ganga has been implemented/proposed for Maharashtra and Southern States?

Environmental impact of Sagarmala project

2224 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has received complaints regarding implementation of Sagarmala Project harming marine ecology and the livelihood of local fishermen, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this matter; and
 (b) whether there is any system in place in the Ministry to regularly assess and monitor environmental impacts of the ongoing Sagarmala Project, if so, the latest findings in this regard?

Pending projects in Ports and Waterways of Odisha

2225 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the details of pending projects in Ports and Waterways of Odisha; and
 (b) by when would they be completed and the total amount to be invested in them?

Inland waterways in Kerala

2226 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) whether there is a plan to revive the waterways from South to North of Kerala;
 (b) the total cost of the project; and
 (c) the contribution of the Union Government to the above project?

Skilling of manpower in shipping sector

2227 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into with the Ministry of

Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling of manpower in the shipping industry in developing the Southern States particularly;

(b) whether any measures have been implemented under the MoU, till date; and

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

Declaration of inland waterways as National Waterways

2228 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

(a) whether Government has the details of inland waterways newly selected to be declared as National Waterways;

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

(c) whether Government has any plans/proposal to accord National Waterway status to the 188 km Kozhikode-Neeleswaram reach of Kerala State waterway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electricity based cooking

2229 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

(a) the details of electricity based cooking penetration which helps in reduction in energy import dependency thereby achieving the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat;

(b) the penetration of electricity based cooking in urban and rural areas; and

(c) the details of city/town/village having the highest penetration of electricity based cooking in the country, including Karnataka?

Losses of DISCOMS and their outstanding dues

2230 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

(a) the details of the total outstanding dues owed by power distribution companies (DISCOMs) to power generating companies (GENCOS), State-wise;

(b) the details of reforms deliberated in consultation with the States and all stakeholders;

(c) whether Government has noticed that Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Governments are confronting on account of power dues; and

(d) whether Government has taken any steps to resolve power dues issues between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

Salient features of UJALA and SLNP programmes

2231 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

(a) the salient features of of Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP);

(b) whether the said programme has been implemented in all the States/Union Territories of the country and if so, the details thereof and the status of the implementation thereof;

(c) State-wise and UT-wise number of LED bulbs distributed under the said programmes during the last three years and current year; and

(d) whether Government has taken any step to encourage the manufacturers and distributors of LED bulbs and if so, the details thereof?

Amendment in Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020

2232 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

whether the Ministry will suitably amend the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 to specify the rules and guidelines for State Commissions to incorporate in their respective Supply Codes or for issuance of separate regulations in this regard and to provide for compensation to consumers by the SERCs on case to case basis after giving reasonable opportunity to the licensee of being heard?

Technology to control emission of sulfur dioxide

2233 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) the number of power companies that have installed new technologies to check sulfur dioxide in black smoke emitting from power plants in the year 2021-22;
- (b) whether it is a fact that technical issues have been faced while installing sulfur control technology in the coal power plant situated in Uttar Pradesh in the year 2021-22; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Rural households covered under DDUGJY

2234 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the number of rural households covered under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the manner in which the Ministry aims to phase out or phase down the use of coal-based energy in the next three years; and
- (c) the plans which the Government has to reduce the burden on the retail consumers due to the shift from coal-based energy to renewable form of energy?

'Go Electric' Campaign

2235 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has recently launched a 'Go Electric' Campaign to help reduce the import bill;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this initiative will help the country in securing a cleaner and a greener future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems in Power sector

2236 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that problems arise in energy management, coordination and optimum resource utilization due to the involvement of multiple Ministries and agencies in the energy sector;
- (b) if so, whether Government is planning to bring together the concerned Ministries and agencies;

- (c) the details of the total technical and commercial losses in power transmission and distribution, State-wise and the initiatives taken by Government to reduce this deficit; and
- (d) whether NPAs are increasing in the power sector, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Electricity generation through various means

2237 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) the details of Government policy with regard to optimum balancing of different types of electricity generation in the country;
- (b) the ratio of power generated from hydro, thermal, nuclear and non-conventional methods; and
- (c) the details of average cost of electricity production in different streams?

Loss of lives and property due to short circuit across the country

2238 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) whether there is loss of lives and property due to short circuit across the country, every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has formulated/developed any effective scheme/equipments for protection from short circuit and current under Make in India and Startup initiative and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to install any equipment like electric shock proof devices in Government institutions such as schools, hospitals etc. to prevent loss of lives caused by short circuit in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Discrepancy in power bill for Bihar

2239 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) whether NTPC has done the billing of firm power instead of infirm power for a period of 16 months from unit 4 of the stage-2 based at Barh power station;
- (b) whether Bihar had to pay a bill of ₹ 2,424 crore in place of ₹ 564.85 crore on account of said manner of bill calculation;
- (c) whether Bihar has made a refund claim of ₹ 2,600 crore including the interest component thereof;
- (d) details of amount payable by Bihar to the power companies till date; and
- (e) whether Government would adjust the dues against the extra amount paid, if so, details thereof?

Rehabilitation package for DISCOMs

2240 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) the details of the total outstanding dues owed by power distribution companies (DISCOMs) to generation firms (GENCOS), State-wise;
- (b) the details of reforms deliberated upon in consultation with the States and all stakeholders;
- (c) the details of the gap between Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and Average Revenue Realised (ARR) excluding Regulatory Assets and Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) till now State-wise;
- (d) the details of accumulated losses of all DISCOMs in the country, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of relief/rehabilitation package being provided to DISCOMs to come out from the financial crisis?

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