

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

**Establishment and upgradation of AYUSH centres**

3681 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

the State-wise details of the number of new AYUSH centres established or old centres upgraded by Government in the last five years and total financial expenditure incurred by Government in such establishment and upgradation?

**Improvement in infrastructure and accessibility of AYUSH services in Rajasthan**

3682 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any step to improve the infrastructure and increase the accessibility of AYUSH services in the State of Rajasthan, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of initiatives taken under National AYUSH Mission to promote the development of Ayurveda, Unani, Naturopathy, Herbal medicines and AYUSH industry in Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the funds spent by Government for this Head during the last three years?

**National Institutes under AYUSH in Rajasthan**

3683 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

(a) the total number of National Institutes working under AYUSH in Rajasthan and the details of areas where these institutes have been set up;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up new AYUSH University in Jodhpur district, and if so, the details thereof and by when would it be set up;

(c) whether any institute is working to collect forest based traditional herbs in Rajasthan, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to set up any special unit in Rajasthan, particularly in Jodhpur for processing of herbs, if so, the details thereof?

### **Achievements of the Central Council for Research in Siddha**

**3684 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) the objectives and major functions of the Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS);
- (b) the major achievements of CCRS and its various units for the last three years, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (c) the various public outreach programs or public relations programs undertaken by CCRS and its units, to showcase its work to the public since last three years and the details thereof?

### **Promotion of Yoga education in North Eastern States**

**3685 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to promote Yoga education in Assam and other North Eastern States;
- (b) whether Government is aware that Tezpur University in Assam is running short term regular courses on Yoga for more than ten years without any funding from the Central Government; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to provide special funding as one time grant to Tezpur and other Universities of Assam to build infrastructure for Yoga education, if so, the details thereof?

### **Ayurvedic Colleges and Universities in the country**

**3686 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of Ayurvedic Colleges and Universities in the country;
- (b) how many of them are Government and private run Colleges and Universities;
- (c) the total number of students enrolled in these institutions;
- (d) whether there is regulation of fees in the private Ayurvedic Colleges and Universities; and
- (e) if not, whether Government will regulate the same?

### **Research and Development of traditional medicines**

**3687 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has entered into any agreement with certain countries for Research and Development of traditional medicines, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any scheme for the promotion of traditional and ethnic pharmaceuticals in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the locations where important herbs for the production of ethnic and conventional medicines are found in the country, State-wise particularly in Punjab?

### **Giloy induced liver toxicity**

**3688 Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Giloy induced liver toxicity has resulted in liver damage in a few patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the specific dose of Giloy intake has been published and communicated to all the stakeholders;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of any action taken against those who have falsely linked the medicine to liver damage, if Giloy is safe?

### **Promotion of medicinal plants by NMPB**

3689 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

- (a) whether a national campaign has been launched by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) to promote the cultivation of medicinal plants across the country;
- (b) the districts of the country selected at present under the said campaign; and
- (c) whether there is a proposal to provide financial assistance to the farmers engaged in the cultivation of medicinal plants under the said campaign?

### **Medicinal plants and herbs in Uttar Pradesh**

3690 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the quantity of Medicinal plants and herbs produced in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;
- (b) the State-wise details of the financial assistance provided to promote the farming of Medicinal plants and herbs during the said period;
- (c) the quantity of Medicinal plants exported from Uttar Pradesh during the said period;
- (d) the steps taken to promote production of Ayurvedic and herbal medicines in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) whether Government encourages/proposes to encourage the farmers for farming of Medicinal plants under any scheme, if so, the details thereof?

### **Boosting export of AYUSH products**

3691 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the status of setting up an Export Promotion Council to boost export of AYUSH products from India;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for standardisation and quality control of Ayurvedic medicines in the market and ensuring manufacture of every drug as per the international standards;
- (c) the details of AYUSH and herbal products exported to foreign countries during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (d) whether the export of AYUSH and herbal products has declined during the said period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

### Assessment of National AYUSH Mission

3692 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment of the Mission with regard to fulfillment of National AYUSH Mission's objectives and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has selected a number of villages/blocks to expand the health care through AYUSH system of medicines under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has also set up educational institutes under NAM; and
- (d) if so, the details of the educational institutes set up and proposed to be set up in various States of the country including Maharashtra under NAM?

### Fertilizer shortage due to geopolitical tensions

3693 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that geopolitical tensions could result in shortage of fertilizers which could severely impact agricultural activities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the measures taken by Government to tackle the issue;
- (c) the quantity and value of the fertilizers imported by the country during each of the last three years, fertilizer-wise;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the expenditure incurred on the import of fertilizers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage in supply of fertilizers in the country

3694 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by Government in the last three years to overcome the shortage and inadequate supply of fertilizers to the farmers, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has reformed the existing supply chain and distribution system to facilitate the farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### Fake and adulterated medicines

3695 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any survey to determine the prevalence of fake, subpar and adulterated medicines in the Indian market, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any policy for the regulation of fake, subpar and adulterated medicines in the pharmaceutical industry in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the actions taken by the various State Governments and Union Government in dealing with the issue of fake medicines in the country?

### Policy on promotion of city compost

3696 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Government's policy on promotion of city compost, the details thereof, along with the details of fertilizers that are looked into by this wing;
- (b) the achievements of this policy since its formulation, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether this policy has been implemented in the State of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Medical devices notified as drugs under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013

3697 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Medical devices/equipments have been notified as Drugs and are governed under the provisions of the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013;
- (b) if so, the reasons and objective for which the medical devices/equipments have been included in the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2017; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to address this anomaly?

### Production of chemical fertilizers in the country

3698 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish new units/plants for production of chemical fertilizers in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether Government also proposes to set up any plant with external assistance to meet the shortage of fertilizers in the country, especially in various districts in Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the further steps proposed to promote indigenous production of fertilizers?

### Production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) in the country

3699 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of the works done for production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in the past three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent for increasing production of the APIs in the past three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been any delay in the release of the allocated funds;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of proposed/in progress projects for the construction of production facilities for the APIs, State-wise especially in Maharashtra; and
- (f) the details of the quantity of API being imported and the total quantity necessary to meet the national demand?

### Increase in the prices of raw material of medicines

3700 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the reckless increase in the prices of raw materials of medicines has made a huge impact on the pharmaceutical industry;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to control it, the details thereof;
- (c) whether due to the unexpected increase in the price of auxiliary components used in the manufacturing of medicines, the crisis of shortage of essential medicines in the country may also deepen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fertilizer points in Uttar Pradesh**

**3701 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether there is any requirement to increase the number of fertilizer points operated in the State of Uttar Pradesh at present;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any soil testing which will help in the formulation and increase of fertilizer production; and
- (c) the time by which these fertilizer points are likely to be increased?

#### **Abnormal rise in the price of Murate of Potash(MoP)**

**3702 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the price of Murate of Potash (MoP) has almost doubled in the last four months making it impossible for farmers to purchase and use it in their fields for increase in overall production;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) the immediate plans to lower the exorbitant price of one of the most essential fertilizers, MoP, to make it affordable for farmers in view of the commitment of Government to double the income of farmers by 2022; and
- (d) whether MoP would be made available to the farmers at reduced/subsidized price before the start of summer sowing?

#### **Production of fertilizers**

**3703 Shri M. Shanmugam:**

**Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether any efforts have been made to increase production of fertilizers in the country under Atmanirbhar scheme to reduce the import of fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of plants that are operational for fertilizer production in the country, State-wise and capacity-wise; and
- (d) any target fixed for increasing fertilizer production to meet the demand indigenously, the details thereof?

#### **Fertigation facilities for nano-fertilizers**

**3704 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has

- developed nano-fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that farmers need fertigation facilities for using nano-fertilizers;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to promote fertigation technology among farmers;
- (e) whether Government proposes to have separate budget allocation for the promotion of nano-fertilizers and fertigation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Ban on the use of Asbestos**

3705 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has banned the use of Asbestos in the country, if so, the types of Asbestos that are banned and types of Asbestos that are not banned in the country;
- (b) whether Government has made any study regarding the health hazard of this material, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the stand of Government in International Forum/Agencies on non-banned asbestos, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to ban the non-banned Asbestos also in the country, if they are banned in other countries?

### **Fertilizer prices**

3706 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the reasons behind the rising prices of fertilisers;
- (b) the steps Government is taking to deal with the issue; and
- (c) how should the farmers prevent this from impacting their profitability?

### **Black marketing of fertilizers**

3707 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

**Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by farmers due to large scale black marketing and unexpected price rise of fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the response of Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of demand and supply of fertilizers and State-wise status of availability and supply of various fertilizers in accordance with the requirement of farmers during the current crop season including Rajasthan; and
- (d) the details of action taken by Government to stop price hike and black marketing of fertilizers in the country?

### **Unethical practices being adopted by Pharma companies**

3708 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the nexus such as adopting unethical modes of marketing and luring doctors to increase the sale of medicines by the Pharma companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the steps taken by Government to stop such unethical practices and nexus; and

(c) whether Government is also considering to make any law in this regard and if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

### **Allocation of urea to Chhattisgarh**

3709 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the occasion-wise quantity of urea allocated by Union Government to Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the urea received by Government in the process of allocation and the quantity of urea provided to the places, the details thereof, year-wise and district-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that sufficient quantity of urea is not being made available to the farmers of Chhattisgarh due to which the farmers are facing a lot of problems; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government thereon?

### **Use of Nano Urea**

3710 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government has promoted the use of Nano Urea (Liquid) Fertilizer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the impact of the same;
- (c) whether Government has done an assessment of the effectiveness of the fertilizer in the areas where it has been used; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Methods to promote production of P&K fertilizer**

3711 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is working on any methodology to promote domestic P&K (Phosphatic and Potassic) fertilizer production in the country due to increasing global prices of these fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Medical Device Parks**

3712 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the number of Medical Device Parks that have been opened till now particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) the rationale employed to select States under this scheme;
- (c) the steps being taken to promote research and invention at these parks; and
- (d) the details of an invention or innovation, if any, that has taken place in these parks in Karnataka till now?

### **Complications arising out of multiple amendments in the Companies Act, 2013**

3713 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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



- (a) whether Government is aware that the numerous amendments that have recast various provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 have given rise to difficulties that are confounded by interpretation and clarifications;
- (b) whether Government feels it necessary to reboot and replace the Act with a more thorough, updated regime; and
- (c) whether Government will issue clarifications in the form of a comprehensive framework like the consolidated FDI policy under Section 470 of the Act?

#### **Measures against Ponzi schemes**

**3714 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the number of Ponzi schemes which have been identified in the last three years and what has been the conviction rate, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of money which was lost through these schemes and what has been the status of recovery in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to educate and make aware the population about the same, the details thereof?

#### **Revenue after reduction in corporate surcharge from 12 per cent to 7 percent**

**3715 Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken a calculation of the revenue that would be forgone as result of reduction in corporate surcharge from 12 percent to 7 percent; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **CSR funds to Tamil Nadu**

**3716 Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has data on CSR funds allocated for the period 2016-2022 (up to February 2022) and provided under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs across the country, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) the reasons for not allocating much CSR funds to Tamil Nadu for the period 2016-2022?

#### **Measures taken to encourage doctors to practise in villages**

**3717 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to balance the demand-supply gap of doctors since two-thirds of the population still live in villages and two-thirds of doctors are living in towns and cities; and
- (b) the steps being taken to encourage doctors to practise in villages?

#### **Popular foreign companies in the country**

**3718 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the State/region-wise number of the popular foreign companies in the country at present;
- (b) whether Government has received revenue from such foreign companies, if so, the

details thereof;

(c) whether these foreign companies have got any registration done in India; and

(d) whether any timeline has been fixed, if so, the details thereof?

### **CSR expenditure of e-commerce companies**

**3719 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

(a) company-wise details of net profits made by top 10 (turn over-wise) e-commerce companies in the country during last five years, year-wise;

(b) details of total funds allocated from the net profits towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by top 10 e-commerce companies in the country during last five years, year-wise;

(c) details of expenditure towards CSR amount by said e-commerce companies during the said period, year-wise;

(d) total CSR funds allocated and spent through the e-commerce companies in Odisha during corresponding five years and details of expenditure incurred, year-wise; and

(e) whether any action has been taken, if non-adherence has been detected?

### **CSR expenditure of Big tech companies**

**3720 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

(a) company-wise details of net profits made by top 10 (turn over-wise) Big tech companies in the country during last five years, year-wise;

(b) details of total funds allocated from the net profits towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by top 10 Big tech companies in the country during last five years, year-wise;

(c) details of expenditure towards CSR amount by the said Big tech companies during the said period, year-wise;

(d) total CSR funds allocated and spent through the Big techs in Odisha during corresponding five years and details of expenditure incurred, year-wise; and

(e) whether any action has been taken, if any non-adherence has been detected?

### **CSR expenditure in Madhya Pradesh**

**3721 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

(a) the amount spent by various industrial units in Madhya Pradesh under CSR during the last five years; and

(b) the details of the amount spent, district-wise and area-wise?

### **Pay settlement of unionized workmen**

**3722 # Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

(a) the procedure being followed for the pay settlement of the unionized workmen working in various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

(b) the PSUs where the process of pay settlement for the non-executive employees has been completed since 2017; and

(c) PSU-wise details of percentage of the Minimum Guaranteed Benefits (MGB) and perks

received under the same settlement and the details and copy of the pay settlement of non-executive employees in various PSUs?

### **Absence of budgetary allocations to produce Green hydrogen**

3723 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that offshore wind and small wind turbines also provide significant opportunity for India's clean energy transition which has remained untapped;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that any incentives or budgetary allocations to produce Green hydrogen were absent from the Budget despite Government's own initiative to develop Centres of Excellence on Offshore Wind power and an ambitious Green hydrogen Policy; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **MUDRA loans disbursed to women**

3724 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the number of MUDRA loans disbursed till date since the implementation of MUDRA Yojana and the total financial allocation of these loans; and
- (b) the details of the loans disbursed to women out of these loans, State-wise?

### **New provision for taxpayers to file updated return**

3725 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that if assessee missed out some income to show in their returns, they have to undergo a very lengthy process of adjudication;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has introduced a new provision permitting taxpayers to file an Updated Return; and
- (d) how will it be beneficial for taxpayers?

### **Investment by small depositors in infrastructure projects**

3726 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning for an Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvIT) model in which small depositors like senior citizens, retired Government officials can invest their savings in infrastructure projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how will it benefit the senior citizens and retired Government officials?

### **Steps taken to increase investment proposals by PSUs**

3727 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether steps have been taken to increase investment proposals by PSUs, as they have taken a dip in April-December cycle when compared with pre-COVID levels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Schemes of the Ministry aimed at financial inclusion**

**3728 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the various active schemes of the Ministry that are aimed at financial inclusion, the details of these schemes and the targeted beneficiaries thereof;
- (b) the year-wise major achievements of respective schemes since financial year 2018-19, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries under each scheme since last three years, the details thereof, State-wise, especially of the North-Eastern States?

### **GST compensation to States**

**3729 Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans/proposal to extend GST compensation to the States for five more years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether Government has any plans to unconditionally increase the borrowing limit of States to five per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) to tide over financial constraints caused by the end of the GST compensation period in 2022?

### **Borrowing limits of States**

**3730 Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Union Government has decided on Kerala Government's demand to hike the borrowing limits of States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Union Government has any plans to increase the Centre's share for welfare pension schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Debt burden of the country**

**3731 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

**Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the details of debt burden of the country at present taken from both foreign and domestic institutions;
- (b) whether India's external and internal debt have witnessed a rapid increase during the recent times, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the amount of money borrowed from major international institutions during the last five year; and
- (d) the quantum of foreign debt repaid by Government since 2014?

### Language communication barrier with local customers

3732 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) employees viz., banks et al posted PAN India may confront a language communication barrier with local customers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to address the limitation; and
- (c) the steps taken to generate awareness on Government programmes?

### NPAs statistics

3733 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) list of all scheduled commercial banks with their Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) as of March 2021, along with the amount of NPAs recovered, amount of written-off NPAs and fresh addition of NPAs in 2020-21; and
- (b) the total amount of NPAs, as of March 2021, of systemically important Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) in the country?

### Growth of Investment rate

3734 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to achieve the objective of increasing the Investment rate to 36 per cent of GDP by 2022-23 as per the Niti Aayog's Strategy for New India report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the annual growth of Investment rate in the country, year-wise from financial year 2014 till date; and
- (d) the annual Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF), year-wise from financial year 2014 till date?

### National Stock Exchange

3735 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that further measures are to be adopted to strengthen the stock exchanges in the light of incidents that occurred in the National Stock Exchange;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response thereto;
- (c) the agencies that are inquiring into the incidents involving the former MD cum CEO of NSE; and
- (d) the preliminary inputs that Government has obtained from various agencies?

### Unclaimed amount available with LIC

3736 **Shri John Brittas:**

**Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) details and quantum of unclaimed amount available with LIC;
- (b) quantum and details of amounts so far transferred by LIC to Senior Citizens Welfare Fund;

- (c) quantum and details of unclaimed amount available with LIC as on date which remains unclaimed for a period not exceeding ten years from due date;
- (d) any instances of keeping the unclaimed policy amount by LIC itself, pertaining to those unclaimed amounts exceeding ten years;
- (e) quantum and year-wise details of unclaimed amounts repaid to policy holders/legal heirs after its transfer to Senior Citizens Welfare Fund; and
- (f) steps being taken to ensure that these unclaimed amounts reach investors?

### **PM Vaya Vandana Yojana**

3737 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has started Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana for senior citizens; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Surya Mitra Programme**

3738 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the number of workers trained under "Surya Mitra" training program to be employed as clean energy workers during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number of persons employed in the new and renewable energy sector as on date, State-wise;
- (c) the number of persons employed in the above sector during 2019, 2020 and 2021, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the fresh efforts taken to expand the new and renewable energy in the country?

### **Revenue collected and shared with Andhra Pradesh**

3739 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has collected ₹ 46,222.64 crores revenue from the State of Andhra Pradesh in 2018-19, ₹ 42,730.48 crores in 2019-20 and ₹ 40,314.07 crores in 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details of revenue Union Government shared with the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the above financial years, year-wise;
- (c) whether less amount was given to Andhra Pradesh, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the estimated revenue that Union Government is collecting from Andhra Pradesh in 2021-22 and the likely revenue that Union Government is going to share with the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

### **Loans to States by Union Government**

3740 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

**Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of the loans given to the States by Union Government since 2014, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of the repayment of the principal and interest by the States to the Government since 2014, State-wise and year-wise;

- (c) the details of the total outstanding public debt of the States including external debt, if any, State-wise; and
- (d) the fiscal deficit of all the States since financial year 2013-14, State-wise and year-wise?

### **Financial package announced and operationalised in the wake of COVID-19**

3741 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the total quantum of the financial package announced and operationalised by Government to bail out the economy in the wake of COVID-19;
- (b) the exact quantum of the monetary component of the said package;
- (c) the exact monetary component of the said packages respectively; and
- (d) the extent to which the Indian financial stimulus has helped to revive the Indian economy along with the details of quantification, sector-wise?

### **Update on 14th and 15th Finance Commission**

3742 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the reasons why the Ministry has not released the balance of performance grant allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu under the 14th Finance Commission even though all conditions have been complied with;
- (b) whether the Ministry has data on how much of the State specific grants for each States from the 15th Finance Commission has been allocated, especially to Tamil Nadu, the reasons for variation especially to Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Illegal import of cigarettes**

3743 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence studies show that cigarettes are the third most illegally imported item and an estimated 25 per cent of cigarettes consumed in the country are smuggled cigarettes;
- (b) as illegal cigarettes do not carry statutory health warnings, is this not a bigger health hazard and loss to the exchequer;
- (c) the steps, if any, Government has taken so far to curb smuggling of illegal cigarettes;
- (d) further steps in Government's assessment that can curb smuggling of illegal import of cigarettes; and
- (e) the estimated loss to the exchequer due to the illegal import of cigarettes?

### **Tax collected from individual taxpayers**

3744 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the details of the tax collected by Government from the individual taxpayers during the last three years;
- (b) the number of these taxpayers and the details of the outstanding amount against them during the said period; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to collect tax from these taxpayers?

### **Complaints against senior officers of corporate houses**

**3745 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received complaints against senior officers of corporate houses for not disclosing purchase of shares worth crores under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details of shares purchased by these officers of their company but not intimated to SEBI during the last five years, as per complaints; and
- (c) what enforcement action SEBI is contemplating against corporate houses/individuals under the SEBI Act, 1992 with the details and value of undisclosed shares purchased without intimating SEBI/NSE/BSE, company-wise?

### **Lack of transparency in writing off bad loans**

**3746 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 11.68 lakh of bad loans have been written off in the fiscal that ended in March 2021;
- (b) if so, the details of such loans written-off, bank-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is no transparency in the process as the loans of big defaulters are normally written-off while small borrowers do not get any mercy from the banks; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and what is the percentage of written-off loans between big defaulters and small borrowers?

### **Indian fugitives associated with financial scams**

**3747 Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any data on the total number of Indian fugitives associated with financial scams, misappropriations and bank fraud cases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to grant protection to the fugitives if they agree to refund the money and they be not arrested on returning back to the country?

### **Privatisation of CPSUs**

**3748 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the list of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) privatised or disinvested since 2014;
- (b) the details of the estimated disinvestment proceeds and the actual receipts from the disinvestment of the above mentioned CPSUs;
- (c) the percentage of shortfall in disinvestment receipts of the above mentioned CPSUs;
- (d) the details of the CPSUs Government plans to disinvest in future;
- (e) whether Government has prepared any road map for the proposed disinvestment; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?



### Sale and encashment of Electoral Bonds

3749 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the details regarding the sale and encashment/redeeming of Electoral Bonds since 2017, party and year-wise till date;
- (b) whether complaints have been received about irregularities and pressures in issuing Electoral Bonds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the future action plan in this regard?

### Digital economy

3750 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether the digital economy in the country is expected to reach 800 billion dollars by the year 2030;
- (b) the details of the major factors contributing to the digital economy; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to further simplify the digitization process and make it accessible to the masses?

### Curbing black money circulation in the real estate sector

3751 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to reduce the circulation of black money in the real estate sector; and
- (b) the impact of the steps taken so far, including the percentage reduction in black money circulation in the sector?

### Land from Andhra Pradesh for banks and insurance companies

3752 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government had received any parcel/piece of land from State Government of Andhra Pradesh in connection with banks and insurance companies viz., State Bank of India, NABARD, LIC, Bank of India, Andhra Bank, NIACL, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the terms and conditions on which the piece/parcel of land were received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government has completed the formalities for which the parcel/piece of land were received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh in 2017 and 2018;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Loans disbursed under KCC

3753 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of the loans disbursed under Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the last three years in the country including Karnataka, along with the number of loans above three lakhs among them, State/year-wise;

- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the maximum limit of loan under KCC scheme in view of the increasing expenditure of farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor indicating the present maximum limit of loans; and
- (d) the total number of farmers covered under the KCC scheme in Karnataka during the said period, along with the number of applications pending at present?

#### **New AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and Bibinagar in Telangana**

**3754 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the progress of setting up of new AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and Bibinagar in Telangana;
- (b) whether any feasibility report or Detailed Project Report has been prepared, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress of acquisition of land from the respective State Government;
- (d) the total estimated amount for the setting up of these two institutions, State-wise; and
- (e) by what time, the institutions would be fully operational?

#### **Funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh under Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

**3755 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the details of the Heads and the amount of funds allocated under them in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana by Union Government under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana during the last three years;
- (b) the number of patients benefitted under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in those States and the amount of funds allocated by Union Government for the same and the amount of funds targetted to be allocated from State's Head; and
- (c) the details of the number of families registered so far under the said scheme and the number of families remaining to be registered, district-wise?

#### **Status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**

**3756 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the status of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana which is also known as Ayushman Bharat Yojana;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries since its inception, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of the States which have withdrawn from it and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the degree of success felt in this programme and room for improvement?

#### **National Health Mission in Gujarat**

**3757 Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to assess and monitor the progress of the National Health Mission (NHM) scheme in Gujarat in the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any new initiative to strengthen the health system in Gujarat based on the results of the survey to monitor the NHM scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Shortage of medical colleges and medical teachers**

3758 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of medical colleges and medical teachers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment of the required number of doctors in each State of the country; and
- (d) if so, the required number of doctors in each State and their shortage in each State?

### **National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment**

3759 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has made any assessment of the programme, and if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the financial support extended for the programme during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether all the States are properly implementing the programme to reduce the prevalence of blindness, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check the rising number of cases of blindness in the country?

### **Pending enquiry against doctor in RML hospital**

3760 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question no. 241 given in Rajya Sabha on 17.03.2020 and state:

- (a) what does the Vigilance Manual stipulate for giving clearance to the officer against whom the enquiry is pending;
- (b) the decision of the competent authority in the matter; and
- (c) whether the principles of natural justice was followed in the matter of granting VRS to the officer while accepting VRS?

### **Corruption in Ayushman Bharat Scheme**

3761 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) how many cases of corruption have been unearthed so far in the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;
- (b) how many investigations have been carried out and in how many hospitals;
- (c) the total penalty levied on them and how many hospitals have been delisted from the scheme; and
- (d) the civil and criminal actions that have been taken on the corruption cases?

### **Nursing college in AIIMS Mangalagiri**

3762 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nursing college was supposed to start in AIIMS, Mangalagiri;
- (b) if so, the reasons that so far Nursing college has not been started; and
- (c) by when Government is going to start Nursing college in AIIMS, Mangalagiri?

### **Increase of public health spending to reduce Out of Pocket Expenditure**

3763 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that as per the Economic Survey 2020-21, increased public health spending can reduce Out of Pocket Expenditure from 65 per cent to 35 per cent;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to increase public health spending, considering there is an increase in Out of Pocket Expenditure in 8 out of 17 States covered by National Family Health Survey-5; and
- (c) whether Government will be able to achieve the target of increasing the public health spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2025, as set forth by the National Health Policy, 2017?

### **Forced or illegal surrogacy cases in the country**

3764 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) how many illegal cases of surrogacy have been reported in the country during the last three years and the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has reported cases of forced surrogacy by family members, if so, the number of such reported cases, and the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of reported surrogacy cases in the country during the last three years and the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Support for patients of rare diseases**

3765 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the number of lives that have been lost because of rare diseases in the country during the last five years;
- (b) the amount of money that has been collected from crowdfunding to support such patients and the details thereof; and
- (c) the support extended under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi during the last three years and the details thereof?

### **Operational status of oxygen plants**

3766 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the operational status of oxygen plants sanctioned by Union Government since March 2020; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases & Stroke**

**3767 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

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

- (a) the progress made by the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke in the country;
- (b) whether enough doctors and other health personnel are available to undertake the screening, diagnosing and management of these diseases;
- (c) the steps being taken to tackle these diseases which account for over 42 per cent of all deaths due to diseases; and
- (d) whether the country has enough diagnostic equipments and clinics for these diseases?

**Adulteration in honey**

**3768 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that adulteration of honey is dangerous for health;
- (b) the steps taken to stop adulteration of honey;
- (c) how many producers and distributors have been found guilty of adulteration;
- (d) the mechanism to testify the presence of adulterant in honey; and
- (e) the most common adulterant found in honey?

**Shortage of nurses in the country**

**3769 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of nurses in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of nurses required for the Indian population according to the standard parameters;
- (c) whether there is paucity of nurses in the country in view of the growing health sector; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to overcome it?

**PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana**

**3770 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) whether the targeted output of adding 400 specialty departments across Government Medical Colleges, under the PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana scheme has been met, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the targeted outcome of adding 7500 beds/bed capacity across 13 AIIMS, has been met, if so, the details of these additions, specialty/super specialty-wise for all State AIIMS; and
- (c) whether Union Government has taken any steps to address the shortage of faculty and non-faculty posts in the six Phase 1 AIIMS, if so, the details thereof?

### **Adulteration in Ghee processing**

**3771 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Ghee is being manufactured from animal's fat in certain areas;
- (b) whether Government has any data regarding the ghee adulterers arrested in the past two years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is proposing to bring a legislation to counter that menace, if so, the details thereof?

### **Procurement of COVID-19 vaccines by private sector**

**3772 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether the private health care sector has procured COVID-19 vaccines under the private sector quota, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has generated revenue by selling vaccines to the private sector, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Medical education in Ukraine**

**3773 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether all Indians who had to leave their medical education in Ukraine midway, in the wake of the crisis will be accommodated in Indian colleges;
- (b) whether due to limited seats in India, Government of India will talk to other countries for the admission of students so that they can complete their education; and
- (c) whether all those who paid comparatively lesser fees in Ukraine should get commensurate discounts in Indian private colleges?

### **Medical students studying abroad**

**3774 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether apart from Ukraine, which are the other countries that host Indian medical students and whether Government has a list of students studying medicine abroad;
- (b) whether action is being taken on Hon'ble PM's recent pronouncement of incentivising the private sector for setting up of medical institutions in the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that at 596, India has the largest number of undergraduate medical colleges and yet the smallest number of medical seats, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Hon'ble PM has hinted that liberalisation of medical education as against the current commercialisation may be the solution and whether Government has prepared a road map?

### **Guidelines for Haemoglobinopathy**

**3775 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) the time when the guideline for Haemoglobinopathy was issued under National Health

Mission;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring any new guideline for haemoglobinopathy at present; and

(c) if so, by when the new guideline is likely to be issued and the details thereof?

#### **Guidelines for the inoculation of children below 18 years**

3776 **Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

(a) the guidelines/regulatory mechanism introduced by Government regarding the inoculation of children below 18 years; and

(b) the total number of target group and how many children in the target group have been vaccinated till date?

#### **Increase in MBBS seats**

3777 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

(a) the details of number of doctors in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of MBBS seats in the country as on date, State-wise;

(c) the details of increase in MBBS seats during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the details of increase in medical aspirants during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, year-wise and State-wise?

#### **Deaths due to Tuberculosis**

3778 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

(a) the number of TB patients in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of deaths due to TB in the country during 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether there is a substantial increase in deaths due to TB in the country during the recent years;

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

(e) the reasons therefor?

#### **Funds allocated to Tamil Nadu under Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

3779 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

(a) the details of the Heads and the amount of funds allocated under them in Tamil Nadu by Union Government under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana during the last three years;

(b) the number of patients benefitted under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the State and the amount of funds allocated by Union Government for the same and the amount of funds targetted to be allocated from the State's Head; and

(c) the district-wise details of the number of families registered so far under the said scheme and the number of families remaining to be registered, district-wise?

### **COVID-19 infection and deaths among children below 18 years**

**3780 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) the number of children below the age of 18 years who have been infected by COVID-19 since the start of the disease, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the number of children below the age of 18 years who have died from COVID-19 infection since the start of the disease, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has set any deadline to vaccinate all below the age of 18 years against COVID-19; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **National Digital Health Mission**

**3781 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the status of implementation of the National Digital Health Mission, along with the details of people registered and those who have received Health ID under the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) Scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the amount spent under NDHM Scheme during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Ministry has started any awareness campaign to make people aware of the benefits of the NDHM Scheme, and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to expand NDHM across all the States, if so, the timeline set by Government for the same?

### **Studies for assessment of access to medical health care services**

**3782 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether there are any studies that account for factors such as out of pocket expenditure, distance, time and costs to access medical services, assurance of medical aid in accessing medical services in the country;
- (b) the steps being taken to remove the psychological barriers in accessing health care; and
- (c) the amount of money disbursed for the same so far?

### **Health of adolescents in the country**

**3783 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government has analysed the issues relating to the health of adolescents in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is aware that nutritional disorders, malnutrition as well as obesity are the main issues being faced by the adolescents in the country, if so, the details thereof, and the action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether Government has initiated any action to resolve substance abuse and stress among adolescents in the country and if so, the details thereof?



### **Mother-Child Tracking System**

**3784 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether the Mother-Child Tracking System (MCTS) provides Government data on home births in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the percentage of total number of caesareans in Government and private hospitals, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the State/UT-wise coverage of the Janani Suraksha Yojana;
- (d) the State/UT-wise percentage of children who did not receive full immunisation during the pandemic years 2019-2022, and steps taken for immunising such children; and
- (e) whether there exists data discrepancy between MCTS and the Health Management Information System, and if so, reasons therefor and steps taken to correct the data distortion?

### **Vacancies in various institutions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

**3785 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the details of the various institutions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;
- (b) the number of vacant posts in each institution; and
- (c) the number of recruitments done in each of the institutions, year-wise since 2017?

### **Fund allocation to the health sector in the Union Budget**

**3786 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the per cent of GDP that has been allocated to the health sector in the Union Budget, year-wise since 2014;
- (b) the percentage contribution by the Union Government, the State Governments and the private sector separately out of the total expenditure in health sector in the country, the details thereof since 2017; and
- (c) the per cent of the State GDP that has been allocated to the health sector by each of the State Governments, State-wise and year-wise since 2017?

### **Public health system**

**3787 Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the number of Primary Health Centers, Community Health Centers, Sub-District/Divisional Hospitals(SDHs), District Hospitals(DHs) and Central Government run hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise as uploaded by the State/UTs on the HMIS portal of the Ministry;
- (b) the total number of doctors, nurses, health workers and allied health professionals employed in these medical establishments and for Central Government operated medical establishments, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of vacancies in these medical establishments, State-wise and for Central Government operated medical establishments; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve the number and quality of medical professionals in the public health system?

### **Diagnosis of mental health issues post COVID-19**

**3788 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether people who had COVID were 39 per cent more likely to be diagnosed with depression and 35 per cent more likely to be diagnosed with anxiety over the months following infection than people without COVID-19 during the same period;
- (b) whether Government has taken cognizance of the reports stating that patients with severe COVID-19 infections are likely to be diagnosed with mental health issues;
- (c) whether Government is maintaining records of the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government aims to modify the guidelines and primary care offered to the COVID patients in the light of recent findings?

### **Medical colleges in the country**

**3789 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has proposed to set up 157 new medical colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that so far, only 45 medical colleges have been set up;
- (c) the details of the location of the other 112 medical colleges that are going to be set up, the present status and by when these colleges will become functional; and
- (d) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal requesting Government of India for permission to set up 15 medical colleges and, if so, the status of the same?

### **WHO's recommendation for the implementation of Front of Package Labelling**

**3790 Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- (a) the effort Government is taking to regulate the quality of the products with the increase in packed food being consumed by a large section of our population ;
- (b) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends the implementation of Front of Package Labelling as one of the best buy measures as it shows the contents used in the making of the said packed food; and
- (c) by when does Government plan to universally implement WHO's advice on the packed products?

### **Anaemia in women and children**

**3791 Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the reasons for the increase in Anaemia among the women and children as per the National Family Health Survey 2019-20;
- (b) the steps that have been taken by Government to reduce Anaemia since 2014 and fund utilised for the same, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for lowest rate of Anaemia in North Eastern States such as Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Sikkim; and
- (d) the details of the steps Government proposes to take to further strengthen programmes to reduce the prevalence of Anaemia?

### **Cases registered under the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2020**

**3792 Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that verbal threats and abuses to health care service personnel are not covered by the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2020;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the number of cases registered and the number of people convicted of an offence under the Act since its implementation, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of the amount of compensation paid by the convicts to the victims under the Act since its implementation, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the number of cases compounded by the victims under the Act since its implementation?

### **National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly**

**3793 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated a National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) and if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the programme;
- (b) whether any measures are taken by Government to promote research on diseases affecting the elderly and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other initiatives and programmes implemented by Government for easy access to the preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care by the elderly?

### **Establishment of the satellite centre of AIIMS Bhubaneswar at Balasore**

**3794 Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the present status and physical progress of phase-II construction of Multi-Specialty Hospital of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar's satellite centre at Balasore;
- (b) the details of sanctioned fund and expenditure made so far; and
- (c) the target timeline by when this project will be completed?

### **Functional AIIMS in the country**

**3795 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the number of AIIMS which were functional in the country apart from AIIMS, New Delhi prior to the year 2013;
- (b) the number of AIIMS that have been built in the country after the year 2013 till date and the number of AIIMS which are functional;
- (c) whether AIIMS Rishikesh, Jodhpur, Raipur, Patna, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Raebareli and Gorakhpur have all the facilities which are available in AIIMS, New Delhi;
- (d) the number of new AIIMS to be opened for which proposal has been approved by Government during the year 2021-22; and
- (e) the details thereof?

### **Incentives and support for solar energy generation and usage**

3796 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the incentives and support provided by Government for solar energy generation and usage both at commercial and domestic levels; and
- (b) the degree of success found through this initiative?

### **Electricity production from renewable and non-renewable sources**

3797 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the details of electricity production from renewable and non-renewable sources in the country during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise;
- (b) whether any new wind station, hydro power project and solar station has been set up by Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to take any measure to increase the production of electricity by renewable sources; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Solar energy consumption in Karnataka**

3798 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 20 per cent of daily power needs of the State of Karnataka is met by solar energy with the largest solar energy generation plants installed in the State, if so, the action plans initiated to reduce the power generation dependency on coal; and
- (b) the steps taken to increase the power generation capacity in Karnataka and also any policies or measures formulated to increase the solar power consumption in other States of the country?

### **Setting up renewable energy parks in the country**

3799 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up renewable energy parks in the country as a part of Make in India initiative to boost self sufficiency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any such parks have been proposed to be established in the country, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Hydrogen as fuel source**

3800 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of research work to develop hydrogen as fuel source and the details of the funds spent/allocated/released for the same during the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has any estimated timeline as to when the research will be

completed; and  
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Private investment in renewable energy**

**3801 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up more solar, tidal, wind and biomass energy generating units in the country through private investments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the amount invested by the private investors in each State, project-wise since 2014-15;
- (d) the power generated through solar, tidal, wind and biomass energy generating units during the last six years till date, State-wise; and
- (e) the target fixed for generation of power through each category of power projects in each State through public and private investment for the next three years?

### **Development of tidal energy**

**3802 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

**Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government plans to dedicate any funds to the development of tidal energy from the Budget of the Ministry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to assess the practically exploitable potential of tidal, wave and ocean thermal power in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to undertake a pilot tidal power project in any location in the country in general and in Andhra Pradesh in particular; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Floating solar power project in Himachal Pradesh**

**3803 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) the number of times the Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd. raised its bid for 15 MW grid connected floating solar power in Himachal Pradesh which is proposed in Bilaspur, the details thereof;
- (b) whether this plant would be set up based on Build-own-Operate model;
- (c) whether the successful bidder would enter into an agreement with the Bhakra Beas Management Board for purchasing power; and
- (d) if so, for how many years this agreement would be entered into?

### **Public Private Partnership for Green hydrogen**

**3804 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has entered into Public Private Partnerships focused on advancing Green hydrogen infrastructure to support more transportation energy options for Indian consumers;
- (b) if so, the details of the total proposed investment; and
- (c) the incentives Government has offered to reduce the cost of electrolyser units to make

Green hydrogen cost competitive?

### **Manufacturing capacity of solar modules**

3805 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

- (a) the total manufacturing capacity of solar modules in the country;
- (b) whether Indian manufacturers have facility to set up vertically integrated e.g. Polysilicon through Ingots-wafers-cells-final product solar module;
- (c) if not, how India is going to get material/equipment/systems if Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) does not include overseas manufacturers;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to postpone implementation of ALMM, until inspection for overseas are done;
- (e) whether ALMM is mandatory for States jurisdiction based solar projects or only for projects under jurisdiction of Union Government; and
- (f) the plans to complete ALMM inspection overseas?

### **Incentives on investments in solar/wind power plants**

3806 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans of increasing the incentives and sops on the investments made in solar/wind power plants to make them eco-friendly; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Waste based energy projects**

3807 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the details of waste based energy projects running in the country along with the power generation capacity of each of these projects;
- (b) whether any company has been granted permission by Government to generate energy from waste during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Wind energy generation in Tamil Nadu**

3808 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether Union Government has any specific schemes to tap the 35 gigawatts offshore wind energy potential that exists off the Tamil Nadu coast, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Union Government has conducted any Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) as installation of offshore wind turbines to tap energy can have adverse environmental impact, including the potential to reduce, fragment or degrade the habitat for wildlife, fish and plants; and
- (c) if so, the details of EIA study thereof?

### **Losses in solar energy production due to air pollutants**

3809 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that urban haze due to air pollutants is reducing atmospheric irradiance potential and leading to losses of about one-third of solar energy production in major cities;
- (b) whether any assessment of gap in revenue/solar energy lost due to high air pollutants has been done, and if so, the details thereof, and if not, whether any city-wise/national assessment exercise is planned; and
- (c) whether any collaboration is being done/planned between the Ministry and the MoEFCC for minimising the impact of pollutants on solar energy production, and if so, the details thereof?

### **Solar panels at subsidized rates**

**3810 Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether there is any policy to offer solar panels at subsidised rates for educational and religious institutions, and NGOs;
- (b) if so, the expected budget required to carry out the policy; and
- (c) whether Government is willing to take steps, if such a policy does not exist?

### **Bio-gas plants set up in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong**

**3811 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the number of Bio-gas plants set up in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to set up more such Bio-gas plants in the two districts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Piracy in high seas and danger for shipping**

**3812 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of pirate attacks in high seas on Indian vessels;
- (b) the damage both in terms of human as well as material, due to such attacks;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to deal with this situation; and
- (d) the degree of success found through Government initiatives so far?

### **Development of inland waterways**

**3813 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

the State-wise details of the new inland waterways launched during the last five years, the financial expenditure made by Government in construction of these waterways and the financial benefit Government is likely to gain in the future against the expenses made?

### **Dry ports in the country**

**3814 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the total number of dry ports in the country along with operational capacity currently,

State-wise;

- (b) the number of dry ports being constructed across the country, their estimated date of completion and the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken to speed up the construction of the dry ports and the details thereof?

### **Waterways in Maharashtra**

**3815 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the number of proposals received by Government with regard to the development of Waterways in Maharashtra in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (b) the implementation details of the above-mentioned Waterways projects?

### **Shipping crisis**

**3816 Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) whether Government sees the easing of international port congestion after a very problematic year;
- (b) whether there is any visible improvement in the availability of international containers and equipment thereof; and
- (c) the immediate impact of the Ukraine crisis on international and Indian shipping?

### **Reusing of ships**

**3817 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any plan to reuse ships for different purposes within the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, regarding the basis of estimation and the process involved;
- (c) whether Government has carried out any investigation to identify if decommissioned ships contain any hazardous chemical before coming to the Breaking Yard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has defined who constitutes the investigation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, regarding what criteria are included in the definition?

### **Private investment in maritime infrastructure**

**3818 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the share of private investment in the Indian maritime infrastructure such as major ports, non-major ports and inland waterways;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps, such as rationalizing taxes, to attract foreign companies, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to provide financing to the private sector for the modernisation of non-major ports, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has created any specialized Maritime fund to support inland waterway operations and vessel financing through the PPP model, if so, the details thereof?



### **Vizhinjam International Deepwater Multipurpose Seaport**

**3819 Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) details of currently operational ports in the country which are having facilities to dock Mother Ships and the number of Mother Ships that can be docked at a time in such ports;
- (b) whether Vizhinjam Port will have berths to dock Mother Ships, once it becomes operational;
- (c) if so, the number of Mother Ships that can be docked at the Vizhinjam Port at a time; and
- (d) reasons for non-classification of Vizhinjam Port as Major Port under Sagarmala Programme or any other suitable schemes so as to render financial assistance by Government for providing last mile rail connectivity to the port?

### **Port connectivity projects**

**3820 Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) the progress made in the construction project of four lane road to Krishnapatnam port from Naidupeta in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized till now;
- (c) the progress made on the construction project of the four lane coastal road from Gangavaram Port to Visakhapatnam Port; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and utilized till now?

### **Pushing maritime export in Andhra Pradesh**

**3821 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of Government's Act East Policy, Andhra Pradesh is placed strategically on eastern side of the country which helps to push maritime exports;
- (b) whether it has come to notice of Union Government that Government of Andhra Pradesh is determined to push cargo handling from the present 100 million tons to 400 million tons by 2024 by undertaking construction of 4 ports and 8 fishing harbours; and
- (c) if so, manner in which Union Government is extending a helping hand to the State to achieve the goal which will also help in pushing exports?

### **Overcharging for freight containers**

**3822 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Moradabad Handicrafts Associations shared the problem of overcharging by the shipping lines for freight containers; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to control the price charged by the shipping lines and shortage of freight containers?

### **Passenger ship service to Lakshadweep Islands**

**3823 Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the number of passenger ship

services to Lakshadweep Islands;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of number of passenger ship services and number of passengers towards various islands of Lakshadweep, year-wise for the last five years; and

(d) whether Government is considering to increase the number of passenger ships towards Lakshadweep Islands as per the demand?

### **Plan to connect cities with ports through rivers**

**3824 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

(a) whether there is a plan to connect the cities situated on the banks of major rivers with ports through rivers; and

(b) if so, the total number of rivers and cities in the country which have been selected for this?

### **Water transport towards Varanasi**

**3825 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

(a) the actual status of the water transportation from Prayagraj to Varanasi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme of building waterway between Haldia-Varanasi with the technical and financial assistance from World Bank is hanging in balance due to river Ganga being shallow between Prayagraj and Varanasi, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to review the failure of the said scheme?

### **SAUBHAGYA Scheme**

**3826 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

(a) the details of the works done in the State of Gujarat under SAUBHAGYA scheme;

(b) the amount sanctioned and allotted and the amount spent for this work during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of households given electricity connections in Gujarat in the last five years; and

(d) how many villages of the country including Gujarat are to be supplied electricity at present?

### **Losses incurred by DISCOMS**

**3827 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) the details of losses incurred by DISCOMS since last bailout package given by the Ministry, State DISCOM-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is going to give ₹ 90,000 crores to DISCOMS to take care of their technical and commercial losses;

(c) the reasons that DISCOMS are incurring the above losses;

(d) the details of conditions put by the Ministry to avail the above ₹ 90,000 crores financial help from the Ministry; and

(e) the details of the States that have installed prepaid smart meters?

### Efforts to meet the rise in demand for Power

3828 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study on the expected surge in the demand for Power in the country by 2030, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India's current installed capacity of wind and thermal energy are expected to meet the country's electricity demand by 2030;
- (d) whether new renewable energy Power projects are being developed so as to meet increasing clean energy power demand, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Heavy cross-subsidy in the power sector

3829 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) the current per unit price charged to industrial, commercial, domestic and agricultural customers, and comparable international prices of the same;
- (b) the quantum of cross-subsidy that is given out in the process;
- (c) whether Government is cognizant of the fact that due to high rate charged to industrial users, they have opted to run separate lines on their own, if so, the details thereof, including the number of industrial units that have stopped receiving power from State-run DISCOMS in the country; and
- (d) the steps that Government is taking to rationalise these rates and prevent the migration of such customers?

### Power for All by 2022

3830 **Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to meet its promise of providing 24x7 electricity supply to all by 2022;
- (b) if so, the details of progress made as on date, and if not, the reasons therefor, including setting up of a revised target and/or deadline; and
- (c) the average daily power supply in rural areas and urban areas in all States and Union Territories year-wise from 2014 till date?

### Financial assistance for Reverse Pumped Storage Project in Upper Sileru, Visakhapatnam

3831 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to offer 30 per cent financial assistance in Reverse Pumped Storage Project in Upper Sileru, Visakhapatnam; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Kudgi and Vallur Thermal Power Plants

3832 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government has considered the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to surrender the thermal power allocation to Kudgi and Vallur Thermal Power Plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Coal-fired power plants**

**3833 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) the total number of coal-fired power plants in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is planning to establish more coal powered plants;
- (c) if so, whether any location has been identified for the same;
- (d) whether Government is planning to cut down the usage of coal in relation to 2030 goal set by Government with regard to climate change; and
- (e) if so, the results thereof?

#### **Transmission sector in the country**

**3834 Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of investments, both national and international, that have gone into the transmission sector, and whether there is an under-investment;
- (b) the share of private sector enterprises that operate in the transmission sector, including the details of those enterprises that operate in the inter-State transmission of power;
- (c) the details of delayed transmission projects in the country including cost and time overruns estimated for each; and
- (d) the reforms that have been carried out in the transmission sector, and the proposed amendments pertaining to the sector that have been dropped from the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021?

#### **Permissions to new coal based power plants in the country**

**3835 Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any policy proposal to stop issuing new permissions to coal based power plants in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has any policy proposal for time bound closure of already existing coal based power plants to honour its commitment to UN to contain global climate change, if so, the details of timeline thereof?

#### **Installation of hydroelectric power plants across the country**

**3836 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) the details of plans proposed by Government for the installation of hydroelectric power plants across the country with the objective of reducing pollution, State-wise;
- (b) the details of hydroelectric and thermal power plants installed in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, district-wise; and
- (c) the details of progress of such projects undertaken in Tamil Nadu and the estimated time frame within which these are likely to be completed?

### **Rise in the demand for electricity**

3837 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to fulfill the demand of electricity keeping in view that the demand of electricity is likely to increase three times between the year 2018 to 2040; and
- (b) whether the less investment in inefficient transmission system in Government power plants, lower price of electricity, extreme loss to distribution companies, declining water level in addition to cheap rate electricity are major challenges of power production sector in the country, if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

### **Outstanding debt of power distribution companies**

3838 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are large outstanding dues of power distribution companies towards Central and State power generation stations, IPPs and renewable energy generators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with details of the outstanding debt and total amount recovered till date, of the top ten power DISCOMS;
- (c) the main reasons for the large outstanding dues and the steps being taken to recover the same; and
- (d) the impact, short and long term, of this surmounting debt, both on the power sector and on the common consumer?

### **Coal stock in thermal power plants**

3839 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government's guidelines mandate thermal power projects to stock coal for 14 days to avoid any crisis;
- (b) if so, the reasons that many thermal power plants are not abiding by this and keeping stocks only for 2-3 days;
- (c) the reasons that there is coal shortage and the thermal power plants and States are running helter-skelter for coal; and
- (d) the present status of coal production, supply and imports?

### **Policy Advocacy Arm**

3840 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the objective of the Policy Advocacy Arm; and
- (b) the benefits that it would accrue to the common man, the details thereof?

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