

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 15, 2022/ 24 Phalgun, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Ayush; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Power)

Total number of questions -- 160

Setting up AYUSH hospitals in Uttarakhand

1441 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether there is any special scheme to set up more AYUSH hospitals or centres in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of proposals received for setting up various AYUSH hospitals or centres in Uttarakhand and the details of action taken and progress made thereon ; and
- (d) the details of procedure and exemptions regarding setting up AYUSH hospitals in Uttarakhand?

Cultivation and promotion of medicinal plants

1442 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the number of farmers who cultivate medicinal plants and are availing subsidy scheme for growing 140 prioritized plants and the total amount spent for subsidy during the last five years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to publicize and popularize the medicinal plants component under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) among farmers in the country; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to encourage the development of cultivation clusters for medicinal plants?

Promotion of Ayurvedic cosmetic products

1443 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether authoritative Ayurvedic texts are replete with references on cosmetic combinations which have absolutely no side effects in comparison to chemical based cosmetic products available in the market;
- (b) if so, whether scientific studies followed by clinical trials have been conducted by Government controlled or aided scientific research institutions of the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not taking any initiative which would not only generate direct and indirect employment but also the people would be able to get fairly inexpensive cosmetic products?

Ayush Aahar Yojana

1444 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched 'Ayush Aahar Yojana' to promote nutritious diet and a healthy life, and the salient features of the said scheme;
- (b) whether Government proposes to start the same for common people and if so, by when; and
- (c) the programs which are being run by Government to help common people in their lifestyle?

Integration of traditional medicine with modern system of medicine

1445 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan for integrating traditional medicine with the modern system of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to adopt a comprehensive and specific course of action to re-discover the glorious past of AYUSH systems that reigned and ruled the world health care system?

National AYUSH Mission in West Bengal

1446 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH facilities co-located at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs), State-wise;
- (b) the number of AYUSH educational institutes upgraded under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) in the State of West Bengal;
- (c) the number of operational AYUSH drug testing laboratories located in the State of West Bengal; and
- (d) the details of the medicinal plants being cultivated in the State of West Bengal?

Promotion of Yoga through electronic medium

1447 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the details of the efforts made by Government to promote Yoga through electronic medium; and
- (b) the details of the measures taken by Government to make Yoga adoptable and popular in the country and abroad during the last five years?

Promotion of traditional system of medicine

1448 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) whether Government is making efforts to set up regulatory mechanism, quality education and research in order to promote traditional system of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken in this regard particularly for the North Eastern States?

Setting up Panchkarma block at CARI, Guwahati

1449 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a Panchkarma block at the Central Ayurvedic Research Institute (CARI) at Guwahati at a cost of ₹ 20 crores and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to develop Ayurvedic pharmacy in different States of the country under the 'Ayurswasthya' scheme and if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Proposal to set up separate department for Siddha medicine

1450 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal to constitute a separate department for Siddha medicine under the Ayush Ministry, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government will start the already proposed Siddha college outside the district of Chennai in the northern districts of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Farmer suicides due to fertiliser shortage

1451 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that several farmers have committed suicide in the Bundelkhand region owing to fertiliser shortage in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that due to the shortage of fertilisers, fertilisers are being sold at exorbitant rates in the black market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Janaushadhi centres in Andhra Pradesh

1452 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) centres are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) whether Government has identified any places and has any plan of opening new PMBJP centres in the State; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being made to set up the said centres at the earliest?

CSR funds of National Fertilizers Limited

1453 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the CSR budget of National Fertilizers Limited since 2014 till date, year-wise;
- (b) the funds approved for environment, clean drinking water and other social works under the Raghogarh tehsil of Guna district from the CSR fund by National Fertilizers Limited, Vijaypur, Madhya Pradesh since 2014 till date, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of works completed and those yet to be completed with the sanctioned amount from the CSR funds?

Shortage of fertilizers in Chhattisgarh

1454 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government has come to know about any kind of protest organised by the farmers due to shortage of fertilizers in Chhattisgarh, if so, the steps being taken by Government to end this crisis as soon as possible;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the fact that black marketing of fertilizers is being done in various districts of Chhattisgarh due to its shortage; and
- (c) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to curb this black marketing and if not, the reasons therefor?

DAP and urea quota for Bihar

1455 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) the separate DAP and urea quota allocated and released for Bihar during Rabi season from November 2021 to February 2022;
- (b) the reasons for not supplying the allocated quota of each month in the same month;
- (c) the total subsidy of fertilizer supplied to Bihar during this period; and
- (d) the number of raids conducted to stop black marketing and the number of licenses which were cancelled during this period in Bihar?

PCPIR project at Paradip

1456 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petro Chemicals Investment Region (PCPIR) policy at present envisages Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under PPP Mode and whether the Ministry has received proposal from the State Government of Odisha for funding the same in shape of grant instead of VGF for successful implementation of the PCPIR Project at Paradip; and
- (b) the status of the request?

Sale of adulterated and spurious fertilizers in the open market

1457 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) whether a large quantity of adulterated and spurious fertilizers are still available for sale in the open market and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has authorized any agency for investigation in this regard;
- (c) if so, the name of the said agency and the details of investigations carried out, along with the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to address the issue?

Import of fertilizers

1458 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the current requirement of chemical fertilizers in the country and the steps taken by Government to promote organic fertilizers;
- (b) the current import requirement of fertilizers in the country;
- (c) the countries from which fertilizers are imported; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to create awareness among the farmers against the side effects of use of chemical fertilizers?

Information regarding PMBJP

1459 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the current status of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana and the details of the action plan for its expansion in the future;
- (b) the number of PM Janaushadhi centres which are functioning properly in the country particularly in Rajasthan; and
- (c) the details of the drugs to be sold under this scheme?

Accident at HURL, Sindri

1460 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether an accident has occurred at the Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited, Sindri, Jharkhand due to security lapse; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government for better management of this factory?

Promotion of Janaushadhi Kendras

1461 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to promote Janaushadhi Kendras among the people since the cost of medicines available in such outlets are priced 50 per cent-90 per cent less than the branded medicines;
- (b) the strict measures Government has taken to ensure that Government and private medical practitioners prescribe the medicines on prescriptions as per their chemical composition and not by brand name; and
- (c) the steps Government proposes to take to add more generic medicines and equipment for sale from Janaushadhi Kendras?

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana

1462 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana is a scheme that provides quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how many Janaushadhi Kendras are functional, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the plan to ensure national coverage under the scheme in 2022-23; and

(e) the State-wise budget expenditure on the Janaushadhi Kendras in years 2020-21 and 2021-22?

Bulk Drug Parks Scheme

1463 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the details of proposals received from various States, including Andhra Pradesh, for setting up of Bulk Drug Park under Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks (BDPs) Scheme;
- (b) the number of BDPs going to be created;
- (c) the details of criteria being adopted to identify the places for establishing BDP; and
- (d) whether proposal from any State has been initiated and, if so, the details thereof?

Requirement of fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh

1464 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) details of fertilizer requirement, including urea for Andhra Pradesh during the ongoing Rabi season and forthcoming Kharif season from June/July;
- (b) details of demand made by the State and status of supply of the same during the present Rabi season, fertilizer-wise;
- (c) whether any quota has been fixed for Andhra Pradesh and if so, details thereof;
- (d) whether there are any dues pending for payment to fertilizer companies and, if so, steps taken to clear them, with particular reference to companies in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) details of fertilizers required for the coming Kharif season and steps taken to supply the same?

Janaushadhi Kendras

1465 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras which are functional across the country so far and the number of Janaushadhi Kendras which are functional in Gujarat out of above;
- (b) number of Janaushadhi Kendras aimed to be set up by Government in the future;
- (c) number of generic drugs included in these PM Janaushadhi Kendras by Government;
- (d) whether there is any plan to include drugs for serious diseases like heart stent, transplant, cancer etc. under the category of generic medicines; and
- (e) the number of generic drugs sold on an average in Janaushadhi Kendras during COVID-19 pandemic?

Research and development in pharma sector

1466 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details regarding Research and Development (R&D) expenditure of Indian pharmaceutical companies/Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) across various segments during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to enhance the expenditure on R&D activities for development of new drugs;
- (c) the details of the new drug molecules developed in the country;
- (d) steps taken to promote the production and use of nano fertilizer; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to facilitate the development of new drug molecules in the country?

Punitive action against Shell Companies

1467 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the punitive actions that have been taken against Shell Companies; and
- (b) how many Shell Companies have been closed down and what action has been taken on them?

CSR fund campaign

1468 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether the CSR funds of all Public Sector Undertakings and private companies would be compulsorily spent on development of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the company-wise and State-wise details of CSR fund campaign for 2020-21 and 2021-22?

Penalty on Tyre Manufactures

1469 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed penalties on tyre manufactures for cartel activities;
- (b) if so, the names of the tyre companies and the penalties imposed thereon;
- (c) the maximum of penalty that can be imposed in such cases of cartelization as per the Competition Act, 2002;
- (d) whether lesser penalty was imposed on the tyre manufactures; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor including the details of applicability of Section 46 of the Competition Act, 2002 in the matter?

CSR expenditure in Madhya Pradesh

1470 # **Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:**

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

- (a) the details of funds spent by Government and non-Government companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last two years and current financial year;
- (b) the details of funds spent under the said head in Madhya Pradesh, district-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has prepared any plan to review the work done by the above Government/non-Government companies, if so, the details thereof?

Utilization of CSR funds by PSUs

1471 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the works done by cement factories and PSUs under CSR in Rajasthan during the last three years and current year, district-wise and PSU-wise;
- (b) the quantum of funds spent on various works during the said period and the PSU-wise number of beneficiaries, particularly in Dausa district;

- (c) whether Government has received any social audit report conducted by these PSUs to ascertain the utilization of CSR funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

CSR funds of top 15 PSUs

1472 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) the details of total funds allocated towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by top 15 PSUs; and
- (b) the details of expenditure of CSR amount by the said PSUs?

Nidhi companies

1473 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) the number of Nidhi companies as declared by the Union Government in the Official Gazette, State-wise distribution and the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that no company has been declared as Nidhi in the last 5 years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether all the recommendations of the Report of Expert Group on NIDHIS (2018) were implemented effectively;
- (e) the details of the recommendations being implemented effectively; and
- (f) the details of the recommendations which have not been implemented yet and the reasons for the delay in implementing the recommendations?

CSR initiatives by PSU banks and public sector insurance companies

1474 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the expenditure incurred by PSU banks and public sector insurance companies on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in the last three years, bank/insurance company-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the expenditure is in accordance with the statutory obligations for CSR expenditure;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) project-wise expenditure incurred by each PSU with details like implementing agency, budget, expenditure, location and details of project, number of beneficiaries, nature of benefits etc.;
- (e) whether Government or PSUs concerned have undertaken any external evaluation and impact assessment of their CSR initiatives; and
- (f) if so, key findings of such assessments?

59 minutes loan scheme

1475 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) the details of amount disbursed under 59 minutes loan scheme till today from date of inception of scheme, State-wise;
- (b) the number of accounts of loan till date, State-wise;
- (c) the details of NPAs of 59 minutes loan accounts till date, State-wise;

- (d) the steps taken to recover these NPAs;
- (e) the names and address of agency appointed to handle the processing of 59 minutes loan scheme;
- (f) the criteria of appointment of these agencies; and
- (g) how much amount is being paid for the professional fees to handle each account, name of agency and amount?

Bank scams in India

1476 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that over Rupees one lakh crore bank frauds took place in India in the last seven years;
- (b) if not, how much amount is involved in these frauds;
- (c) the details of bank frauds that took place in India, State-wise, year-wise, amount of fraud in each State and the steps taken to recover the amount; and
- (d) how much amount has been recovered from each bank fraud?

Static DA/DR

1477 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's retail inflation including food inflation is increasing for the past one year;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons that Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) of Central Government employees have remained static at 3 per cent increase;
- (c) whether the inflation rate of last two quarters of 2021 have shown increase in prices of various commodities; and
- (d) if so, whether Government would consider giving DA/DR in accordance with the prices and would not maintain DA/DR at static 3 per cent?

Income tax refund

1478 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that income tax payers with audit report for assessment year 2020-21 have not been processed and is generally processed in April after the closing of financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total number of income tax refund cases with audit reports that are pending as on 31st January, 2021 and what steps Government proposes to take to refund the amount by 31st March, 2022?

Scrapping of New Pension Scheme

1479 Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether State Government of Rajasthan has scrapped New Pension Scheme (NPS) and has announced to revert all officials under NPS to Old Pension Scheme (OPS) on

23/02/2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government would also scrap NPS and revert all officials of Central Government under OPS on the line of State Government of Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

RBI Cryptocurrency

1480 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce a cryptocurrency that will be regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that cryptocurrency means that it is unregulated and free from Government intervention; and

(d) if so, what is the difference between the RBI cryptocurrency and traditional paper currency?

Charges levied on digital banking

1481 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

(a) the steps being taken to encourage customers to adopt digital banking, along with the response received, bank-wise;

(b) whether certain banks are charging on NEFT/RTGS transactions, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to charge zero per cent on all digital transactions through banks?

Fiscal Council under FRBM Act

1482 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

(a) the views of Government on setting up a Fiscal Council like institution to better manage the debt trajectory of the Centre and States, as recommended by the N K Singh Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM);

(b) the reasons for not setting up the Independent Fiscal Council with a mandate to promote stable and sustainable public finances; and

(c) the steps taken to manage debt trajectory of the Centre and of the States, especially when the national economy is recovering slowly?

Incentives for disinvestment of States' PSUs

1483 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

(a) whether Government is taking steps to incentivise States to take up disinvestment of their Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and work out an incentive package of Central funds for States using a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV);

(b) if so, the response received from each State and the present status thereof;

(c) whether Government is taking steps to ensure timely completion of closure of sick or loss making CPSEs and introducing a revised mechanism that will ensure timely closure of

such units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the target set/ achieved so far?

Release of States' share of GST collection

1484 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

(a) the total collection of GST of the current financial year so far/till date;

(b) the Centre and States' share in these GST collections;

(c) whether the Union Government has released the Tamil Nadu State's share of GST amount fully;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the total pending amount to be released to the State of Tamil Nadu for the current financial year and last three years; and

(f) by what time the pending GST amount is likely to be released to the State of Tamil Nadu?

Setting up of Fiscal Council

1485 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

(a) whether Government has ruled out the setting up of a Fiscal Council as recommended by the N K Singh Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Pension updation and other facilities to the retired employees of NABARD

1486 Shri Prasanna Acharya:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a sizeable number of Reserve Bank employees were transferred from RBI to NABARD during the time of its formation in 1982 on the written assurance by RBI that the salary, allowances and superannuation benefits would be maintained at par with RBI;

(b) whether pension updation/ revision which was granted to RBI employees in March 2019, has not been granted to NABARD pensioners, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would advise NABARD to grant pension updation and other facilities to its retired employees on the line of RBI?

Increase in service charges by PNB

1487 # Shri Digvijaya Singh:

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

(a) the number of times Punjab National Bank (PNB) has increased charges for providing services to common people after May 31, 2014;

(b) the details of its timeline and the services for which the charges have been increased, along with the amount increased for each service;

(c) the quantum of loans out of the corporate loans given by PNB which have been included in Non Performing Assets (NPAs); and

(c) the number of years in which the loss incurred due to NPAs would be recovered from the increase made in the charges for providing services to common man by the bank?

Disinvestment of PSU Steel Companies

1488 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

the details of the disinvestment/divestment/equity sale that Government is contemplating for the Public Sector Undertaking steel companies in the country and those steel companies in which Government has an equity stake?

Branches of Public Sector Banks

1489 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the details of profits earned by Public Sector Banks (PSBs), year-wise since 2010;
- (b) whether any PSBs are suffering losses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of branches of PSBs in urban and rural areas separately, year-wise data since 2010;
- (e) whether the number of branches of PSBs have decreased over time; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Privatisation of Central Electronics Limited (CEL)

1490 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to privatize the Central Electronics Limited (CEL);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the current status regarding the CEL privatization;
- (d) the total cost of assets of CEL;
- (e) the total number of employees in CEL; and
- (f) the profit earned by CEL, year-wise for the last five years?

Sale of Central Electronics Limited

1491 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that serious questions have been raised on the decision to sell Central Electronics Ltd (CEL) to Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt Ltd;
- (b) if so, the objections cited;
- (c) the response of Government thereto;
- (d) the details and value of tangible and intangible assets of CEL;
- (e) the details of amount outstanding to CEL from various Government agencies;
- (f) the details of orders in the pipeline for CEL; and
- (g) the details of asset size of Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt Ltd?

Quantum of debts owed by ABG shipyard

1492 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) amount of banking frauds detected in India over last three years, details thereof, category-wise;
- (b) quantum of debts owed by ABG Shipyard;

- (c) amount of loan repayments ABG failed on, year-wise;
- (d) progress update in the liquidation process of ABG since NCLT order;
- (e) timeline details of the banks' declaration of ABG's account as fraudulent and measures taken by CBI in response to each complaint;
- (f) whether Government has taken measures to reduce the time taken between declaration of fraud and FIR filing, details thereof; and
- (g) whether process for withdrawal for general consent by States caused delay and measures being taken to expedite it?

Saving schemes for NRI/OCI card holders

1493 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of Indians are living and earning handsome perks in various foreign countries;
- (b) the number of such persons living in various countries, country-wise;
- (c) the saving schemes to encourage these NRI and OCI card holders to deposit their money in Indian banks; and
- (d) whether they can send money to banks and nominate easily any person – Indian or citizen of other country, to receive money after due date or depositor's death?

Taxes for trading at Stock Exchanges

1494 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that stock exchange activities are an indication of financial health of the country;
- (b) the charges the BSE/NSE and private brokers recovered from the customers after the trading of shares; and
- (c) whether the common person knows how much taxes the Exchange recovered for sale/purchase of each share he/she traded?

Disinvestment of CEL

1495 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) the details of profits earned by Central Electronics Limited (CEL) during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has disinvested profit making CEL; and
- (c) the reasons for selling profit making PSUs like CEL?

Fake currency in RBI chest

1496 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has demonetised currency notes in the year 2016 specially stating that fake currency, illegal wealth and terrorism will be vanished;
- (b) if so, the details of purpose accomplished by demonetisation;
- (c) whether fake Indian currency was found in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) chest recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Targets of KCC scheme

1497 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) the targets of Kisan Credit Card Scheme; and
- (b) the steps taken for Uttar Pradesh under Kisan Credit Card Scheme?

Disbursement of loans under MUDRA Yojana

1498 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set any target for banks for disbursement of loans under the MUDRA Yojana in the country;
- (b) whether Government has received any complaint regarding irregularities or denial of loans under the said Yojana in the country, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether Government will emphasise on its extensive publicity to make disbursement of MUDRA loans easy and simple, along with minimising the paper work and, if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of PSUs

1499 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) the details of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which are proposed to be disinvested during the next two fiscal;
- (b) the present status of PSUs of the country already been taken into consideration for privatisation;
- (c) whether Government has made any survey report to merge BPCL with other oil PSU into single entity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Fiscal Deficit

1500 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether actual fiscal deficit in GDP was 9.3 per cent in 2020-21 and is now estimated at 6.4 per cent in 2022-23;
- (b) if so, whether the Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of November 2021 came at 46.2 per cent of the financial year 2022-23 Budget Estimate on the back of robust revenues;
- (c) if so, how the sharp cuts of 240 basis points in Government expenditure could continue growth prospects; and
- (d) whether it will sustain the 6.4 per cent or result in the deficit on estimated GDP over 10 per cent?

Cut in excise duty

1501 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether the rise in fuel prices leads to further inflation for the common man;
- (b) whether Government will cut excise duty to keep fuel price escalation due to Ukrainian

crisis in control;

(c) how many products in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) are directly related to the fluctuations in the prices of crude oil, and by what percentage will they raise inflation; and
(d) whether Government has a roadmap to shield the common man from the inflationary pressures?

Loans to youth under MUDRA Yojana

1502 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

- (a) whether some kind of loan is being provided to the youth under 'Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana' (PMMY) across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of youth benefited under PMMY so far since its inception;
- (c) if not, whether Government is contemplating to launch such scheme now or in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the necessary steps taken by Government in this regard?

Allocation of funds to Gram Panchayats in the State of Andhra Pradesh

1503 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) the details of the funds that were released to Gram Panchayats by the 14th Finance Commission to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the financial year 2019-2020; and
- (b) the details of the funds that were released to Gram Panchayats by the 15th Finance Commission to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22?

Diversion of funds/siphoning off funds allocated to Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh

1504 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that funds that were released to Gram Panchayats in the State of Andhra Pradesh were either 'diverted to' some other purpose or 'siphoned off' due to which the day to day activities of the Gram Panchayats and developmental activities of Gram Panchayats had been stalled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has ordered any investigation in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Accruing Rupees 1.75 lakh crores through disinvestment

1505 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) whether there is any plan of Government to accrue ₹ 1.75 lakh crores through disinvestment in the coming fiscal;
- (b) the aims and objectives to privatise the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country;
- (c) whether some of the PSUs are incurring losses and, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the factors responsible for the losses incurred by the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL); and

(e) whether Government proposes to extend handholding to RINL to come out of losses, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Taxes/ surcharges levied on petrol and diesel

1506 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the amount of Central and State taxes, levies and surcharges levied on per litre of petrol, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of Central and State taxes, levies and surcharges levied on per litre of diesel, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to bring petroleum products under GST, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the quantity of petroleum products imported by India, year-wise from 2014, the details thereof?

Debt relief to farmers

1507 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any data on farmers' debt for the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of debt of farmers for the last six years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has waived off the loans of farmers in the last six years;
- (d) if so, the details of the same for last six years, year-wise; and
- (e) whether Government is considering to waive off any further, the loans of farmers considering the pandemic situation?

Tax collections from Andhra Pradesh

1508 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the direct and indirect taxes (including net GST) collected by the Union Government from the State of Andhra Pradesh as Central taxes, during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that ₹77,537 crore was released to the State of Andhra Pradesh in Financial Year 2020-21 towards devolution of taxes and funds from Centre to the State; and
- (c) the break up of amount in (b) above?

Earmarking funds to States as per population

1509 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating on earmarking funds to State Governments under various schemes as per the parameters of population of the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether such contemplations could be made in future?

Investigation of tax evasion in SEZs

1510 # **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the number of times investigation on matters of tax evasion has been carried out in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) of Gujarat during the last three years; and
- (b) the number of cases in which tax evasion has been caught, the details thereof?

Private sector banks that failed after 1969

1511 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) total number of private sector banks that failed after 1969;
- (b) which failed private sector banks were bailed out by Public Sector Banks (PSBs);
- (c) whether there is any move to privatize PSBs in the years 2021-2022-2023;
- (d) gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and net NPAs as on 31-3-2019, 2020 and 2021;
- (e) amount provided by PSBs towards provision for NPAs for the above three financial years;
- (f) amount actually written off by PSBs for the above three years;
- (g) amount recovered by the banks after these amounts were written off; and
- (h) the details of the above information, bank-wise?

Utilization of education cess in the country

1512 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the amount of education cess that has been collected in the last three years, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there has been any devolution from the said cess to States, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how much of the collected cess has been utilized and under what verticals, the details thereof?

Costs incurred on currency

1513 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of costs, be it for printing, storing, distribution, etc., incurred by Government or RBI annually on currency and how much it incurred on the above during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that digital currency will reduce operational costs, such as printing, distribution, storage, etc. for RBI; and
- (c) whether RBI will make it centralized service or is going to allow other financial institutions, including Public Sector Banks, to play their role in digital currency transactions?

Co-operative banks closed in the country

1514 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) the number of co-operative banks closed in the country;
- (b) whether there are many co-operative banks indulging in malpractices in lending loans;

and

(c) if so, the steps taken to control/regulate loans etc in cooperative banks?

Updation of customer KYC in Banks

1515 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for mandatory periodic updation of customer KYC by regulated entities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor along with the details of KYC gathered, bank-wise, area-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the number of customers whose accounts have been blocked for lack of KYC, bank-wise, area-wise, and State-wise along with such accounts revived after levying of penalty in the last five years?

Losses of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)

1516 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether a large number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of the Union Government are incurring huge losses;
- (b) if so, the quantum of losses incurred by those Undertakings during the last five years, PSU-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the performance of these loss-making PSUs?

Special development package for Andhra Pradesh

1517 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government has approved special development package for Rayalaseema and North coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh at par with Bundelkhand package pattern;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has allotted the special development package to residuary State of Andhra Pradesh based on the socio-economic indicators of Rayalaseema and North coastal regions;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) if so, the details of the factors on which the special development package fund was quantified?

Reduction in GST for Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)

1518 **Sardar Balwinder Singh Bhunder:**

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

whether there is any proposal to reduce the GST for Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) from 18 percent to 5 percent, as DEF is an essential product to be used in diesel vehicle for reduction of NOx to meet BS VI emission norms and has direct impact on transport cost?

Capacity based taxation

1519 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Council (Group of Ministers) has taken decision on capacity based taxation and special composition scheme in certain sectors in GST constituted before 43rd GST Council meeting to examine the possibility to levy of GST based on the capacity of manufacturing unit and special composition schemes in certain evasion prone sectors;
- (b) whether this Council will only look into pan-masala and gutkha or will they also include other tobacco products as well; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Central Electronics (CEL)

1520 **Shri Kapil Sibal:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government evaluated technological and managerial experience and competence of M/s Nandal Finance & Leasing Private Limited to whom Government intends on selling the Central Electronics Limited (CEL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the criteria upon which all potential buyers were assessed and upon which the decision to approve M/s Nandal Finance and Leasing Private Limited was taken;
- (d) the details of fixed assets owned by M/s Nandal Finance and Leasing Private Limited; and
- (e) the details of the valuation of Central Electronics Limited (CEL)?

Decision making in NSE on behest of a Yogi

1521 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has received any information about the decision making by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on the suggestion/behest of a yogi/Baba;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that some illegal appointments have been made at the behest of the mysterious person for the operation of NSE; and
- (d) if so, the details of the actions taken in this regard?

Settlement of total loan amount of PSBs

1522 **Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray:**

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

- (a) whether the total loan due in 13 accounts for ₹ 4,46,800.00 crores in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been resolved and settled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as a result of such resolution and settlement in the case of 13 accounts, the PSBs have suffered a total loss of ₹ 2,84,980.00 crores;
- (d) whether such resolution and settlement had 64 per cent haircut of the total loan due in 13 accounts of PSBs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Electronic banking awareness

1523 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken to facilitate hassle free and seamless banking transactions for the people in Aspirational Districts particularly in Odisha;
- (b) the outcome of Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey conducted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to increase digital banking in Aspirational Districts; and
- (c) the details of Electronic Banking Awareness and Training (e-BAAT) programmes in tribal dominated areas of the country?

Rationalisation of Income Tax slabs

1524 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of the current taxation system in disincentivising people from seeking higher earnings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken cognisance of the sharp jump in personal income tax slabs from 5 per cent to 20 per cent slabs, 30 per cent slabs and in some cases, over 40% due to multiple cesses;
- (d) whether Government is considering reduction or rationalisation of income tax slabs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID-19 deaths during first, second and third waves

1525 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) the estimated number of people who have died in the first, second and third waves of COVID-19 pandemic in the country;
- (b) the amount of ex-gratia payments made under the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Act to the eligible families of COVID-19 victims and details of the disbursements of ex-gratia compensation State-wise;
- (c) the number of claims refused on technical grounds; and
- (d) the steps proposed by the Union Government in coordination with the States, for disbursement of funds to the families of COVID-19 victims?

Mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic

1526 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) whether a study estimated increase of about 35 per cent in the prevalence of anxiety and depression in India during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps that have been taken by Government to provide mental health care?

Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Chhattisgarh

1527 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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 Chhattisgarh

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

Vaccine Vial monitoring

1528 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) whether the indigenous COVID-19 vaccines contain the Vaccine Vial Monitors (VVM), if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the duration for which the vaccines are suitable to use and whether Government has released guidelines regarding it; and
- (c) what steps Government has taken to ensure that the supply chain management is suitable for vaccines without VVMs to make sure that the heat does not affect the viability of the vaccine, and the details thereof?

Mental healthcare support under Ayushman Bharat

1529 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) State/UT-wise details of persons provided with support for mental health issues related to COVID-19 and otherwise under Ayushman Bharat;
- (b) details of other schemes and agencies under which Government provides mental health support;
- (c) State/UT-wise and year-wise details of total budget allocated and utilised on such patients for last two financial years;
- (d) State/UT-wise and year-wise details of total Unique Disability Identity (UDID) cards issued for those with mental illnesses;
- (e) total percentage of those with mental illness possessing UDID cards; and
- (f) whether every State has set up a State Mental Health Authority envisaged under Mental Healthcare Rules, 2018, and if not, steps taken to ensure compliance?

Out-Of-Pocket (OOP) expenditure per household on healthcare

1530 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) the current Out-Of-Pocket (OOP) expenditure per household on health care in rural as well as in urban India;
- (b) the top three components of household health care expenditure;
- (c) where does India stand in global rankings in terms of OOP expenditure in health care; and
- (d) the percentage of population in India covered by Government funded Insurance Schemes currently and whether these schemes have led to reduction in OOP, if not, the reasons therefor?

Maternal health of women

1531 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) the complete Antenatal Care check-ups of women in the period from April 2019 to March 2020, April 2020 to March 2021 and April 2021 till date;
- (b) the institutional deliveries among women in the period from April 2019 to March 2020, April 2020 to March 2021 and April 2021 till date; and
- (c) the total medically terminated pregnancies that women could access in the period from April 2019 to March 2020, April 2020 to March 2021 and April 2021 till date?

Vaccination facility for students of schools/colleges

1532 **Dr. Ameet Jainik:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to provide vaccination facility at schools/colleges to make it more convenient for students;
- (b) whether Government has set any timeline to complete vaccination programme for 15 and above age group;
- (c) the details of strategy made by Government to meet the timeline for full vaccination of 15 and above age group;
- (d) whether Government has given privilege in vaccination to those having pre-existing health issue; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

National Digital Health Mission

1533 **Dr. Ameet Jainik:**

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

- (a) the total number of Health IDs created under the National Digital Health Mission as on date;
- (b) whether Government is planning to rename the scheme and introduce different health identification numbers, and if so, the difference between the proposed scheme and the current scheme;
- (c) whether Government has accounted for any loopholes in the creation of such IDs, given there were several in the Aadhar system; and
- (d) if so, how does Government plan to reduce the number of exclusions, and whether it plans to make Health IDs mandatory in the near future?

Deaths due to COVID-19 and compensation to victims

1534 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) how many people died due to the COVID-19 pandemic in India from March 2020 till 31st October, 2021;
- (b) how much assistance was given by Government to the families of those who died due to COVID-19; and
- (b) how many women, men, and children, who were aggrieved from the pandemic, received help from the Government, the details thereof, State-wise?

Shortage of neurology and psychiatric work force

1535 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite an exponential rise in neurological diseases, the neurology and psychiatric work force has not grown proportionally; and
- (b) if so, the remedial steps that have been taken/being taken by Government keeping in view the fact that India has inadequate specialist manpower with fewer than 2500 neurologists, 1800 neurosurgeons, 200 palliative care physicians and around 9000 psychiatrists now?

Counselling for depression, anxiety and post traumatic stress disorders

1536 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

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

whether Government is aware that the number of patients reporting mood swings, depression, stress, anxiety, severe post traumatic stress disorders, or depressive symptoms is increasing and need counselling and support?

Abortions during COVID-19 pandemic

1537 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) how many abortions have been performed in the licensed health facilities in the past two years especially when the first and second waves of COVID -19 were at its peak;
- (b) how many abortions have been performed outside the licensed health facilities in the past two years especially when the first and second waves of COVID were at its peak;
- (c) whether Government has the details of unlicensed clinics that provide abortion services in India, if so, State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on Public health

1538 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the details of the expenditure towards public health since 2019, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of GDP spent on public health care in last two years and the details thereof;
- (c) whether the vision of National Health Policy, 2017 of raising public health expenditure to 2.5 per cent of GDP can be effectively realized by 2025; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Long waiting for online registration at AIIMS, Delhi

1539 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether OPD patients have to wait for long hours for online registration at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, thus forcing patients to seek treatment in private

hospitals;

(b) the number of patients taking online OPD time who are unable to reach AIIMS on time due to various reasons to consult a doctor;

(c) whether more number of poor patients were being successful in getting treatment through offline mode as compared to online mode of getting OPD Slips; and

(d) the number of patients getting treatment per day through offline and the number of patients being able to get treatment after online arrangement?

Projects and special programmes in health sector in West Bengal

1540 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

(a) the major projects and special programmes that the Union Government is undertaking in the health sector in West Bengal;

(b) the project costs of the major ones in West Bengal and their time and cost schedules, as well as their benefits; and

(c) whether any pockets in the State require special programmes for chronic local diseases and the details of the same?

Supply of COVID-19 vaccancies to foreign countries

1541 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

(a) the details and quantity of vaccines supplied to various countries so far, as stated by Hon'ble PM of India in World Economic Forum, Davos Agenda that our country has given essential medicines and vaccines to various countries; and

(b) whether Government of India has supplied any medical aid other than vaccine or medicines, if so, the details thereof?

Data leak from CoWIN portal

1542 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

(a) whether Government has noticed the media report that the CoWIN data from CoWIN portal has been leaked, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any websites like 'red forum' were identified that they are selling data from CoWIN portal, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of precautionary measures taken to protect the data security of CoWIN portal?

Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Odisha

1543 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

(a) whether it is proposed to implement Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Odisha as it has been implemented by all the State Governments but Government of Odisha is not implementing it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of people likely to be benefitted under the said scheme in Odisha?

Telemedicine Practice Guidelines, 2020

1544 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that though the Telemedicine Practice Guidelines, 2020 help remove the ambiguity surrounding the legitimacy of telemedicine, they still leave several questions unanswered, including those regarding the safety of the entire process and the involvement of technology providers, and they also fail to address the issues relating to the data generated in the process of telemedicine; and
- (b) if so, the details of the measures taken to tackle this issue?

FSSAI action against companies selling adulterated food items

1545 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) must be required to buy samples from the market and disclose the results in the public domain and take punitive action against companies selling adulterated honey or those making misleading test-related claims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination

1546 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the progress that has been registered in the National Strategic Plan For Tuberculosis Elimination 2017–2025;
- (b) the total number of TB patients in India;
- (c) how many TB patients die everyday in the country;
- (d) the proportion of pulmonary (related to infection in chests) and extra pulmonary (outside chests) patients;
- (e) whether it is a fact that extra pulmonary patients are bigger sufferer in terms of identification of the disease and treatment;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) whether the eradication program would give equal emphasis to both types of TB?

Monitoring of companies producing adulterated food items

1547 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the details of the measures taken by Government to monitor the companies producing substandard and adulterated food items;
- (b) the State-wise details of the number of companies against which cases have been registered during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the legal steps taken by Government in this regard?

New AIIMS to be set up in the country

1548 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the details of new AIIMS to be set up in the country over the next five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to approve the long standing demand for setting up AIIMS in the State of Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to set up Government Medical College in each district

1549 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to set up Government Medical Colleges attached with district hospitals in each district of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of medical colleges sanctioned/proposed to be set up in Aspirational Districts in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

CHCs and PHCs in Jharkhand under NHM

1550 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed to take any step to further strengthen the National Health Misison (NHM) and to allocate more funds to make it more effective;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized under NHM during the last three years;
- (c) the details of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Public Health Centres (PHCs) set up in Jharkhand under NHM; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to assess the progress and implementation of NHM?

Plan to start a food safety committee for each district

1551 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to start a food safety committee for each district to check, monitor and identify the adulteration in food products;
- (b) whether Government has taken stringent measures to curb adulteration of food products and consumables, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that adulteration of food products and consumables is rampant and almost every consumable and food product are being adulterated with dangerous chemicals; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to appoint more Food Safety Officers to inspect and identify the adulteration of food products and to book them under the law?

Discrimination among Central Government pensioners in respect of CGHS facilities

1552 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is creating division among the Central Government pensioners by offering discriminative options for opting CGHS facilities;
- (b) if so, the reasons for creating such division among the Central Government pensioners and depriving the long term CGHS pensioner beneficiaries; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to revoke CGHS OM No. 5.14025/23/2013-MS.EHSS

dated 29/09/2016 and introduce uniform CGHS options for all Central Government pensioners to bring all the pensioners at par, if so, the details thereof?

Investigation on Special Audit Committee report against the doctor who sought VRS

1553 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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 17.3.2020 and state:

- (a) the current status and details of the ongoing investigation/enquiry on the points highlighted in Special Audit Committee against the doctor who sought VRS;
- (b) whether the doctor against whom the enquiry is pending, has been given VRS during the course of investigation; and
- (c) whether the Department of Personnel and Training and the Department of Legal Affairs were consulted before granting VRS and what were their opinions?

Treatment facilities for burn injuries

1554 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

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

- (a) whether AIIMS, New Delhi has a separate facility to treat emergency patients having burns;
- (b) if so, when was it started;
- (c) how many ICU and ward beds are available for treatment of burn patients;
- (d) how many emergency burn patients have been treated till date;
- (e) how many ICU admissions of burn patients have been done till date; and
- (f) whether Government has any plan to open similar units in other AIIMS and other Institutes of National Importance?

Demographic mapping of rare genetic disorders

1555 Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry plans to do a demographic mapping of rare genetic disorders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation to COVID-19 victims

1556 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) the number of COVID victims from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, State-wise;
- (b) the number of COVID-19 victims' families who have received compensation of ₹ 50000, State-wise;
- (c) whether the orphan minors are also given the compensation for the loss of his/her parents; and
- (d) if so, the details of the person/relative who is supposed to be the guardian of their fund?

Shortage of doctors and teaching faculty in AIIMS

1557 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of doctors and teaching faculty in All India Institute of Medical Sciences across India, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) AIIMS-wise details of the number of vacant posts against the sanctioned posts of teaching faculties and non-teaching staff in AIIMS, Jodhpur and other newly established AIIMS; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government in order to fill the vacant posts of doctors for providing quality treatment to patients and by when these vacant posts would be filled?

Denial of release of the dead body by the hospital

1558 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are many hospitals that denied the release of the body after declaring the death by COVID-19 and it is a clear violation of the rights of patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken stock of violation of this right during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (d) what mechanisms have been developed to prevent such incidents?

Benefits of CoWIN App

1559 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the features of CoWIN App;
- (b) the manner in which it has been useful for streamlining vaccination programme; and
- (c) the number of countries who have sought India's cooperation in this endeavour?

Problem of anaemia among women

1560 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to address the problem of anaemia after the closure of schools and anganwadi due to COVID pandemic since in the NFHS survey, more than half the women of India were found to be anaemic in 14 out of 22 States in the first phase of the survey; and
- (b) the details of budgetary allocation for the same for this financial year?

Establishment of AIIMS in Hubli-Dharwad

1561 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

the present status of establishment of AIIMS in Hubli-Dharwad, Karnataka?

'Living with COVID' strategy

1562 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plans to execute the strategy of "living with COVID" assuming more waves of the pandemic are expected in the years to come; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Improvement in IMR, MMR and life expectancy

1563 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) what has been the improvement in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) during the past five years;
- (b) what has been the improvement in Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) during the past five years; and
- (c) what has been the improvement in life expectancy in the last five years?

Undercounting of COVID-19 deaths

1564 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to some of the media reports based on a published research paper alleging that mortality due to COVID-19 in India is much higher than the official count and actual numbers have been undercounted;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) what steps have been taken to ensure that the concerned agencies report the factual data on daily basis?

Need to strengthen health care infrastructure

1565 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is need for large number of medical colleges, Super Speciality hospitals and AIIMS-like institutions in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether Government has received any observation report about the need to increase health care facilities in various parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the adequate health care facilities in the country?

Fund allocation under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

1566 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized under Ayushman Bharat Yojana during 2021-22 till date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries who availed this scheme during current financial year till 10th March, 2022, State-wise and district-wise in respect of the State of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of fund allocated under Ayushman Bharat Yojana under Budget 2022-23, State-wise?

Development of health care infrastructure in rural areas

1567 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the funds allocated for the development of health care infrastructure in rural areas of the

country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the details of various programs, projects, schemes being implemented by Government and financial support provided to the States during the last three years?

PSA oxygen plants in the hospitals of remote areas

1568 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

(a) whether Government is setting up Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants in the hospitals of remote areas to fulfill the demand of oxygen so that hospitals can be self dependent in production of oxygen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of PSA oxygen plants set up across the country, State-wise details thereof?

Out-Of-Pocket health expenditure in the country

1569 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has one of the highest Out-Of-Pocket health expenditures in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the percentage of total COVID-19 cases in the country which were treated under the Ayushman Bharat scheme; and

(d) whether it is a fact that for the last three years, the Revised Estimates for the allocation for the Ayushman Bharat scheme has been cut by almost half as compared to the Budget Estimate, and if so, the reasons therefor?

Wind Energy production

1570 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

(a) the total energy generation through wind in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether in the recent year there has been some disinterest in wind energy production as compared to solar energy; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has taken to create awareness regarding wind energy production?

Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects

1571 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

(a) State-wise completion status of Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects (UMSPP) announced in 2014 and whether the target of 25 UMSPP has been fulfilled;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has failed in its target to install 100 GW of solar power by 2022, as announced by PM in Budget 2015, if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that only one UMSPP is proposed for Maharashtra;

(d) whether the said project has met its pending targets for completion in the FY 2020-21 and 2021-22, if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether any other UMSPP is proposed for Maharashtra?

Renewable Energy in Bihar

1572 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and spent for generating renewable energy to the State of Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) the funds utilized during the said period and the year-wise details of the increase in installed capacity and generation of solar energy; and
- (c) the details of districts in Bihar where power is being generated from solar energy?

National Hydrogen Mission

1573 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the key features of the National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) initiated by Government in view of India's pledging to go net-zero by 2070 at COP26 in Glasgow, while targeting 45 per cent reduction in carbon intensity by 2030 through Green Hydrogen policy;
- (b) the manner in which NHM will help the country to cut down its carbon emissions, to diversify its energy basket and reduce external reliance; and
- (c) the manner in which green hydrogen can reshape the renewable energy future of the country?

Renewable Energy Production

1574 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the energy targets of Government from solar, wind and tidal sources and the achievements made so far;
- (b) the average costs of producing per unit of such power vis-à-vis conventionally produced power from non-renewable sources; and
- (c) India's strategy to ramp up renewable power and the demerits of incentives being given?

Plan of action to achieve agreement signed in Glasgow

1575 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plans to meet 50 percentage of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030, as agreed by signing the Glasgow Pact;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme designed to achieve the target;
- (c) whether Government has any data on the existing consumption of energy from various sources;
- (d) if so, to what extent energy from non renewable sources should be reduced ;
- (e) the percentage of renewable energy required to compensate the existing consumption; and
- (f) if not, the reason for not keeping any such data?

Exploring opportunities for promoting solar energy

1576 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether the possibilities of new areas are being explored by Government to promote the use of solar energy;
- (b) whether there is any plan to use solar energy in agriculture sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Power generation through solar rooftops

1577 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) the reasons for the expensive rooftop solar system in the country;
- (b) the steps that were taken by Government since 2014 to make solar rooftop systems affordable in the country;
- (c) the current power generation in the country from solar rooftop; and
- (d) the projected power generation from solar rooftop by 2030?

Usage of renewable energy in Government offices

1578 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to make all Government buildings and offices self reliant through solar energy and other environmental friendly renewable sources of energy, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government, in co-ordination with the Government of Rajasthan, plans to establish solar energy plants in order to run all Government buildings, offices and Railway stations of the State by solar energy and other environment friendly energy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the funds spent for this purpose and the details of the target set for completion of the same?

Private sector participation in renewable energy projects

1579 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to bring in increased private sector participation for development of renewable energy projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the existing projects currently under the private sector?

Encouragement to renewable energy sector

1580 Shri P. Bhattacharya:

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

- (a) whether Government has offered incentives for the adoption of renewable energy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether renewable energy is sought to be adopted for airways, waterways and railways and if so, details thereof;
- (c) the schemes run by Government to encourage the study of new and renewable energy in various sectors;
- (d) whether a study has been undertaken to analyze renewable energy generation in many parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures undertaken to maximize production of such energy, along with the details

of its current application in different sectors?

Irrigation facility to farmers

1581 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that agriculture sector is heavily dependent on monsoons for natural irrigation and farmers rely on grid electricity or diesel gensets to run the water pumps;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has launched PM-Kusum scheme to provide solar water pump to farmers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Renewable energy potential and PM-KUSUM in Assam

1582 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) the renewable energy potential of the State of Assam including solar, wind, geothermal and tidal energy;
- (b) the target of renewable energy generation for the State of Assam under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM); and
- (c) the allocation and disbursement of Central financial assistance for Assam under PM-KUSUM?

Development of National Waterways

1583 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) whether Government is developing National Waterways along major river systems in the country;
- (b) if so, details of the funds allocated and utilized for the same during the last three years including the current year;
- (c) the details of the projects being developed in the State of Haryana and by when will it be completed; and
- (d) whether such Waterways cater to passenger and freight movement or both?

Effect of Major Port Authorities Act, 2021

1584 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) the measures being taken by Government after passing the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 with a view to better administer the ports by bringing in a single authority for the Port management;
- (b) the total capacity of the Major Ports in the country and the amount of cargo handled by them prior to the commencement of the Act; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Ministry to improve connectivity to the ports and the major modernisation activities undertaken by each Major Port and the target dates and the amount allocated for modernisation?

Sagarmala Programme in Odisha

1585 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of various projects under the Sagarmala Programme in Odisha, along with their names;
- (b) the projects proposed to be developed in Odisha under the Sagartat Samriddhi Programme, along with their names; and
- (c) the details of the impact, the Sagartat Samriddhi Programme will make, in the implementation of the Sagarmala Programme?

Contribution of Major Ports in cargo volume and value

1586 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) how much do the 12 Major Ports in the country contribute in terms of cargo volume and value;
- (b) whether there is any increase in volume and value since 2011;
- (c) total number of minor ports in the country and how many of them are functional;
- (d) the average ship turn around time in Indian ports and the comparative situation with Singapore or China; and
- (e) the steps being taken to decrease the ship average turn around time?

Central Economic Zone under Sagarmala Scheme

1587 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:

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

- (a) the status of Mannar Central Economic Zone (CEZ), Poompuhar CEZ and VCIC South CEZ proposed under Sagarmala Scheme;
- (b) the status of the proposed Colachel (Enayam) and Sirkazhi ports;
- (c) the estimated date of opening of aforementioned ports; and
- (d) the details of the Central Economic Units (CEUs) and PLICs under the three CEZs mentioned in (a) above?

Water-aerodromes in the country

1588 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) the number of water-aerodromes in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) how many sea-planes/water-plane services are in operation in the country, the details thereof; and
- (c) the prospects for water-aerodromes and water- planes in the country, the details thereof?

Status and details of projects under Sagarmala in West Bengal

1589 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of projects under the Sagarmala Programme for West Bengal;
- (b) the details of the project expenses/costs of each of the aforesaid projects for the State

of West Bengal; and

(c) the jobs created through such projects, if any, for the State of West Bengal?

Sagarmala project in West Bengal

1590 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

(a) the details of the projects that have been undertaken or will be undertaken in West Bengal under the Sagarmala project;

(b) the details of the status of the projects that are underway in West Bengal under the Sagarmala project;

(c) the details of the amounts of funds allocated and utilized in West Bengal, project-wise under the Sagarmala projects; and

(d) the criteria for setting up new riverine port in a place?

Update on Sagarmala Project

1591 **Shri P. Wilson:**

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

(a) the current status of the projects announced in Tamil Nadu under the Sagarmala Project;

(b) while an alignment which goes to Ranipet of Tamil Nadu straight from Venkatagirikota in Karnataka would have allowed the distance to reduce around 60 kms and save 45 minutes of time and with Government allowing expressways to be constructed near uphill regions, what made the Government to consider a much longer route, which could cause huge costs for the Government in the future; and

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

Consumer rights in power sector

1592 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

(a) whether Government admits that the consumer rights in power sector has not been defined till now, and due to this they had to face many hardships in the tasks like obtaining connection, increasing or decreasing load, correction of incorrect bills, changing meters etc.;

(b) if so, whether rules related to consumer rights in power sector have been implemented; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in electrical load shedding

1593 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

(a) the improvement registered in terms of percentage, in load shedding of electricity in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh in 2021-22 as compared to the year 2020-21;

(b) whether it is a fact that the capacity of installed power plants in the country is becoming capable of meeting the peak demand;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the production of power companies in the year 2022; and

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

Power lines through Mollem Wild life Sanctuary, Goa

1594 **Shri Luizinho Joaquim Faleiro:**

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

- (a) the status of Goa-Tamnar power transmission project through Mollem Wild life Sanctuary;
- (b) whether the said project will be shelved or will the project be realigned as suggested by the Supreme Court Empowered Committee;
- (c) the quantum of power supplied, sought to be increased with the augmentation of this power line through Mollem Wild Life Sanctuary; and
- (d) the total power needs of Goa projected in 2027 and in 2032?

Various power projects in the country

1595 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Ministry has issued a State/Union territory-wise list of the current/upcoming projects of thermal power/atomic/solar/hydro power across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details regarding commencement of projects in the country;
- (c) the project-wise details of the funds allocated across the country; and
- (d) State/Union Territory-wise details of the projects withdrawn, especially from Rajasthan?

Electricity produced by coal-fired power plants

1596 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding total electricity produced by coal-fired power plants in the country during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has noticed a decrease in the coal-fired electricity produced in the country during the year 2021, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has any plans to reduce its dependence on coal-fired power plants for electricity generation in the near future, if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Power generation through coal power plants

1597 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the total power generated through coal plants in the country, the State-wise distribution thereof;
- (b) the total power generated in the country through imported coal, both high and low gross calorific value, the State-wise distribution thereof;
- (c) whether the reduction in import of coal, especially non-cooking coal would impact the generation of power; and
- (d) whether a sustainable substitute for non-cooking coal has been made available for the generation of power?

Financing of irrigation projects by power sector

1598 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) which are dedicated to power sector and promotes power projects are also financing irrigation projects, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the States where those projects are being funded, to whom it has been entrusted and whether necessary environmental clearance and other statutory clearances have been obtained from appropriate authorities, the details thereof State-wise; and
- (c) whether any applications are pending for new irrigation projects, if so, the details thereof?

Battery Energy Storage System

1599 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the progress on the project for the installation of the 1000 Mwh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- (b) whether Government has carried out any study for the market evaluation and to gauge the untapped potential of BESS in the country;
- (c) whether Government has any comprehensive guidelines for the procurement and utilisation of BESS in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Power crisis in the country

1600 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that power crisis is continuously deepening in the country;
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiatives to improve the situation in the country with cooperation of the States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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