

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 29, 2022/ 8 Chaitra, 1944 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions -- 160

New AYUSH college in Vindhya region of Madhya Pradesh

2881 # **Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) the process to set up a new AYUSH college by Government;
- (b) whether the Union Government is considering to open new AYUSH college in Vindhya region of Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) if so, by when; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Appointment of AYUSH doctors in Government hospitals

2882 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the total number of AYUSH doctors appointed in Government hospitals in the country over the past five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the challenges faced in such appointments;
- (c) the benefits accruing to the health care system due to such appointments; and
- (d) the plans for such appointments in the future if any, and the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Ongoing projects of National Institute of Homoeopathy

2883 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the details of ongoing projects of National Institute of Homoeopathy in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that all the Institutes are lagging behind with respect to their physical and financial progress;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps Government is taking to complete the ongoing projects at the earliest so that all the Institutes could be made operational for the benefit of the people?

National AYUSH Mission in Rajasthan

2884 # 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 Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the initiatives taken under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) to promote the development of Ayurveda, Unani, Naturopathy, Herbal medicines and AYUSH industry in Rajasthan, during the last three years; and
- (c) the funds spent by Government under the said budgetary head during the last three years?

Export of AYUSH and Herbal products

2885 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) the details of AYUSH and Herbal products exported to foreign countries during each of the last three years, country-wise including USA;
- (b) whether the export of AYUSH and herbal products has declined during the aforesaid period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

Inclusion of Ayurvedic treatment and Wellness Centres in proposed digital platform

2886 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to include Ayurveda treatment and Wellness Centres in the proposed digital information site to help and guide needful patients across the globe;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the people of the country would also be entitled to avail the information uploaded on the digital platform; and
- (d) how much time it would take to introduce the 'Heal in India' programme?

Integration of AYUSH in lifestyle

2887 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry to promote AYUSH in lifestyle, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any plan to include AYUSH while designing the healthy diets; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation made to National Medicinal Plants Board

2888 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) what would happen to National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) for promotion, protection and cultivation of medicinal plants with the launch of Pradhan Mantri VRIKSH AYUSH Yojana;
- (b) the status of the ₹ 200 crores project submitted for approval last year;

- (c) the allocation made for NMPB in 2021-22 and its utilization; and
- (d) the allocation made for NMPB in 2022-23 and that proposed by the Ministry?

Laboratories for advanced research on AYUSH drugs

2889 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) whether Government has set up laboratories equipped with latest technologies for advanced research on AYUSH drugs in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the corrective measures being taken by Government to popularize the AYUSH system of medicine; and
- (c) the details of the amount spent by Government on these laboratories?

Establishment of a Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy

2890 Dr. Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) whether Government had sanctioned establishment of a Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy under Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy in Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the physical progress of this project?

Hospitals, research institutes and colleges of Naturopathy and Yoga in Uttar Pradesh

2891 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government has set up/proposes to set up Central Research Institutes (CRIs), Regional Research Institutes (RRIs), hospitals, colleges of Naturopathy and Yoga systems in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard?

Promotion of medicinal plants

2892 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the details of the medicinal plants available in the country; and
- (b) the details of the steps being taken by Government for the farming conservation, processing and promotion of such medicinal plants?

Import of fertilizers in the country

2893 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) the quantity and value of the fertilizers imported by the country during each of the last five years, fertilizer-wise;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the import bill of fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the farmers have faced difficulties in sowing of Rabi crops due to extreme

shortage of fertilizers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Haryana?

Use of non-chemical fertilizers in agriculture

2894 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the percentage of agricultural produce for which chemical fertilizers are used in the country and the total annual consumption of all such crops; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to increase the use and production of non-chemical fertilizers?

Status of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL), Begusarai

2895 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the current status of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL), Begusarai from the production point of view;
- (b) the total investment of the Union Government in this project;
- (c) by when its full potential of production expected will be realised and what steps are being taken in this direction;
- (d) the major hurdles in realising its full potential; and
- (e) whether HFCL gives preferences to local inhabitants in providing employment, considering the flood prone area concomitantly poverty ridden population?

Quality of medicines in Government hospitals

2896 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether there is any mechanism to test the quality of medicines supplied through hospitals run by Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the medicines supplied through hospitals run by it are substandard; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013

2897 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) the number of times the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 has been revised after its promulgation; and
- (b) whether the updated list of Schedule I of DPCO, 2013 with latest revised prices, be provided?

Revival of sick fertilizer industries

2898 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the latest status of revival of sick fertilizer industries in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that despite waiving off loans and replacement of old machinery, some fertilizer industries are running in losses and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sick fertilizer units have initiated steps for skill and management development of their personnel and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to merge sick fertilizer units with profit making fertilizer units, and if so, the details thereof?

DAP production in the country

2899 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the total production of DAP in the country;
- (b) the percentage of production being exported; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to establish new DAP production plants, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Allocation of fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh

2900 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the allocation of different types of fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and fertilizer-wise;
- (b) the projected requirement of each fertilizer given by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and quantities supplied against projected requirement, fertilizer-wise;
- (c) whether there was any shortage in the supply of required quantities of different types of fertilizers;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) what is the utilisation of different types of fertilizers in different districts or regions of Andhra Pradesh?

PLI scheme for Bulk Drugs

2901 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the details of applications received and selected under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Bulk Drugs, per State since the commencement of the scheme till date;
- (b) the details of the measures taken by Government to promote the scheme;
- (c) whether steps have been taken to establish backward linkages with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Availability of fertilizers to farmers

2902 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the supply of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Urea fertilisers is being reduced in Bihar;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the farmers have to buy DAP and Urea at a higher price due to the reduced supply thereof; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to provide DAP and Urea to farmers at fixed price?

Information regarding PMBJP and BPPI

2903 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) number of PMBJP outlets across the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has conducted State-wise analysis for implementation of scheme, including block or district level;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has considered nominating eminent medical administrators or expert industry representatives to Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) which has only two experts in Pharmaceutical;
- (e) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;
- (f) whether Government considered giving grants to BPPI for meeting administrative expenses of scheme, such as salaries, since it does not have financial self-sufficiency; and
- (g) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

CSR expenditure of Fintech companies

2904 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) Fintech 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 Fintech companies in the country during last five years, year-wise;
- (c) details of expenditure towards CSR amount by the said Fintech companies during the said period, year-wise;
- (d) total CSR funds allocated and spent through the Fintech companies in Odisha during corresponding five years, the details of expenditure incurred, year-wise; and
- (e) action taken, if any, when non-adherence has been detected?

Promotion of new companies

2905 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) the details of the number of registered companies that have gone out of business during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to promote new companies in the country?

Cases to be assigned to SFIO

2906 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that functions and activities of Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) are circumscribed and vest with the Ministry and therefore cases for investigations are assigned to SFIO by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this arrangement;

- (c) the details of cases pending with the Ministry for being assigned to the SFIO for the last six months, company-wise; and
- (d) the fate of cases that are not recommended to SFIO for various reasons and grounds?

Insurance policy claim amount pending with insurance companies

2907 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) whether considerable number of cases relating to insurance policy claim amount are pending with insurance companies for the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by Government for early disposal of these cases; and
- (d) the success achieved by Government in the settlement of claims?

NABARD's assistance to Tamil Nadu for the construction of PHCs

2908 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) whether NABARD has come forward to assist Tamil Nadu for the construction of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State;
- (b) if so, how many PHCs will be constructed in Tamil Nadu with NABARD assistance; and
- (c) the amount proposed to be given by NABARD to Tamil Nadu for this purpose?

Internal Audit of NSE

2909 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) whether the internal audit of National Stock Exchange (NSE) revealed the details of trading members having preferential access to NSE's co-location facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the internal audit of NSE revealed the details of confidential information being shared with unknown persons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any action has been taken against the auditors who failed to detect the above irregularities; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Huge increase in Capital Head

2910 # Shri Ahmad Ashfaq Karim:

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

- (a) the reasons for the huge increase of 35 per cent in the Capital Head of Budget Estimates 2022-23 as compared to 2021-22;
- (b) the basis on which this increase will be met in the financial year 2022-23;
- (c) whether Government will again put any additional financial burden on the people of the country; and
- (d) if so, clarify the situation?

Government sponsored Medical insurance

2911 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

- (a) whether any Government sponsored Medical insurance has been introduced on the lines of PMJJBY; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Outstanding claims pending with insurance companies for natural disasters

2912 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the details of outstanding claims for natural disasters in the years 2020 and 2021 from the insurance companies, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) out of the total claims for natural disasters, how much amount was settled and its percentage;
- (c) whether Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) issues instructions to the insurers to expedite the processes for receiving, verifying and settling the claims; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of CBDC

2913 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to introduce Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how will it be helpful in boosting digital economy?

Disinvestment of LIC and GIC

2914 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) whether Government is not aware of the widespread objections and protests against the move to privatize LIC and GIC;
- (b) the revenue received from LIC and GIC, the details since 2010, year-wise;
- (c) the value of the assets of LIC and GIC;
- (d) whether LIC and GIC are working in profitable condition; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for the move to disinvest LIC and GIC?

Actual revenue and revenue targets

2915 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) details of Government's actual revenue and revenue targets for financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (till 31.01.22);
- (b) the contributions of the increased fuel prices and increases in GST rates to the revenue for financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 (till 31.01.22);
- (c) whether Government intends to reconsider the extension of GST compensation cess from two to five years, as per demands from various States;

- (d) the details of suggestions of the GST Council thereon; and
- (e) action taken by Government on the revision of GST rate for footwear, e-commerce, restaurant and others?

Controlling fiscal deficit

2916 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to monitor revenue receipt and expenditure on daily basis to control fiscal deficit, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the financial measures proposed by Government to control the price rise in edible oil and crude oil due to Ukraine-Russia war; and
- (c) the policies made by Government to deal with the adverse impact of Russian-Ukraine war on Indian economy?

Irregularities in the National Stock Exchange

2917 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has noted irregularities in the working of National Stock Exchange Limited and the impact thereof on the institution;
- (b) if so, the details of remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has noted that co-location scam has led to large loss to the exchequer of Government; and
- (d) if so, the details regarding the losses estimated as a result of the scam?

Preferential stock trading in the country

2918 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken measures to ensure that stocks are not manipulated and preferential stock trading does not take place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has noted that it has taken more than five years for the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to notify regarding the scam; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to ensure that investigation on financial scams are being conducted at a fast pace?

Wealth tax on the super rich

2919 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:

Smt. Vandana Chavan:

Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering imposing wealth tax on India's super-rich and plans to undertake a formal assessment of the unequal impact of the pandemic, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) the details of measures Government is taking to tap into this potential revenue to generate more funds for social sector spending; and
- (c) what measures Government will take in its Budget to control widening inequality?

Raising loans through Open Market Borrowing

2920 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has permitted the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to raise loans to the tune of ₹ 31,251 crore through Open Market Borrowing (OMB);
- (b) if so, the reasons on the basis of which the Union Government has granted this permission to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of the loans that have been raised by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh through Open Market Borrowing (OMB) till now?

Net borrowing ceiling for the State of Andhra Pradesh

2921 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed the Net Borrowing Ceiling (NBC) for the financial year 2021-22 for the State of Andhra Pradesh as ₹ 42,472 crore; and
- (b) if so, on what basis the Union Government has decided to fix the ceiling limit?

Amount due towards Tamil Nadu under 14th Finance Commission

2922 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) the action taken under 14th Finance Commission which has come to an end on 31.03.2020, the amount retained towards performance grant (20%) totaling to more than 1500 crores (rural and urban) is not paid to Government of Tamil Nadu despite achieving the requirement including the existence of local bodies in rural and urban areas in accordance with the Act as well the elected bodies of rural and urban are in place;
- (b) when will the amount be released in order to ensure that local bodies can conduct various welfare activities in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Grants to States

2923 Shri Jose K. Mani:

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the State specific grants allotted to various States over the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has plans to increase the allocation to Kerala State under State specific and sector specific grants to tackle the economic challenges faced by the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to increase the limit of pension and age under Atal Pension Yojana by PFRDA

2924 Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:

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

- (a) whether the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has submitted a proposal to increase the limit of pension and age under Atal Pension Yojana (APY);
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations;
- (c) if not, the status of the proposal;
- (d) the details of the premium collected so far under the Atal Pension Yojana during the last three years;
- (e) the details of total claims filed and total claims paid; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial loss caused due to cyber crimes

2925 Dr. Ashok Bajpai:

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

- (a) the total amount of financial loss caused due to cyber crimes to individuals having accounts in nationalized banks, mainly SBI and private banks during the last two years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the policy, if any, of Government to reimburse the financial loss suffered by an individual due to cyber crimes; and
- (c) the details of the initiatives taken by Government to create awareness against cyber crimes and to recover the proceeds of money lost due to such crimes?

Recapitalisation of Public Sector Banks

2926 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) the quantum capital that has been infused into Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during the past five years;
- (b) whether the banks are sufficiently capitalised now; and
- (c) if not, the plan of action over the next three years?

Gross NPAs

2927 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) what is the gross NPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs);
- (b) what has been the gross NPAs during the past five years; and
- (c) what actions are contemplated by Government to bring down the NPAs?

Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure

2928 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has started a new scheme called Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure during the last fiscal;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of the scheme; and

(c) the details of interest free loan provided to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2020-21 and the current year?

Setting up of NLMC

2929 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Cabinet has approved setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) to monetize surplus land and building assets of Central public sector companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when National Land Monetization Corporation would be set up?

Need for a robust pension system

2930 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that with the joint family system breaking down giving way to nuclear families and increasing the share of ageing population, there is an urgent need for a robust pension system for the elderly which can help them survive in this world without being a burden on anyone;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has received representation to increase the quantum of pension from 65 years; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Disinvestment of PSUs, ports, airports, mines etc.

2931 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) the list of PSUs, ports, airports, mines, etc, which were fully or partially owned by Government and which have been fully or partially privatised since May 2014 with details such as year of privatisation, operational revenue in last three financial years before disinvestment, operational profit/loss in the last three financial years before disinvestment and the reasons for disinvestment; and
- (b) the name of the top three bidders of each PSU and the amount of bid and name of the final bidder?

UPI launched by RBI

2932 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched new service Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for digital users which will work on simple mobile phones ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of users, it is estimated to cover in rural and urban areas in the country; and
- (d) in what way it is different from RuPay card service?

Statement made regarding acquisition of BPCL

2933 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently a statement was made about the acquisition of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) for \$11-12 billion;
- (b) whether such statements could result in apprehension to influence valuation ahead of financials bids; and
- (c) if so, what action does Government propose to take to ensure that such big industrial houses are excluded from the bidding process of BPCL as the disclosure of potential price for BPCL is quite unusual besides, ascribing a value has the potential to vitiate the sanctity of the auction process?

Impact of privatisation of BPCL

2934 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to implement policies to ensure that foreign companies do not gain a majority stake in any major domestic energy sector company;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government's intervention into the process of price determination for diesel and petrol will reduce after the sale of BPCL;
- (d) if so, how does Government plan to ensure that State owned refiners are not negatively affected by market forces; and
- (e) whether Government's sale of BPCL will affect its push towards renewable energy, if so, how will this be managed?

Judgement of Supreme Court on Reversal from NPS to OPS

2935 **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Supreme Court has allowed thousands of Central Government officials under New Pension Scheme (NPS), the benefits of Old Pension Scheme (OPS) whose advertisements were issued before 01/01/2004 and who had joined after 01/01/2004 by dismissing dozens of SLPs and Review Petitions;
- (b) if so, whether their pension funds under NPS have been transferred to their respective GPF accounts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with number of officials benefitted by this, case-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for contempt of Apex Court, case-wise?

Banking frauds beyond Rupees 100 crores

2936 **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) the details of banking frauds of more than ₹ 100 crores reported during 2021-22, bank-wise; and
- (b) the details of action taken against guilty officials and fraudsters, fraud-wise and bank-wise?

PM Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme (PMDBT)

2937 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) the main purpose of Pradhan Mantri Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme (PMDBT);
- (b) the number of benefits transfers transactions in financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (c) total number of benefits transfer through bank account and other routes during the same period; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure that financial benefits reach the intended beneficiaries?

CPSE's disputes and AMRCD

2938 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that under the guidelines of AMRCD, there is a timeline fixed for resolution of disputes between Public Sector Undertakings and also for Cabinet Secretariat, if referred to for final decision;
- (b) if so, whether any dispute between Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd. and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), Kahalgaon has ever been referred to AMRCD for any decision; and
- (c) the decision in the matter and if no decision is taken, then how the efficacy of AMRCD is ensured when no time limit is followed in deciding any disputes referred to AMRCD/Cabinet Secretariat?

Opening of more centres of CPC of IT Department

2939 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the status of income tax refunds in various States in the country after due process, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether job of IT refunds is entrusted to Centralised Processing Centre (CPC) of Income Tax Department at Bengaluru only, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether for expeditious IT refunds, Government may consider opening of more such centres in the country, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

CIBIL dispute resolution

2940 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) whether Government or any other financial institution has stated the number of days required for dispute resolution in CIBIL;
- (b) the number of days required for updation of credit and debits in CIBIL records; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government and other financial institutions for expediting the process, the details thereof?

Depositors' protection

2941 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that banks play a big role in the prosperity of the country and depositors' protection is equally important for the prosperity of banks;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect deposits of all account holders in India's banks and boost confidence in the banking sector; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of GST hike

2942 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:**

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

- (a) whether Government would provide the details of how Government intends to mitigate the loss of employment caused by GST hike, estimated at 15 lakh jobs;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the impact of the GST hike on expansion of the unorganised and untaxed sectors within the textile industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to reform the GST system to mitigate its effect on the unorganised sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines by WHO for Front of Pack Labelling design

2943 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering global best practices and mandates set by the WHO to determine a Front of Pack Labelling design as well as scientific thresholds such as the WHO SEARO Nutrient Profile Model for harmful ingredients like sugar, salt and fat in the interest of public health;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government and the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has already set the thresholds for sugar, salt and saturated fats; and
- (d) if so, the scientific basis used to define the thresholds?

Withdrawal of draft Front of Pack Labelling regulation

2944 **Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether a draft Front of Pack Labelling (FOPL) regulation issued by FSSAI in 2018 is withdrawn and will be revived and reissued for public comments;
- (b) if so, when is it to be finalised and made effective;
- (c) whether provisions will be made in new FOPL regulation to ensure that it is mandatory and applicable to all food and beverage products, if so, details thereof; and
- (d) whether FOPL logo and criteria will be made available to public in advance and comments be invited from consumers, public health experts and scientists on its efficacy and consumer friendliness, if so, details thereof?

Status of AIIMS Phase-II project in Jhajjar, Haryana

2945 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) the present status of work on the AIIMS Phase-II project in Jhajjar, Haryana;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated in each of the last five years for continuing the project;
- (c) the details along with status of work of National Institutes other than the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to be established in AIIMS Phase-II in Jhajjar; and
- (d) whether Government has set any deadline for completion of the project and if so, the details thereof?

Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Gujarat

2946 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Gujarat since its inception, district-wise;
- (b) the details of amount allocated under the said scheme in Gujarat since its inception, district-wise;
- (c) the details of public and private hospitals empanelled under this scheme in the country and particularly in Gujarat, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of the diseases covered under the said scheme?

Operational blood banks in the country

2947 # Shri Narhari Amin:

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

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of the operational blood banks of both public and private sector in the country including Gujarat;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to establish a blood bank in every district on priority basis in the country; and
- (c) whether any mechanism has been set up to coordinate with self help groups, private and public sectors to promote voluntary blood donation, if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to COVID-19 and compensation to victims

2948 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

- (a) the total number of COVID deaths in the country for the past three years, year-wise;
- (b) the total compensation/ex-gratia provided by States to the families of those who died of COVID-19 in the past three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the total compensation/ex-gratia provided by the Union Government to the families of those who died of COVID-19 in the past three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Incidence of HIV cases in the country

2949 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) the approximate number and percentage of HIV affected individuals, gender-wise, male, female and transgender in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to launch any scheme for the treatment and

rehabilitation of such individuals affected with HIV and abandoned by their families;
 (c) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds sanctioned in this regard; and
 (d) the time by which such scheme is likely to be implemented?

COVID-19 vaccination in the country

2950 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

- (a) the number of persons who got completely vaccinated in the country till date;
- (b) how many of them received free vaccines and how many got paid ones;
- (c) the data on the number and percentage of each dose of vaccination as on 21-01-2021, State-wise; and
- (d) by when the complete vaccination is envisaged considering the pace at which the vaccination drive is happening now?

Treatment of COVID-19 cases under Ayushman Bharat

2951 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:

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

- (a) the number of COVID-19 cases which were treated under Ayushman Bharat during the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22, State-wise; and
- (b) the number of dalits, tribals and women who were treated under Ayushman Bharat in private hospitals during this period, State-wise?

Compensation to the relatives of COVID-19 deceased

2952 Shri Suresh Gopi:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken a State-wise estimation of the number of COVID-19 deaths that have been compensated, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the State-wise distribution of ex gratia compensation that has been made so far?

Milk adulteration

2953 Shri Narayana Koragappa:

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

- (a) whether there is a strong, fool-proof mechanism to check milk adulteration, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the States where there is rampant milk adulteration; and
- (c) whether there is any strong penalization law to act on the erring persons involved, if so, the details thereof?

Support extended to EXIM Bank

2954 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the amount of support that has been extended to EXIM bank for projects in the last three years and in which sectors and the details thereof;
- (b) the number and quantity of line of credit that has been extended in the last three years

and the details thereof; and

(c) the auditing measures that are undertaken for such line of credit projects, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of integrated district public health labs in the country

2955 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to establish integrated district public health labs across the country;

(b) the current status of its implementation, State-wise, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of fund allocation reserved for this scheme and the amount spent till date?

PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

2956 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

(a) whether the target of connecting 400 speciality departments in Government medical colleges of the country has been achieved under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether there is any target of increasing the bed capacity in 13 AIIMS, particularly at AIIMS, Jodhpur, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the State-wise and AIIMS-wise details of speciality/super-speciality facilities and additional facilities provided by Government?

Cancer related deaths

2957 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

(a) the number of cancer patients in the country currently and whether it is alarming in comparison to other prominent countries;

(b) whether there has been a marked increase in cancer related deaths during the last five years in West Bengal, UP, Bihar, MP and Maharashtra and whether this indicates a pattern;

(c) if so, whether Government has done a study to understand the causes;

(d) whether the hospital network in the country for cancer patients is adequate; and

(e) whether Government proposes to subsidise the exorbitant cancer medicines?

100 per cent vaccination of adolescents

2958 # Shri Samir Oraon:

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

(a) the number of adolescents in the age group of 15 to 18 years who have received jabs of COVID-19 vaccine so far; and

(b) the plan that has been chalked out for 100 per cent vaccination of adolescents below the age of 15 years and the details thereof?

Reduction in fee of Medical colleges/Universities

2959 # Shri Brijlal:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to reduce the fee in Medical colleges/Universities, if so,

the details of steps taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether Government proposes to start the medium of instruction in Hindi in the Medical colleges/Universities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken or being taken by Government to increase the opportunities for medical studies, within the country?

Training to medical students on latest medical technologies like AI

2960 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the new medical devices are continuously evolving and technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) are in use for monitoring critical patients in ICU/OT and faster diagnostics kits equipments are emerging periodically;

(b) the measures being taken to provide India's top medical research institutes with access to innovative medical devices in order to ensure that patients are given the best care possible; and

(c) the details of the measures being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to train postgraduate students from Government medical colleges on latest medical technologies such as AI?

Access to life-saving drugs for drug-resistant Tuberculosis (DR-TB)

2961 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that currently there is a shortage of new oral drugs Bedaquiline and Delamanid to treat drug-resistant Tuberculosis in India, including Bihar;

(b) whether the price of the patented drug Delamanid at ₹ 140 per tablet is expensive and efforts have been made to introduce generics from domestic manufacturers;

(c) the State-wise allocation of Bedaquiline and Delamanid by the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme;

(d) whether Government is procuring pediatric formulations of Delamanid and Bedaquiline and the details thereof; and

(e) whether the diagnostics kits required to detect Rifampicin-resistant Tuberculosis are also in short supply in the country, including Bihar?

Reforms in Medical education

2962 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

(a) whether Government agrees that Medical practitioners are ideally positioned to mitigate the impact of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) on the physical and mental health of the survivors; and

(b) whether Government is aware that Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) curriculum, introduced in 2019 in the country, includes only one lecture dedicated to 'Gender issues and women's empowerment' in the five and half years of the community medicine curriculum?

Allocation of States under National Health Mission

2963 **Shri Jose K. Mani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any data regarding allocations to various States under the National Health Mission over the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has plans to make the National Health Mission a 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme to support State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems faced by Dwarka residents in CGHS dispensaries

2964 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) the number of Wellness Centres/dispensaries in Dwarka, New Delhi;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries in each of the dispensaries and the number of doctors in Dwarka, dispensary-wise;
- (c) the doctor-patient ratio in the dispensaries of Dwarka and elsewhere in Delhi;
- (d) whether Government has done any study of the problems being faced by the patients in Dwarka, including long queues and inability to meet the doctor; and
- (e) the measures being taken to augment the strength of doctors in the dispensaries in Dwarka including the running of second shift there?

NEET entrance exam 2021

2965 Shri Rajmani Patel:

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

- (a) how many students appeared in the medical entrance exam NEET 2021;
- (b) how many students passed the examination; and
- (c) how many SC/ST students have passed out, the rank of all including of OBC students, the details thereof?

Issuance of Ayushman Bharat cards in the country

2966 # Shri Rajmani Patel:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the decision was taken by Government to give benefits to 55 crore people under the Ayushman scheme on the basis of the Census of the year 2011;
- (b) if so, the number of Ayushman cards issued till 2018 and the details of the benefits provided; and
- (c) by when will the cards be issued and the benefits be given to the remaining people?

Mental health issues in the country

2967 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) the details of the budget allocation towards addressing mental health issues and awareness;
- (b) whether Government plans to undertake a comprehensive study on the impact of COVID-19 on mental health in different age groups, communities, gender groups etc.; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to reduce anxiety, distress, depression and other mental health issues which worsened during COVID-19 and making mental health care accessible to the poor and marginalised groups?

Pending payments to private hospitals towards CGHS

2968 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether large amounts are due to the private hospitals towards treatment offered under CGHS for months;
- (b) if so, the major reasons for such delays in releasing payments since the CGHS beneficiaries are likely to be denied treatment by such hospitals, if the delay in clearing payment continues;
- (c) whether Government has a proper mechanism in place to clear the dues of the private hospitals within a reasonable time frame; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Model Rural Health Research Unit and Rural Health Training Centres in Telangana

2969 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) how many Rural Health Training Centre and Model Rural Health Research Unit establishments have been sanctioned in Telangana State;
- (b) if so, what steps are being taken to set up above training centre and research unit; and
- (c) by when they will become functional and the details thereof, district-wise?

COVID-19 vaccine supply to Bihar

2970 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) the total quantity of vaccines supplied to Bihar, company-wise;
- (b) the cost of vaccines supplied as such and the quantity of vaccines got wasted;
- (c) the work-wise quantum of funds allocated to Bihar in order to combat COVID-19 during the COVID times; and
- (d) the amount provided to the families of persons who died due to COVID-19 in Bihar and the number of such families who received the said amount?

Mixing of COVID-19 vaccines

2971 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering mixing of COVID-19 vaccines based on heterologous strategies conducted earlier for other diseases, to induce combined antibody and cell-mediated immune response resulting in stronger, broader and long-lasting immunity, with side effects no worse than those caused by standard regimens; and
- (b) whether any study has been undertaken in this regard, if so, the potential advantages of such a strategy and its efficacy against different variants; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Updating COVID death toll

2972 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to direct the States to update their COVID-19 death counts, given the mismatch between official death toll and the compensation claims

received;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that currently WHO-recommended definition of COVID death count is not being used to tabulate COVID-19 deaths in different States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government is aware that formulating appropriate policy measures will be difficult without accurate data; and

(f) if so, the strategy to be followed to circumvent this issue?

India's death toll during the COVID-19 pandemic

2973 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

(a) whether any recent report has shown that India had the highest number of deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) whether it is a fact that the official death toll does not match the data on the civil registration system;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has not counted deaths that occurred during the pandemic that would not have happened if there was no pandemic; and

(d) whether Government is planning to conduct any nation-wide survey to ascertain the actual number of COVID-19 fatalities?

Anaemia in pregnant women

2974 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has expressed concern over Anaemia in pregnant women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ascertained the condition of pregnant women in different parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, along with the steps taken by Government to deal with the situation, State/ UT-wise; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by Government to deal with the predicament of Anaemia in the country, State/ UT-wise including Odisha?

Health care facilities in Odisha

2975 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

(a) the details of the schemes of the Ministry under consideration for implementation in tribal dominated areas of Odisha including Mayurbhanj Parliamentary Constituency;

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

(c) whether any special scheme is proposed for implementation in tribal dominated areas to improve health care facilities there; and

(d) the details of health related schemes in Odisha, district-wise?

Utilisation of artificial corneas in AIIMS during 2021-22

2976 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) the number of artificial corneas that have been utilized in AIIMS to bring back the eyesight of people during the year 2021-22;
- (b) the number of people who got their eyesight back during the said period;
- (c) whether Government proposes to promote use of artificial corneas keeping in view the shortage in eye donation in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Action plan to fill up vacancies in newly constructed AIIMS

2977 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is working on the plan to set up AIIMS in each and every State of the country and proposes to make All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), New Delhi the mentor of all these AIIMS;
- (b) the action plan being proposed for appointments in various posts including doctors in all the old and newly constructed AIIMS;
- (c) whether Indians having medical degree from abroad would be eligible to apply for the post of doctors in new AIIMS; and
- (d) the details thereof?

PHCs and CHCs in Kerala

2978 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) the present status and achievement of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the State of Kerala;
- (b) whether Government has set parameters to set up PHCs and CHCs and if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of population covered by PHCs and CHCs services; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of services?

Replacement of Hippocratic Oath with Charak Shapath

2979 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri John Brittas:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to replace the Hippocratic Oath with the Charak Shapath;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the National Medical Commission has proposed replacing the Hippocratic Oath with Charak Shapath;
- (c) if so, the details and rationale for the same;
- (d) whether Government has met with the representatives of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) to discuss their opposition to this proposal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, including the date of such meeting, Government representatives present, discussion agenda and outcome?

Family adoption programme as part of MBBS training curriculum

2980 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Medical Commission is considering Family Adoption Programme as part of the MBBS training curriculum; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of Government thereto?

Students registering and passing NEET exam

2981 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) total number of students registering for and passing the NEET exam in the last five years;
- (b) total number of MBBS seats available in the country in Government/private medical colleges, State/UT-wise;
- (c) percentage of students passing the NEET exam who secured a medical seat in an Indian institution in the last five years;
- (d) State/UT-wise details of medical institutions with annual total fees exceeding ₹20 lakhs;
- (e) whether Government has details of Indian students pursuing medical education abroad, and if so, the country-wise details thereof; and
- (f) steps taken to address intense competition and the prohibitive cost of medical education in the country?

Providing quality health care

2982 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating to formulate a National policy on health with special focus on providing quality health care to the people of the country, particularly in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of doctors in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to enhance the strength of doctors in the country?

Shortage in Global Fund to combat deadly diseases

2983 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of funds in the Global Fund to combat various deadly diseases, as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Case of ragging at GMC, Haldwani

2984 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a case of ragging with the first year students of MBBS in the Government Medical College, Haldwani has surfaced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of action taken against the persons found involved in the ragging?

Increase in MBBS seats

2985 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhrum Singh Yadav:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) the details of increase in MBBS seats in the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of students at present in the country who are desirous to pursue MBBS every year, along with the number of seats available to them; and
- (c) whether the rate of increase in MBBS seats is very slow, due to which students are compelled to study abroad?

Mission Indradhanush 4.0

2986 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the features of Mission Indradhanush 4.0;
- (b) the manner in which children and women are getting benefitted from the said mission; and
- (c) the total extent of vaccination conducted in Uttar Pradesh, under this scheme, the details thereof?

National Digital Health Mission

2987 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the measures to be taken to ensure that the digital records of the citizens accessing the portal will be safe to avoid breach of privacy and confidentiality;
- (b) the comprehensive plan to make it inclusive given the existing digital divide, language barriers and internet connectivity issues in the country;
- (c) the total number of health ID cards issued till date, total number of hospitals and doctors who have enrolled in the program; and
- (d) the status of digitization of health records amongst various health care providers and steps Government has taken to ensure that health records are digitized effectively and promptly?

Medical facilities to survivors of Sexual and Gender based Violence (SGBV) in India

2988 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that despite acute and chronic health consequences, less than 1 per cent of survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) seek medical care;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) steps Government is planning to take to increase access to medical care for survivors

of SGBV;

(d) State-wise status of implementation of Health Ministry's Guidelines and Protocols on Medico Legal Care for Survivors of Sexual Violence (2014);

(e) whether the Ministry has conducted any study on the impact of mandatory reporting on survivors accessing health services, if so, details thereof; and

(f) total budgetary allocation to address this problem?

Detection, management and treatment of cases of depression

2989 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of large number of people suffering from depression in the country;

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken to determine the cause of depression especially among students and youth;

(c) the steps taken by Government for detection, management and treatment of cases of depression; and

(d) whether Government proposes to launch any programme to generate awareness among the masses towards depression and other forms of mental illness, if so, the details thereof?

Treatment of COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients under PM-JAY

2990 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

(a) the number of persons treated for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 diseases across the country under the PM-JAY programme of Ayushman Bharat Mission, State/UT-wise for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22; and

(b) the amount of expenditure for the treatment of COVID-19 patients under PM-JAY, State-wise/UT-wise for years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22?

Legislation on population control

2991 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the increasing population of the country is such a menace which has hampered the development cycle for a long time and we are facing shortage of resources even when they are available in ample quality;

(b) the steps being taken by Government in this direction and whether there is any plan to make law over it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to find out the solution to this problem through positive discussion and deliberation?

Family Planning Programme for population control

2992 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

(a) whether Family Planning Programme is the top most priority of Government for population control, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether the Family Planning Programme has been successful in achieving its targets and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sufficient financial resources are provided for the Family Planning Programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the status of the progress made regarding success/failure of the Family Planning Programme being run for population control in the country, State/UT- wise?

Medical education for evacuees from Ukraine

2993 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the number of students who returned from Ukraine and who were enrolled in medical courses there;
- (b) the number of total vacant medical seats in India including 2nd, 3rd and 4th-year seats, course-wise and academic term-wise;
- (c) whether Government plans to accommodate these students in the vacant medical seats in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal to set up new Medical colleges in the country

2994 **Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up new Medical colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) has been working to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government will invite private medical colleges to increase the number of medical students in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on installation of oxygen plants

2995 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) the areas where oxygen plants were installed even before the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the number of more areas covered at present; and
- (b) the amount of funds spent on installation of oxygen plants during last three years and current financial year, State-wise?

Uncertainty in medical studies due to COVID-19 pandemic

2996 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact the National Medical Commission (NMC) does not recognise online education for medical courses;
- (b) if so, whether Government will direct NMC to revoke the decision to include students whose medical course is in uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (c) whether any Panel or Commission has been formed so far to resolve the complaints

and interruptions of medical studies of students studying abroad?

Central Assistance/Grants to Assam for handling the COVID-19 pandemic

2997 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) the amount of Central Assistance/Grants that have been given to Assam for handling COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) whether Union Government has provided the State Government of Assam any assistance in financial/material form like oxygen, PPE kit, medicines, ICU related materials etc to tackle COVID-19 in Assam; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Need for COVID-19 Booster vaccination doses

2998 **Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of any study that has been conducted on the need for COVID-19 Booster vaccination doses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is planning Booster vaccination doses for its citizens;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

MBBS seats available in the country

2999 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) the total number of MBBS medical seats available in the country;
- (b) the details of the candidates who have applied for the MBBS medical seats in the country during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of medical seats increased by Government during the last five years and the details thereof?

Partnerships on Renewable Energy front

3000 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether India entered into a bilateral and multilateral agreement with any country/countries on Renewable Energy during the past years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made so far in this regard?

Green Energy Corridor Phase-II

3001 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether Government has granted approval to Green Energy Corridor Phase-II for

renewable energy;

(b) if so, the amount to be spent in Phase-II; and

(c) the States in which the projects will be set up under Phase-II?

Electricity for all village households

3002 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide electricity in each household of every village of the country through solar energy scheme;

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

(c) the names of companies through which the said scheme is being implemented, State-wise?

National Green Hydrogen Policy

3003 **Shri Vaiko:**

Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

(a) whether Government recently released National Green Hydrogen Policy;

(b) if so, the highlights thereof;

(c) whether any incentives are provided for potential manufacturers, generation companies and DISCOMS to boost large scale indigenous production of Green hydrogen;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when will the second part of the Policy be finalized and released and the sectors involved, the details thereof?

Progress of PM-Kusum Yojana

3004 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

(a) the progress of PM-Kusum Yojana;

(b) the funds disbursed for the same so far and details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any other schemes to encourage use of renewable sources of energy in rural areas, if so, the details thereof?

Contribution of Solar power to the energy requirements of the country

3005 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

(a) the percentage of total electricity generated in the country powered by renewable sources;

(b) the steps being taken to promote decentralised solar power plants which give rise to more job creation; and

(c) the contribution of solar energy to the nation's energy requirement?

Renewable energy capacity

3006 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Shri Ripun Bora:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) India's capacity of renewable energy, year-wise from 2014 till date including individual capacities of various sources such as solar power, hydro power and wind power;
- (b) whether Government has achieved the objective of increasing the capacity of renewable energy to 175 GW by 2022, as per NITI Aayog's 'Strategy for New India @ 75' Report 2019, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of measures being taken to increase indigenous manufacturing in the renewables industry, given that at least 80 per cent of such imports are from China?

Cost of per unit solar power

3007 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cost of solar power in the country right now is around ₹ 2.62 per unit, almost half of the per unit cost of electricity being produced by the recently operational Kudankulam nuclear power plant (₹ 4.10 per unit);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to encourage solar power industry to produce more solar energy in the country?

Information on waste-to-energy plants

3008 Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

- (a) the number of waste-to-energy plants currently operating in the country and the amount of Biogas/Bio CNG/Power that is being generated from them, State-wise and product-wise;
- (b) whether incineration is also used as a technique in waste-to-energy plants;
- (c) if so, how the harmful and polluting gases and other micro pollutants are handled after incineration; and
- (d) the amount of waste that is being incinerated currently in the country for waste-to-energy?

Green hydrogen

3009 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to waive off intra-State transmission charges on Green hydrogen for cost reduction;
- (b) whether a framework for Viability Gap Funding for creation of hydrogen storage infrastructure has been instituted, and if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any new nodal agency for Green hydrogen is proposed and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether a Green Hydrogen Consumption Obligation on the lines of Renewable Purchase Obligation is proposed, and if so, the details thereof?

Bio-Gas plants in the country

3010 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) the details of Bio-Gas plants functioning in the country at present;
- (b) State/Union Territory-wise number of Bio-Gas plants installed during the last three years; and
- (c) State/Union Territory-wise details of grants/subsidy provided by the State Governments during each of the last three years?

Funds sanctioned under PM-KUSUM scheme

3011 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme during the last three years;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries under the scheme since its inception, State-wise; and
- (c) the average income generated for farmers, State-wise under the scheme?

Source-wise new and renewable energy in Rajasthan

3012 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the source-wise details of power generation capacity of new and renewable energy in Rajasthan, at present;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to increase the new and renewable energy capacity in Rajasthan;
- (c) the details of set targets and achievements in respect of power generation from various renewable energy sources in Rajasthan and the funds allocated/released and utilized for the said purposes, during the last three years and current year, the year-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the details of pending proposals which are waiting for approval from Government in regard to various new and renewable energy projects in Rajasthan?

Renewable energy projects in Assam and West Bengal

3013 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the details of all sources of renewable energy in Assam and West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) the details of all projects that are ongoing to generate renewable energy in Assam and West Bengal, district-wise;
- (c) the details of the estimated cost and timeline for completion of the above mentioned projects;
- (d) the details of the environmental impact surveys conducted before undertaking these projects; and
- (e) the details of how the country plans to be independent in terms of making solar panels given that it is highly dependent on imports from China?

Target of meeting energy requirements

3014 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether any review has been made on the target of meeting energy requirements from renewables and to advance it, due to pressure on oil procurement consequent upon Ukraine crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether sustained efforts are being made to achieve the target of 75 per cent of energy requirements before 2032, if so, the details thereof?

Village electrification in Rajasthan and Maharashtra

3015 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) the details of target set and achieved so far under village electrification programme through renewable energy sources in Rajasthan and Maharashtra;
- (b) the steps the Ministry has envisaged to achieve the target fixed for the Financial Year; and
- (c) the details of monitoring mechanism regarding progress of the programmes?

Schemes/projects for improving inland water transport

3016 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of various schemes and projects launched for improving inland water transport in the country;
- (b) the status of developing waterways in Kerala; and
- (c) the present status of the project and the time by which the project is likely to be commissioned?

Details regarding ports of the country

3017 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of ports in the country;
- (b) how many of them are minor and intermediate ports; and
- (c) how many of them are under Public Private Partnership?

Representation from Visakha Port Trust Staff Association

3018 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received representation from Visakha Port Trust Staff Association on the payment of Dearness Relief against difference of pension to eligible pensioners; and
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon by Government to give justice to the pensioners?

Development of waterways in the country

3019 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of waterways taken up for development in the country, with particular reference to Karnataka;
- (b) the status of each of the waterways;
- (c) the details of targets set this year to complete waterways and the details thereof;
- (d) the expected expenditure involved for completion of waterways targeted this year; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide 90 per cent for inter-linking of rivers and, if so, the details thereof?

Death of crew members

3020 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the pending cases of the Indian crew members who lost their life during their service period on the private foreign cargo ships/ vessels, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has any data with regard to the deaths of Indian crew members on foreign ships/ vessels during the last two years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Import and export via Kolkata Port

3021 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the annual volume of goods and how much of it constitutes import into or export from India via the Kolkata Port infrastructure;
- (b) the major items of international trade in this regard;
- (c) the total number of persons using inland waterways connected to Kolkata and what are the popular routes;
- (d) whether the volume of goods and the number of users have gone up or down over the last five years; and
- (e) Government's plans in this sector?

Projects under the 'Act East Policy'

3022 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the details of the projects undertaken by the Ministry under the 'Act East Policy';
- (b) the investment made in these projects till date; and
- (c) the details of the projects that the Ministry is considering to undertake in the future?

Project proposals under Sagarmala project

3023 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh and Visakhapatnam Port Trust together sent 90 project proposals to the Ministry for its approvals under the Sagarmala Project;

- (b) if so, the details of each of the project proposal, estimated cost of the same, time frame within which each project is to be completed, details of execution and the steps Ministry has taken so far on these proposals; and
- (c) the details of the Budget allocated to each of the above projects in 2022-23?

Expansion and improvement in the services being provided by the ports

3024 **Smt. Mausam Noor:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand ports and improve the services being provided by the ports located in the Eastern States of the country;
- (b) whether Government, in joint venture with Bangladesh, has proposed the construction and management of West Bengal ports; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Fishing harbour in Juvvaladinne

3025 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) when the project for development of fishing harbour in Juvvaladinne in Nellore was taken up and the estimated cost and other details of the project;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and spent on the above project so far;
- (c) the original timelines to complete the project and whether there is any delay in the project and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when the project is going to be completed?

Turnaround Time for ships in the country

3026 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the ship Turnaround Time in the country is still more than one day even after taking steps such as Central Port Authority (CPA) Act and revised Model Concession Agreement (MCA);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any Indian port has cranes with the outreach required to handle large ships with 15000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (TEU);
- (d) if not, whether Government is taking any step in that direction; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of National Waterway-5

3027 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the present status of proposed cargo terminals at Talcher, Nasirabad, Balasore and Rajnagar on the National Waterway (NW-5);
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned and expenditure made in this regard; and
- (c) the details of Government's plan to develop East Coast Canal (Geonkhali- Charbatia) 217 km as a part of NW-5?

Modernisation of ports

3028 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) Whether Government has undertaken any works to modernise the ports and equip them with state of the art machines for smooth operations;
- (b) if so, the details of progress made in modernising the ports, along with the financial outlay of upgradation; and
- (c) what would be the impact of these actions on the development of coastal communities?

Access to electricity

3029 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the per cent of population that has access to electricity in their homes, the details thereof, State-wise, urban and rural-wise;
- (b) the average amount of electricity, in units, consumed per day by an Indian, the details thereof, State-wise, urban and rural-wise, average figures;
- (c) the average duration per day when electricity is available to an individual, the details thereof, State-wise, urban and rural-wise;
- (d) the number of fully electrified districts and States; and
- (e) the number of districts where electrification is below 75 per cent?

Availability of electricity in every household

3030 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the details of progress made under the scheme to provide electricity to every household in the country;
- (b) whether cent percent target of the scheme has been achieved in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed to ensure round the clock availability of electricity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Payment due of DISCOMS towards various power generators

3031 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether there is a huge debt of power DISCOMS towards Central power generation stations, IPPs and renewable energy generators currently;
- (b) the reason for the increased cases of surmounting dues and worsening financial performance of the DISCOMS;
- (c) whether steps have been taken by Government to ascertain the accountability; and
- (d) whether the fiscal mismanagement on the part of DISCOMS has affected the operations of the other partners in the power sector value chain?

Electrification of villages and households

3032 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) how many census villages and households in the country are yet to be electrified and what are their percentage in the country;
- (b) how much has been allocated to the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and how much has been spent so far;
- (c) the progress under DDUGJY in both villages and households;
- (d) how much has been allocated and spent under the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) scheme; and
- (e) how many have accepted metered payment for power consumption?

Status of transmission network

3033 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) the status of transmission network in 2014 and 2021; and
- (b) the plans to expand transmission network and its utility?

Closure of coal-fired power plants in the country

3034 Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

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

- (a) number of old and inefficient coal-fired power plants to be closed down, details of such plants and capacity;
- (b) details of the cost needed and timeline for closure;
- (c) details of savings which will be realized owing to such phasing out;
- (d) whether Government is implementing Thermal Power Plant Scrappage Policy to reduce coal dependency, update on its progress;
- (e) whether Government is considering halt of construction of new coal power plants, details of number and power capacity of such projects; and
- (f) whether Government has alternative road map for compensating for the GWs of power-capacity lost due to halting of coal plants, details thereof?

Affordable and 24 hour power supply

3035 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards some States, who are not supplying power to their consumers and imposing load shedding and at the same time, they are also selling power in the power exchange at a high price;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for providing affordable and 24 hour power supply to the consumers in the country?

Gradual closure of old thermal power plants

3036 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken a survey in the country to gradually close down all old thermal power stations which were most polluting the area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not identifying the most polluted thermal stations;

- (d) whether any scheme is in place to switch to green power and to incentivise the States for switching over to green energy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) how many States have availed of this scheme, State-wise with funds allotted for such schemes?

National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE)

3037 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the current status of the implementation of the National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE) and various schemes under this including the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme and Market Transformation for Energy Efficiency (MTEE);
- (b) whether PAT cycles III and IV have achieved their targets, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the status of implementation of PAT Cycle VI (2020-2023)?

Impact of surge in the price of crude oil on Indian economy

3038 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impact of unprecedented surge in the price of crude oil in the international market on Indian economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of steps Government has taken to tackle the rise in price of crude oil in the international market?

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana in Punjab

3039 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated to / released to / utilized by Punjab under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) during last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of projects implemented under the scheme in the State during the said period ;
- (c) the number of projects proposals pending under the scheme in the State during the said period; and
- (d) the new steps taken by Government for implementation of all the projects proposals under the scheme in Punjab?

Demand and supply of electricity in the country

3040 **Shri Irranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment of the supply and demand of electricity and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the estimated requirement of electricity in the country in the year 2022;
- (c) the quantity of electricity likely to be available from the existing and ongoing projects in the country;
- (d) whether Government has disbursed ₹ 8,000 crore to Karnataka for new power generation units to meet the shortage of electricity and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of power projects to be set up by Government for the next five years, project-wise and State/UT-wise?

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