

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016/Phalguna 11, 1937 (Saka)*

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(Ministries: Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy  
(AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and  
Family Welfare; Information and Broadcasting; Minority Affairs)

### Total number of questions — 15

#### Lapses leading to attack at Pathankot Air Base

\*46. DR. BHALCHANDRA  
MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of  
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the factors that led to the  
Pathankot Air Base strike/attack by the  
country's enemies;

(b) the details of the lapses, on the  
part of Government in this matter; and

(c) what steps are being planned to  
prevent such strike/attack in the future?

#### Tax collection through TDS

†\*47. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the  
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major  
portion of individual income tax is  
collected through TDS in the country, if  
so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is proposed to make the  
present provisions of TDS more income

tax payers friendly and if so, the details  
thereof?

#### NABARD loans to Andhra Pradesh

\*48. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps  
to provide loans through NABARD for  
various purposes related to agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and loans  
provided to each work/project during  
Eleventh and Twelfth Plan Periods, year-  
wise and State/UT-wise works undertaken  
with such loan;

(c) whether Government of Andhra  
Pradesh has requested NABARD to release  
₹ 500 crore to enable it to provide loans to  
farmers, if so, the details thereof and action  
taken thereon; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that  
NABARD had released ₹ 2,350 crore to  
Andhra Pradesh to provide loans earlier, if  
so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Opening of SBI branch in village  
Dumri Khurd, Bihar**

\*49. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether representation has been  
received from Member of Parliament for  
opening of new branch of State Bank of  
India (SBI) in village Dumri Khurd, Block  
Majorganj in Sitamarhi District of Bihar,  
if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any survey has been made  
by SBI regarding it, if so, the details  
thereof; and

(c) the time by which new branch of  
SBI will be opened by Government?

**Measures to check inflation**

\*50. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the common  
man in the country has now become a  
victim of high inflation, if so, the reasons  
therefor; and

(b) the measures Government  
proposes to counter the inflation and the  
effective steps taken so far to check the  
same?

**ATM coverage in rural areas of the  
country**

\*51. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to allow  
more free ATM transactions and for setting  
up of ATMs at Post Offices in the country,  
if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ATM

coverage in rural areas of the country is  
less in comparison to urban areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the  
effective steps taken or being taken for  
more ATM coverage in rural areas other  
than proposed ATMs at Post Offices?

**Waiver of bad loans by PSBs**

\*52. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Public Sector Banks (PSBs)  
have written off ₹ 1.14 lakh crores of bad  
debt during financial years 2013 and 2015,  
if so, the details thereof, bank-wise and  
year-wise, separately;

(b) whether the amount of bad loans  
waived off by these banks during last three  
financial years is more than the written  
off bad loans during previous nine years;  
and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons  
therefor and the names of 10 biggest  
beneficiaries of the written off bad loans  
during last three years, year-wise?

**Results of expanding the scope of  
AYUSH**

\*53. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:  
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA  
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
is unable to deliver the expected results of  
expanding the scope of AYUSH to the  
urban, semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, whether it is due to insufficient  
Doctors and para-medic staff in the  
AYUSH system of medicine and funds;  
and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to overcome such deficiency?

#### **Survey of cancer patients**

\*54. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of patients suffering from cancer;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof, State/UT-wise specially Haryana and Punjab;

(c) the number of cancer death cases reported in the country during each of the last two years and factors for exponential rise of cancer cases; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for providing better healthcare facilities to these patients for early detection and free affordable treatment to poor and for creating infrastructure for the purpose and funds earmarked and utilised during the last two years, State/UT-wise?

#### **Test landing at Kannur International Airport**

\*55. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether date has been fixed for test landing of aircraft in the upcoming Kannur International Airport, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government is aware of the time-frame kept for the proposed completion, test landing and starting of commercial operation of the airport?

#### **Opening of CGHS dispensary at Haldwani, Uttarakhand**

†\*56. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a request from ex-servicemen and retired Central Government employees for opening a CGHS dispensary in Haldwani, Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the date on which this request was received and the reasons for not taking any decision in this regard till now; and

(c) whether CGHS dispensary is proposed to be opened in Haldwani in future?

#### **Import of defence equipments**

\*57. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on import of various defence equipments during each of the last two years;

(b) the names of countries from where import of defence equipment is being done;

(c) whether Government has taken steps for minimizing dependency on import for most of the defence equipment requirement and, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has made any assessment of the quantum of reduction in the defence import during the last one year, after the implementation of 'Make in India' programme and, if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Suspension of flight services by AI  
from Bhubaneswar**

\*58. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which Air India has stopped operating its flight to Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad from Bhubaneswar; and

(b) by when Air India will resume its operations in the aforementioned sectors?

**Bailing out PSBs from the NPAs**

\*59. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is keen to unveil a number of reform measures to bail out the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) from the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the non-performing assets rose to ₹ 2.67 lakh crore in March from ₹ 2.40 lakh crore a year ago; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that resolving the bad loan problem could involve some pain and, if so, the details thereof?

**Awareness campaign against depression  
and mental illnesses**

\*60. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: 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 and whether the Ministry have any data regarding the number of people who have committed suicide due to depression;

(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?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 24th February, 2016*  
*Phalguna 5, 1937 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

## **I N D E X**

**(Ministry-wise)**

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<b>Health and Family Welfare</b>	:	54, 56, 60.
<b>Information and Broadcasting</b>	:	—
<b>Minority Affairs</b>	:	—