

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

**(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 — 160

Rare medicinal plants for treating cancer

480. 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 the traditional
village medical healers of remote villages
of Kerala are in the knowhow of rare
medicinal plants/herbs which they had been
using for centuries successfully in the
treatment of cancer;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted
any survey in this regard; and

(c) while maintaining the traditionality
of the village medical healers, whether there
is any proposal of Government to conduct
proper and thorough research work in this
regard for the benefit of millions of cancer
patients?

Research institutes for studying medicinal herbs

†481. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH
MAHRA: Will the Minister of
AYURVEDA, YOGA &
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) the norms for setting up national
institutes of pharmaceutical education and
research in States;

(b) the names of places where these
institutes were established after 2007;

(c) whether Government is aware that
there is an abundance of life-enhancing and
disease-destroying herbs in Uttarakhand;

(d) if so, whether Government would
consider to open schools in the State to
impart more education to the people about
these herbs; and

(e) if not, whether Government has any
alternative arrangement in place for the
same and the details thereof?

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Allocation for Jharkhand under NAM

482. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how does the National Ayush Mission (NAM) plan to strengthen alternative medicines in India;

(b) what is the allocation made under the National Ayush Mission for the State of Jharkhand during Financial Year 2015-16;

(c) what goalposts have been set for promotion/strengthening of Ayush in Jharkhand; and

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any evaluation in this regard?

**Central Research Institute of Yoga
and Naturopathy at Bhubaneswar,
Odisha**

483. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved setting up of a Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy with 100 bedded hospital at Bhubaneswar, Odisha; and

(b) if so, what is the current status of the proposal and whether work has begun in this regard?

**Authenticity and quality check of
Ayurvedic medicines**

†484. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be

pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to enhance the quality of Ayurvedic medicines and to check their authenticity; and

(b) the number of Ayurvedic treatment centres financed by Central Government and the details of their location, State-wise?

**Conservation of endangered
medicinal plants**

485. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of a recent survey by the Botanical Survey of India which found that almost 93 per cent of medicinal plants in India are endangered;

(b) if so, the reasons for neglect of endangered species of medicinal plants; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for conservation and development of medicinal plants and especially their wild varieties?

New initiatives under NAM

486. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new initiatives taken under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) particularly in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether there is any tribal sub-plan component thereunder, if so, the details thereof?

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Allocation of funds and infrastructure for Ayush development

487. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated adequate funds and created infrastructural facilities for the development of Ayush in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of educational institutes being planned to be set up for education and research in the field of Ayush in the country?

Scheme for promoting Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy in Rajasthan

†488. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to promote Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the head-wise details of the amount sanctioned and the amount paid to the State Government of Rajasthan by the Central Government for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy in the last one year?

SOP for carrying bodies of Martyrs by the AI

489. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any laid down procedure for carrying the body of the Martyrs on the National Air Carrier;

(b) if so, what is the procedure that is being followed presently for accepting, carrying and handing over the body of the Martyrs by the Captain and Crew of the Aircraft; and

(c) if not, whether the Minister will assure the House of formulating and implementing a proper Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) involving all the aspects for carrying body of the Martyrs?

Utilisation of sale proceeds of Dreamliner by AI

490. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Dreamliner aircrafts Air India has sold out between 2013 and 2015, the details thereof, year-wise;

(b) how much revenue was generated through sale of Dreamliner; and

(c) how the sale proceeds have been utilised by Air India, the details thereof?

Removal of 5/20 rule

491. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the existing Aviation Policy, it is mandatory for the airlines operating in India to follow 5/20 rule, where an Indian carrier must be five years old and have at least 20 planes in its fleet to fly abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the new proposed Aviation policy, the Government

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is likely to favour removal of 5/20 rule to allow some private airlines to fly on foreign routes; and

(c) if so, the reasons leading for change in the existing policy?

Fleet size of AI

492. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to increase its fleet of aircraft in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the estimated cost of purchase;

(c) what is the existing strength of aircraft with Air India and how many of them are under maintenance, category-wise; and

(d) how many aircrafts are on lease/ contract basis and whether maintenance cost is to be borne by the lessor and if not, the reasons therefor?

Standard for space in Domestic and International airports in India

493. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the fixed standard if any, for earmarking space in Domestic and International Terminals of Indian Airports for shops, convenience, passenger movement and waiting passengers and open space on safety ground the details thereof;

(b) whether all airports in India are maintaining the fixed standards;

(b) whether all stalls, restaurants got licenses in NSC Bose Airport, Kolkata on successful bidding of tenders; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Concessionary fares offered by AI

494. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India provides concessionary fares to students, cancer patients, blind persons, war widows etc.;

(b) the number of citizens who have availed of concessions in each of the last three years and current year;

(c) concessions are given on normal base fares and concessionary fare is always five-six times more than lower restricted fares;

(d) if so, whether it is beneficial for eligible citizens to avail of concession, if not, whether purpose of concessions is served; and

(e) whether Government intends to extend this facility to persons in medical emergency, accompanying a corpse etc.?

New Draft aviation policy

495. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drafted the new Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, what are the highlights of the new policy;

(c) whether Government plans to make Civil Aviation affordable to masses in the country, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government plans to connect small towns and cities *via* air travel, the details thereof?

Recruitment of pilots on contract basis in Air India

496. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has proposed to recruit pilots on contract basis for the growing number of its aircrafts; if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many pilots are under training and under what type, and what would be the strength of pilots by June, 2016;

(c) what is the total cost estimated for providing type-rated training to the 500 pilots; and

(d) whether any contract would be signed so that, their services would be available to Air India for a considerable period, with details?

Air India flights between Delhi and Gorakhpur

†497. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has started operating passenger flights from Delhi to Gorakhpur, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a flight on the above route was either cancelled or diverted after taking off from a distance, while passenger had to wait for hours at Delhi's Terminal - 3 in last February; and

(c) the reasons behind lack of promptness in giving information to

passengers about cancellation, diversion or delay of flights and the details thereof?

Circular on eatables supplied in AI flights

†498. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers and aware citizens have registered their protest on some points contained in the circular issued by the Ministry on December, 2015 regarding eatables supplied in the flights of Air India; and

(b) the purpose of issuing the above circular and whether the Ministry would withdraw its controversial points, and the details thereof?

Review of airport charges

499. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority(AERA) to review airport charges particularly in metro airports;

(b) whether metro airports are levying User Development Fee (UDF) on incoming passengers; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to make air travel more affordable?

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Forced payments in foreign currencies at international airports in the country

500. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware about the incidents of the Indian citizens being forced to pay in foreign currency while in most of the shops at International Airports in the country and for purchase of food and water on flights going to foreign locations from the country;

(b) the existing set of guidelines and rules regarding the payment for goods bought at Duty Free Zones at Airports and flights going to foreign locations from the country; and

(c) the details for such incidents along with the steps taken to correct them?

Stray dogs in the airports

501. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a menace of stray dogs in the airports in the country, if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently in Visakhapatnam airport, Andhra Pradesh, a woman passenger was bitten by stray dog, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether such instances put our country's image down among the passengers particularly international passengers who arrive in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps

taken/being taken by Government to avoid stray dogs in the vicinity of airports particularly on the runways in future to avoid such incidents ?

Varying User Development fees

502. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the User Development fees are varying at private and public airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise?

Resignation by flight safety inspectors

503. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether thirteen flight operations inspectors (FOIs) working with the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have resigned;

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

(c) whether the US's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has downgraded India for not fulfilling to meet global safety standards?

Ban on auto rickshaws to reach Terminal T3 in Delhi Airport

504. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether auto rickshaws in Delhi are not allowed to go upto terminal T3 in Delhi Airport but the private taxi/Radio taxi are allowed due to which the passengers are

facing a lot of inconvenience while going/ coming from Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Revival of aviation sector

505. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airlines in the country are bleeding;

(b) whether Government has worked out certain action plan to revive this sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the new action plan to help it survive?

Overcrowded Kochi-Agatti sector

506. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kochi-Agatti Sector is overcrowded and the present facilities are not adequate enough to meet the requirement; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to solve this problem?

Air connectivity to different places in Rajasthan

†507. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide air services to the cities like Jaisalmer, Kota etc. in Rajasthan which are

important on all accounts, if so, the factual details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the names of districts of Rajasthan State in which Government of India is planning to provide air-services to boost tourism, along with details thereof?

Fulfilment of CSR obligations by Public and Private Companies

508. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of Public and Private sector companies fulfilling their obligations under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to revise norms for CSR to include developmental work in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to monitor the activities and utilization of funds by the companies under CSR?

Shortfall in CSR spending by companies

509. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two third of the top listed companies have failed to spend the minimum 2 per cent of profits on social responsibility activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

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(c) whether any of such companies has given any explanation for the shortfall in CSR spending and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure compliance of CSR provisions by the companies?

CSR spending by PSUs and non-PSUs

510. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether listed public sector firms are lagging behind non-PSU firms while spending on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as mandated by the Companies Act, 2013;

(b) if so, details of aggregate spending by the PSUs and non-PSUs on CSR; and

(c) what steps the Government is taking to cajole PSUs to discharge CSR as prescribed in the Act?

Expenditure on SFIO

511. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure on Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) for the last three years; and

(b) the number of cases referred to the SFIO and the number of cases in which stay has been granted?

Policy on CSR

†512. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) names of the activities covered under the policy on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) whether any provision has been made for those companies to work under the Corporate Social Responsibility in the same area, where they are situated; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms being adopted for the selection of works related to public interest at local level; and

(d) whether the suggestion of the local public representative should not be given priority for the works related to the public interest?

Management training for retiring defence personnel

†513. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of personnel retiring annually from the armed forces;

(b) whether Government is providing training to the armed forces personnel before their retirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the arrangement made for Short Service Commission officers; and

(d) whether Indian Institutes of Management have come forward to help them in availing employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof?

Reviewing of civil-military relations

514. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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had set up an expert committee to review civil-military relations;

(b) if so, what was the composition and Terms of Reference of such Expert Committee;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Expert Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, what are the salient recommendations and whether Government has taken a decision of those recommendations?

Arrests of ISI moles in the Armed Forces

515. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some ISI moles were arrested recently who were found working in Indian Armed Forces, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken in the matter and what action Government proposes to take to find out such moles who may be working in our Armed forces?

Inking of new defence deals

516. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has inked any new MoU and deals for the purchase of fighter air-crafts, weapons and artilleries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount to be spent on these procurements;

(c) whether Government has planned and is pinching for indigenous start-up

companies under Make in India programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the amount allocated for the purchase of arms and ammunitions, artillery, fighter jets and other weapons has been fully disbursed, spent and utilised in the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of DPSUs

517. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disinvestment or strategic sale of defence public sector units (DPSUs) is in the offing; and

(b) if so, the details of the DPSUs which are getting disinvested?

Maintenance of sensitive roads in Himachal Pradesh

518. SHRI K. C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation which was forwarded by the Prime Minister's Office regarding handing over of maintenance work of Shimla-Dodrakwar and Rampur-Rohru roads in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Governments response in this regard;

(c) whether Government will take special attention for maintenance of these roads on priority basis for the development in the field of Tourism, Agriculture, Industry etc. and employment for unemployed youth as these roads are important from the security point of view also; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Releasing of after retirement benefits

519. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Hon'ble Prime Minister has issued any standing order/advisory to release all the after retirement benefits to all the Central Government Servants at the time or before their retirement; and

(b) if so, whether these orders are being implemented/followed in the Defence Ministry?

Terrorist threats on military establishments

†520. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the terrorist strike on the Air Force Base situated at Pathankot on 2 January, 2016;

(b) if so, the reasons for which Government did not take requisite steps and it did not establish complete co-ordination with the State Government despite receiving prior information in this regard;

(c) whether the terrorists have given threat to carry out more attacks on the other Air Force Bases and important locations; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the security of all the military establishments, so that such incident may not happen in future?

Defence cooperation with France

521. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have held any delegation level talks to discuss issues of shared strategic interest and the bilateral defence relationship between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas so far identified by both the countries for enhanced cooperation in the future; and

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement signed between the two countries?

Invitation to movie stars in Defence functions

522. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the reasons for inviting movie stars to the Inaugural Ceremony of the International Fleet Review 2016 hosted by the Eastern Naval Command recently?

Crashes of fighter planes

523. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the air crash of Indian Air Force fighter planes during last three years, and the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to produce quality fighter planes in India?

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New Defence Procurement Policy

524. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved a new Defence Procurement Policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and by when it is proposed to be promulgated?

Handing over of Anjadiv Island to the Defence Ministry

525. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists an island called Anjadiv Island off the coast of Goa which was given by the State Government of Goa to the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the year in which the island was given by the State Government of Goa to the Ministry of Defence and what were the terms and conditions under which the same was given; and

(c) whether it is a fact that terms and conditions under which the State Government of Goa granted the island, have been violated and the details thereof?

All-weather rail and road links in Ladakh

526. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all-weather rail and road links required by the Army in the Ladakh region;

(b) the steps taken to develop infrastructure as required by the Forces in the difficult terrain; and

(c) whether Government proposes to create fast-track implementing agency to develop infrastructure in the region in a time-bound manner and, if so, the details thereof?

Latest equipments for soldiers posted at Siachen Glacier

527. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any latest winter gear including trousers, jackets and gloves to jawans deployed in places such as Siachen Glacier to enable them brave temperatures that even go below minus 50 degree celcius;

(b) whether the need for replacing the existing kit was felt by Government after it was found that the jackets and trousers in use are not very comfortable; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve the living conditions of soldiers posted therewith integrated shelter huts which can provide protection to soldiers against extreme climate conditions of Himalayan region?

Military personnel trapped and lost their lives in Siachen Glacier

†528. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of military personnel, who got trapped and lost their lives in the

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Siachen Glacier in the last three years including the month of February; and

(b) the details of technological options being adopted for vigilance in the glaciers like Siachen besides the deployment of troops, so that minimum troops could be deployed in such difficult terrain and the details thereof?

Indigenisation of defence sector

†529. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to manufacture indigenous machines in the defence sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any indigenous and foreign company has got registered with Government to manufacture defence machinery in 2015-16, and if so, the details thereof?

Holding of Defence Exposition in Goa

530. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Defence proposes to hold Defence Exposition in Goa this year;

(b) if so, which part of Goa the same is scheduled to be organised;

(c) what is the area acquired, taken on lease/licence and the terms and conditions thereof; and

(d) who owns the land presently and

what is the procedure followed for the purpose of getting right over the land and details thereof?

New ordinance factories

†531. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether Government proposes to set-up new ordinance factories in the country and, if so, the details thereof?

Rafale fighter plane deal with France

†532. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rafale fighter plane deal with France is on the verge of cancellation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when this deal will be struck and number of fighter planes planned to be purchased and total estimated price for that?

Preserving of INS Viraat

533. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from a number of States to utilise the oldest serving warship today and India's second aircraft carrier in the fleet-INS Viraat;

(b) if so, the names of the States which

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have submitted proposals to preserve the aircraft carrier and the details of the proposals thereof; and

(c) what will be the parameters on which Government plans to select the best suitable plan?

Non-providing of bullet proof jackets to army personnel

534. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Army Personnel/Staff who are entitled to bullet proof jackets have been provided bullet proof jackets, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to short supply of bullet proof jackets, entitled Army Personnel/Staff were not provided with the same in a time bound manner, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to tide over this crisis?

Sainik School at Puducherry

535. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only 20 Sainik Schools in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no Sainik School in Puducherry;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry is planning to open Sainik Schools in various parts of the country; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons that Puducherry has not been considered for setting up of Sainik School?

Memorial at Base Camp, Siachen Glacier

†536. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the special arrangements made to rescue soldiers from the accidents of snow storms and avalanche in places like Siachen Glacier and whether there is any plan to improve such arrangements in future so that they may be strengthened; and

(b) whether any memorabilia will be erected in Base Camp of Siachen in memory of the martyrdom of brave soldiers like Hanamanthappa Koppad?

Irregularities in bank loans to farmers

†537. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loans provided, State-wise for the marginalised and small farmers of various States including Madhya Pradesh by cooperative banks during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether irregularities have been found in sanctioning of the loans during the above period;

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

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(d) whether any action has been taken regarding the irregularities, if so, the details of the action taken; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to stop such irregularities in future?

Excise duty and taxes on petroleum products

538. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for petrol and diesel remaining costly in the country despite global oil prices at a record low;

(b) amount earned through excise duty and other taxes on petroleum products since last four years, year- wise, till January, 2016; and

(c) why the Government not passing on the benefit to the consumers?

Collection of pending corporate tax arrears

539. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Corporate Tax demand pending for collection up to the month of February, 2016, from the corporate defaulters;

(b) whether the Government has any specific plans to collect the pending corporate tax arrears from these corporates; and

(c) which are the top 50 tax defaulters among corporate?

Moderation in growth of NPAs

540. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the pace of growth in non performing assets (NPAs) will moderate over the next 12-18 months;

(b) whether it is a fact that while the stock of non-performing loans may continue to rise, the pace of new impaired loan formation during the current financial year ending March 31, 2016 will be lower than the level seen in the past four years;

(c) whether it is a fact that fresh NPA generation had moderated during the first half the current financial year despite withdrawal of regulatory forbearance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouragement to payment system of banks

541. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has stated that small finance banks can join payment system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the RBI has announced payment system innovation awards to encourage innovators in the area of payment and settlement system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loan scheme for poor people

542. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has considered/is considering a proposal to formulate a small loan scheme for poor people;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action so far in this regard; and

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

(d) if so, the details including the percentage of coverage of home insurance across the country including Kerala;

(e) whether the Government is likely to provide any subsidy or incentive to promote Home insurance in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Frauds by nationalised banks

†543. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governor of Reserve Bank of India had recommended to the Government to initiate investigation into the frauds committed by various nationalised banks;

(b) if so, when were these recommendations made and the details of reasons for not taking action on the said recommendations till today; and

(c) whether Government does not consider the recommendations made by the Governor appropriate?

Promotion of home insurance in the country

544. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/IRDA is coming out with several regulations on corporate governance, accounting practices, reinsurance and corporate agents to create a platform to combat frauds in the Insurance Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether subscription to home insurance is low in the country;

Customs duty exemptions on import of life saving drugs

545. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued notification withdrawing customs duty exemptions on import of 76 medicines including life saving drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that such move to withdraw exemptions on import of these drugs would increase price of life saving drugs in domestic markets and it would prove fatal for the health of poor patients; and

(d) if so, the reasons and rationale of anti poor notification by Government?

Revenue generated by increase in excise duty on petroleum products

546. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of excise duty increase during 2016 on petrol, diesel and other petroleum products;

(b) the details of revenue generated by increasing excise duty on petroleum products during 2015-16, so far;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the details of revenue generated from excise duty on petroleum products during 2013-14 and 2014-15 separately; and

(d) the details of utilisation of fund accrued from excise duty on petroleum products during 2015-16?

Shome Committee recommendations on tax reforms

547. SHRI SALIMANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shome Committee has given recommendations for simplifying of tax reforms in tax administration;

(b) if so, what are the broad recommendations of the Shome Committee Report and the action taken on each of the recommendations; and

(c) whether Government is examining to discontinue the random scrutiny of cases of individuals causing hardship at the hands of Income-tax officers and if not, reasons thereof?

Increase in borrowing limit under FRBMA Act

548. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Telangana has approached the Centre to increase the borrowing limit under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Centre?

Service tax from Haj pilgrims

†549. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government collects service tax from those Haj pilgrims who opt to travel through private tour operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also collects service tax from those Haj pilgrims who travel through the Haj Committee of Government of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Payment through debit/credit cards

550. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that it is not very convenient to pay through debit card in purchase of higher values;

(b) whether Government is also aware that in sale of certain commodities, the buyers are discouraged to pay through credit/debit card by adding around 2 per cent to the bill in the name of service charge; and

(c) steps Government proposes to encourage payment through credit/debit card and contain the circulation of black money in the country's economy?

Atal Pension Yojana

†551. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Atal Pension Yojana started by Central Government has covered a large number of people as per its target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether cut off period of enrolling under this scheme has been extended; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans to farmers

†552. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmer groups and agriculture experts (CIFA) have requested the Government to provide loans upto 5 lakhs to all farmers at 4 per cent interest rate, provide higher support price for crops, increase coverage of crop insurance and formulate a sustainable export policy;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when necessary steps would be taken in this direction?

Refunds under IT Act

553. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether refunds are being made by Department of Revenue after rectification done u/s 154 I.T. Act;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) the total amount refunded during financial year 2014-15?

Exposure of PSBs to DISCOMS

554. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of Non-Performing Assets contributed by DISCOMS in Public Sector Banks;

(b) details of amount of loans advanced by PSBs to DISCOMS in Financial Year 2014-15;

(c) details of total financing by PSBs to the winning coal bidders, and therefore, the exposure of the PSBs to the coal sector in the last one year;

(d) whether it is a fact that power projects amounting to 46,000 megawatts are facing viability issues due to lack of long-term buyers for electricity and inadequate fuel supply; and

(e) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Last mile connectivity under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana

555. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Micro-Finance institutions registered with MUDRA Yojana so far across India and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the amount of loans disbursed to micro enterprises so far under the three categories of 'Shishu', 'Kishore' and 'Tarun', the details thereof, State-wise, sector-wise;

(c) whether a Credit Guarantee Scheme has been formulated, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to create an architecture of last mile connectivity under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana?

Accessibility of Banking Ombudsman in small towns and cities

556. DR. CHANDRA MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government proposes to make office of the Banking Ombudsman accessible to the small banking customers in the metros as well as in smaller cities and towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to expand and revamp the banking ombudsman scheme catering to clientele in far flung areas?

Broadbasing the income tax net

557. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons in the country in the age group of say 25 to 60 years;

(b) how many of them are income tax assesseees;

(c) out of such assesseees what percentage belong to the salaried class; and

(d) special steps Government propose to broaden the tax net for an equitable sharing of the tax burden by the people?

Levying of Capital Gains Tax on shares

558. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Revenue levies short term Capital Gain Tax on shares traded with recognised stock exchange which are also subject to security transaction tax;

(b) if so, it is not against the basic principle of taxation; and

(c) what is being done to correct this double taxation?

Devaluation of Indian rupee against US Dollar

559. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian rupee value continues to decline against US dollar;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, month-wise; and

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take to contain the sliding rupee value?

Regulations concerning health insurance on private/corporate hospitals

560. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) action taken by the Government to expand health insurance coverage in the country at low cost so as to reduce burden on Government hospitals;

(b) whether Government is aware that health insurance providers have shown displeasure towards unrealistic charges claimed by private/corporate hospitals in absence of any Government regulation on such charges; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, State Governments and other stakeholders, regulate charges of private hospitals so that, concerns of health insurance providers may be addressed and they come forward with low premium policies for general public?

Enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana

561. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people that have enrolled under the Atal Pension Yojana since the schemes inception, month-wise;

(b) the details of enrolment targets set by the Government;

(c) if these targets have not been met, reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to increase enrolment; and

(e) the fund allocated and disbursed under this scheme since its inception?

Steps to reduce gross NPAs of PSBs

562. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recoveries and write-offs by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during the last two years;

(b) what options the banks have exercised to improve the pace of recovery;

(c) the steps being taken to reduce gross NPAs of Public Sector Banks; and

(d) the implications of these write-offs per capita on tax-payees and on each citizen, respectively, with details thereof?

Opening of SBI branch in HP

563. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation which was forward by the Prime Minister office to the Secretary, Banking Division in the month of August 2015 and November 2015 regarding opening of new SBI Branch with ATM facility in Chirgaon Tehsil under Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh (HP);

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard and by when new SBI Branch would be opened; and

(c) whether Government will give special attention to this area as it is hilly and rural, and the geographical condition is different?

Budgetary support for providing relief to urea producers

564. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of action taken by Government on request of Department of Fertilizers for making additional allocation of ₹ 26190/- crores under the supplementary grants to clear outstanding dues on subsidy head; and

(b) the action taken by Government on request of Department of Fertilizers for special banking arrangement to provide relief to urea producers as they are facing acute shortage of cash flow and they are heavily burdened with huge bank loans and huge interest burden mounting on them?

Credit Guarantee under MUDRA

565. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units

Development Refinance Agency (MUDRA), if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many micro units would be benefited by the boosting of fund, and what is the limit up to which loan guaranteed; and

(c) what are the modalities worked out for credit guarantee and the rate of refinance?

Utilisation of dividends from PSUs

566. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN:: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected as dividends from different Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the PSUs to pay 30 per cent dividend of post tax profit or of Central Government's equity as to earlier 20 per cent;

(c) the surplus money accrued as a result of this measure;

(d) whether Government plans to use this surplus in the further development of PSUs; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

Measures to increase number of income tax payers

†567. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only four per cent people out of 125 crore people pay income tax;

(b) if so, reasons for not paying of

Income Tax by remaining 96 per cent people, and measures being taken by the Government to increase the number of income tax payers; and

(c) if not, percentage of tax payers and non-tax payers at present?

RBI guidelines on bad debts

568. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether bad debts in the books of 29 State owned banks which stood at ₹ 15,559 crores for the year ending March 2012, have shot up by over three times to ₹ 52,542 crores by the end of March, 2015;

(b) whether the RBI guidelines require the banks to report bad debts on a consolidated basis, leaving the identity of big defaulters hidden from the public gaze; and

(c) whether the data provided by the RBI shows that State Bank of India, India's largest bank, is way ahead of others in declaring loans as unrecoverable with its bad debts shooting up almost four times since 2013?

Asset Reconstruction Companies

569. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up and established Asset Reconstruction Companies to salvage and revive stressed assets of companies in the road and power sectors, as was announced in July 2014;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the estimated timelines for setting up of these companies?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Collections of money by Non-banking financial institutions in West Bengal

570. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of non-banking financial institutions have collected a huge sum of money from the people of West Bengal in the last 4½ years;

(b) if so, how many companies have collected the money;

(c) what is the amount of money collected; and

(d) what actions are initiated against these companies?

(a) the number of Regional Rural Banks/ Gramin Banks functioning in the country, as on date, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the working of the said banks;

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

(d) whether the loans disbursed by the said banks to the villagers have increased during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat?

Window dressing of balance sheets of Banks

†571. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines issued or the rules framed by Government for the banks to check Window dressing of 'Balance Sheet' being made by banks along with details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that debts are shown as ever-greening to improve their performance thus leading to a rise in non-performing assets; and

(c) if so, the names of banks, amount involved alongwith total number of account which have been shown as ever-greening details of financial year 2014-15?

Working of Regional Rural Banks in the country

572. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

India-Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement

573. DR. CHANDRA MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the outstanding issues relating to India-Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA);

(b) the details of changes proposed by India in DTAA along with the response of Mauritius on the changes proposed by India; and

(c) the time by when an amended DTAA is likely to be finalized and implemented?

Loan waiver to industrialists

574. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state how many big industrialists were given the relief of loan waiver, during 2014 and 2015?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Group Insurance Scheme for
MPs**

575. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Group Insurance Scheme for serving/retired Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to introduce any Group Insurance Scheme for serving/retired Members of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be introduced?

**RBI guidelines on sanctioning of PSB
loans to SEZs**

576. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are no RBI guidelines regarding sanctioning of loans to Special Economic Zone (SEZ) developers in the country by various Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(b) whether in the absence of RBI guidelines for sanctioning of loans to Special Economic Zone (SEZ) developers in the country there is no uniformity in guidelines followed by various Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and every Bank is following its self formulated guidelines; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to address the issue?

**Recommendations of CEA panel on
GST**

577. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) Panel has recommended that GST rate be around 17-18 per cent and has also recommended to remove one per cent levy to help manufacturing States;

(b) if so, whether the Government has accepted these and other recommendations made by CEA; and

(c) why some sections are insisting that GST rate should be included in the Constitution Bill itself and what is the idea of the Government on this aspect?

Refund of Swachh Bharat cess

578. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to refund the Swachh Bharat Cess, a levy imposed by the Government on SEZs from November last year to fund its cleanliness drive; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Disclosure of names of loan
defaulters**

579. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to disclose the names of loan defaulters that led the banks to the bad loan crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

Investment by foreign countries in India

580. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign countries including the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom, Australia, France and Germany are investing their money in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount they invested in India from last one year?

Health for all

581. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state by what time health services for all will be available in India?

Capping of prices of stents

582. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Core Committee set up by Government on essential medicines to decide whether stents should be included in the list of scheduled pharmaceutical products prices of which are capped by Government has submitted its report;

(b) if not, whether it is due to differences between the Ministry of Health and Department of Pharmaceuticals on the mechanism to bring down the prices of medical devices; and

(c) if so, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report so that prices of stent is not delayed and it is made available to patients on capped prices as early as possible?

Major causes of death and shortage of PG medical seats

583. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the top ten diseases/illnesses that cause death in India and the percentage of these diseases/illnesses that need doctors with post graduate qualifications to treat them;

(b) whether there is a huge difference between the number of under graduate and post graduate medical seats available in the country, if so, the number of MBBS and PG seats, separately; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to ensure that factors such as lack of infrastructure or faculty do not lead to fewer number of PG seats available in the country?

Caesarean Sections and requirement of gynaecologists

584. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of caesarean section deliveries that need to be performed in rural India, State and UT-wise;

(b) the number of gynaecologists, obstetrics and anaesthetists (separately) required to perform the caesarean section deliveries compared to the number of gynaecologists, obstetrics and anaesthetists that are available in the rural parts of the country, State and UT-wise; and

(c) if there is shortfall in the number of gynaecologists, obstetrics and anaesthetists available to perform the caesarean section deliveries, the reasons for the shortfall and the steps/measures being taken by Government to overcome the shortfall?

High rate of miscarriages in the country

585. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that miscarriage rates in India have risen to 32 per cent while globally the rate is 10 per cent;

(b) if so, what reason can be attributed to huge number of miscarriages in India;

(c) what has been done to reduce miscarriages and maternal mortality rate; and

(d) what are the number of maternal mortalities in the country for the last three years and its comparison with SAARC countries?

Financial and infrastructural aid for maintaining diseases registry

586. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided adequate financial, infrastructure as well as man- power facilities to record and maintain cancer, tuberculosis patient registry etc. in Government run Hospitals in various States/UTs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by Government to establish more screening and testing facilities for identifying patients suffering from cancer, tuberculosis and lung disorders and for their subsequent treatments in various States/UTs in the country; and

(c) the medical facilities and funds provided to various States/UTs for the treatment of poor TB patients and also to

support non-profit organizations to promote cancer awareness?

Adulterated milk products

587. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many reports and complaints regarding the unhygienic, contaminated and hazardous milk and milk products sold by local milk dairies run by individuals, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to ensure the quality and safety of milk and milk products; and

(c) the details of local mechanism to monitor raid and check such milk vendors and ensure the quality of the milk available to the people?

Preparedness against spread of Zika virus

588. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of Zika virus to infect people in the country as it is already infecting the people abroad, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any vaccine has been developed to contain severity of the disease; and

(c) the measures as part of Government's preparedness being initiated to check the disease?

Discouraging tobacco consumption by the people

589. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the second largest consumer of tobacco products in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tobacco is the foremost preventable cause of death and disease in the world today killing half of the people who consume it;

(c) if so, the details in this regard with trends in oral cancer during last five years, State-wise;

(d) the details of legislations brought by Government to discourage consumption of tobacco in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to make these laws more effective and result oriented?

Expenditure on public health

590. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to increase the total public health expenditure in the country;

(b) if so, the present status in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken to increase expenditure on health both by the Centre and the States; and

(d) whether there exists a built-in mechanism to ensure that the money is spent on the important segments of the health sector, if so, the details thereof?

Special burn units in hospitals

591. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of separate special burn units in hospitals across the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the details of the hospitals having separate burn units in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to set up a separate burn treatment unit in all hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) the funds earmarked, allocated, and spent to establish such units during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the time by which the said units are likely to be set up in all the hospitals in the country?

Under nutrition in children under five years of age

592. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that as per UNICEF reports, 20 per cent of children in India under five years of age suffer from wasting due to acute under nutrition;

(b) what is the percentage of children under five years of age who suffer from wasting due to acute under nutrition in Jharkhand;

(c) what has been the achievement in reducing under nutrition, wasting and underweight children under the National Health Mission (NHM) and Mid Day Meal (MDM) scheme; and

(d) what is the target date set for eradication of under nutrition, wasting and underweight among children in the country?

Sale of sub-standard mineral water

593. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that unlicensed and sub-standard mineral waters are on sale; and

(b) if so, the number of complaints received by Government during last three years and action taken thereon?

Operationalisation of AIIMS institutes

594. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new AIIMS like institutes which have become fully operational so far;

(b) whether there has been any delay in making such institutes operational, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the functional institutes have filled all faculty positions against sanctioned strength, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that some faculty members have left these institutes citing various reasons including under utilisation of their services; and

(e) what are the steps taken by Government for early operationalisation of these institutes and filling vacant positions?

Prosecution for public smoking

595. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money collected towards fines for smoking in public in each of the last three years and current year, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of tobacco products sellers fined/prosecuted during the said period for selling them to people under the age of eighteen;

(c) whether all the districts in the country have nodal officers for anti-tobacco activities, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government intends to ban the sale of loose cigarettes to reduce their consumption; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to curb public smoking and illegal sale of tobacco products?

Enhancing healthcare expenditure

596. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to enhance the spending of GDP on health from the present below one per cent to at least two per cent, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received many proposals from many researchers in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of funds with TB Control Programme

597. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments were facing acute shortage of funds for implementing TB Control Programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is considering to provide additional grant to such States to ensure uninterrupted implementation of the said programme, if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of PHC Jangla, Shimla

598. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received representation in the month of July 2015, November, 2015 and December, 2015 regarding upgradation of PHC Jangla in Chirgaon Tehsil under Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh into mini hospital under NRHM scheme;

(b) if so, what action Ministry has taken for upgradation of PHC Jangla; and

(c) whether Government will give top priority to upgrade this PHC as this area is rural, hilly and geographical condition is different, if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Mental Health Institute, Cuttack

599. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received a proposal from the Odisha State Government for upgradation of the Mental Health Institute, Cuttack into a full-fledged super speciality institute of mental health and neuro-sciences at par with NIMHANS, Bengaluru to cater to the need of the Eastern Region of the country; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in this regard?

High cost of medical treatment in the country

600. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that medical treatment in our country is expensive due to the high charges for consultation, hospital charges and clinical investigations, etc.;

(b) whether Government envisages any action plan or measures to ensure that the medical treatment and health care comes within the reach of the common man keeping in view the economic condition of the masses in the country; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

TB deaths in the country

†601. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that death cases due to tuberculosis in India is highest in the world and World Health Organisation has asked India to enhance expenditure to eradicate this epidemic by 2030, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has not allocated the budget as per the demand to curb tuberculosis during past years, and if so, the details thereof?

Prevalent of Ebola virus in the country

602. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen a recent report of the National Institute of Virology (NIV) which states that Asian Ebola virus is active in almost all States;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of persons succumbed to the virus in the country so far, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by Government to check the spread of the disease further?

Updation of cancer data collection capacity

603. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry does not have access to cancer data after the year 2011;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(c) whether the latest National Health Profile uses cancer data from a 2013 ICMR report; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to update its data collection capacity for cancer data?

Pre-natal sex determination test

604. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no formal proposal for pre-natal sex determination and the idea is at the discussion stage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such tests are banned across the country as on date; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received any representations for conducting such pre-natal sex determination, if so, the details thereof?

Preparedness against swine flu

605. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all the State Governments to step-up preparedness against swine flu or H1N1 influenza;

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(b) whether Government has also asked the State Governments to take proactive measures and strengthen the awareness campaign to tackle the disease;

(c) whether the States have been directed to keep adequate stock of medicines and masks; and

(d) whether the States have also been asked to keep ventilators and isolation wards ready in hospitals to handle any kind of emergency?

Lack of cancer treatment facilities in rural areas

606. SHRIMATI VANDANACHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of cancer treatment facilities for women in rural India;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon and funds allocated towards the same;

(c) whether any schemes are being proposed to provide medicines for chemotherapy at low cost to rural and urban poor, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether cervical cancer has seen an increase in the past three years especially among urban women; and

(e) if so, whether there has been any study undertaken by Government to find out the reason behind the same and to increase the survival rate and the details thereof?

Enforcing of pictorial health warnings

607. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation for suspension or request seeking clarification in respect of notification about pictorial health warnings to be enforced from 1 April, 2016;

(b) if so, the names and other details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is considering suspending this notification again in the light thereof?

Drug resistant TB cases

608. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Revised National Tuberculosis Programme (RNTCP) has been able to achieve the targets for detection and cure rates;

(b) what is the latest, State-wise data under these two categories;

(c) why has it not been possible to achieve 70 per cent detection rate under the RNTCP;

(d) how many cases of extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) have been reported in the country;

(e) how many cases of extremely drug resistant (XXDR-TB) and 'totally drug-resistant TB' (TDR-TB) have been reported in the country; and

(f) what is the number of XDR, XXDR and TDR cases in Jharkhand?

Opening of new hospitals

†609. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it was declared to open hospitals in many States of the country on the lines of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the construction work of those hospitals is going on/has been completed and if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure on health research

610. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's per capita expenditure on health research is less than US\$1 and just 3 per cent of this is spent on public health research;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more investment is a must if the country wants to focus on solving health related issues without depending on other countries; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide more funds for medical research?

Travel advisory by IMA regarding Zika virus

611. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Medical Association (IMA) has issued warning to pregnant women against travelling to countries

affected by Zika, a virus linked to severe birth defects in babies in Europe and Brazil;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and steps being taken on the advice of IMA;

(c) whether Zika is transmitted by mosquitoes that caused dengue; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps being taken to prevent the growth of dengue mosquitoes in India?

High treatment cost of cancer disease

612. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that treatment of cancer have become very expensive in India and is beyond the reach of common man;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not having super-speciality cancer hospitals in every State/Union Territory; and

(c) how many persons have been reported to have died due to cancer during the last two years?

Legal rights for children born out of surrogacy

†613. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is being contemplated upon for making the procedure for children, who are born out of surrogacy and are given to the issueless couples, legal and transparent;

(b) whether those rules meant for

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prohibiting the immoral use of womb to serve professional interests in surrogacy are very weak, as a result people save themselves after fulfilling their professional interests; and

(c) whether it has been stated in a report on surrogacy published in an international journal that many immoral works are being carried out by violating the rules, for monetary benefit from surrogacy and the details thereof?

Female foeticide cases

614. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of female foeticide reported from across the country since June, 2014 and the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of cases of illegal abortion reported from across the country since June, 2014, State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of cases registered under Pre-conception and Prenatal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 across the country since June 2014 and the details thereof State-wise; and

(d) whether the Ministry has proposed compulsory disclosure of sex of the child as opposed to prohibition of such disclosure and if so, the reasons therefor?

Free diagnostics scheme

615. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is set to roll out the free diagnostics scheme during the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the State Governments to start providing a basket of essential services for free to patients visiting public healthcare facilities, if so, the details thereof?

Upgrading of health care infrastructure in the country

†616 SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Government is ignoring health services and whether the reduction in budgetary allocation does not indicate it;

(b) by when Government would fulfil its promise of universal health coverage;

(c) whether Government is considering to take any step to regulate the uncontrolled private hospitals in the country; and

(d) whether Government plans to spend 3 per cent of the GDP on health sectors, if not, the plan in this regard?

Controlling menace of malaria

617. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one in seven Indians is at risk of malaria according to a report by WHO, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the steps taken by Government to control the menace of malaria in the country; and

(c) what is the total number of people died because of malaria in 2014 and 2015?

SC order on improving conditions of nurses

618. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has ordered the Centre to set up a committee to investigate the living conditions and salary structure of nurses employed in private hospitals and nursing homes, and guidelines should be formulated within six months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Measures to prevent transmission of Zika virus

†619. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI P.L. PUNIA:
DR. CHANDAN MITRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued warning about transmission of infection by a virus named Zika;

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to tackle this problem, and the details thereof; and

(c) the provisions made regarding this infection that may spread from travellers coming from other countries and the details thereof?

Persons infected by Zika virus

620. SHRIMATI SAROJINI
HEMBRAM:
SHR K.N. BALAGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any persons infected by the Zika virus have been detected in any part of India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has issued any advisory/guidelines to the State Governments regarding prevention of spreading and dealing the infection of the Zika virus, if so, the details thereof?

Warning against misuse of NRHM grants

621. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has warned the State Governments that no more funds would be provided if NRHM grant is misused, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is also considering to provide additional fund to States that perform better in NRHM, if so, the details thereof?

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Poor state of medical education in private medical colleges

622. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite paying lakhs as fees, the students of various private medical colleges are struggling due to lack of classrooms, labs or teachers to provide quality medical education to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such poor state of medical education in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the regulator MCI has failed in imposing prescribed standards on such private medical colleges in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

Eliminating malaria by 2027

623. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Framework for Malaria Elimination has now launched a programme that seeks to eliminate malarial by 2027 much ahead of the WHO global target set for India by 2030;

(b) whether under the new anti-malaria programme States with low malarial incidence will be taken up first followed by the high-incidence ones, in a phased manner; and

(c) whether under the programme, accredited social health activists will be provided with special kits for quick

diagnosis of malaria, if so, the details thereof?

Non-implementation of Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene Scheme

624. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that despite a presence of over 3 crore females in West Bengal, the Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene is not implemented even in a single district in the State putting health of females in grave danger;

(b) if so, the expected duration by which the same will be implemented in West Bengal and other States not covered under this Scheme and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the State-wise details of expenditure made by Government to create awareness about the benefits of using sanitary napkins in rural and backward areas of the country including West Bengal?

Initiatives to contain outbreak of Zika virus

625. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the various initiatives taken by Government to deal with the possibility of outbreak of the dreaded Zika virus;

(b) what are the various medicines/ injections prescribed for the treatment; and

(c) how many hospitals are being authorized to do the sample test and treatment of the disease caused by Zika virus?

Hospitals to be set up under Indo-UK joint venture

626. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister visited U.K. and held discussions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Indo-U.K. institute of Health will set up a hospital with ₹ 1000 crore each in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh and in Telangana also, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether U.K. will set up 1000-bed hospital, health university, research, manufacturing of medical equipments centre/units in these States, if so, the details thereof and progress made so far?

Healthcare facilities in SC dominated areas

†627. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the child mortality rate, maternal mortality rate, total fertility rate of reproduction, institutional childbirth and vaccination in the Scheduled Caste inhabited areas as per the targets under National Health Mission, if so, the details of the last two years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that such SC-majority districts that have a lower total index than the State average have been earmarked as high priority districts, if so, the additional per capita resources being given in these districts and the details thereof?

Unhygienic conditions in Government hospitals

628. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government hospitals are in deplorable and unhygienic condition throughout the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to revamp Government hospitals throughout the country; and

(d) the details of amount allotted and spent on revamping Government hospitals in the last three years?

Non-admitting of terminally ill or emergency patients by hospitals

629. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received complaints regarding hospitals refusing to treat a terminally ill or an emergency patient, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there exists a mechanism to take action against a hospital not admitting a terminally ill or an emergency patient, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of hospitals against whom action has been taken for not admitting terminally ill patients, State-wise details for last three years?

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Action plan to achieve child mortality target

630. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has missed 2015 child mortality target;

(b) whether Government has worked out an action plan for the same;

(c) which are the sensitive regions in the country, that need added attention; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to attend fast to such regions to achieve better results?

Home visit by CGHS doctors

631. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS Doctors are required to examine CGHS beneficiaries of the age of 75 years and above at home at regular intervals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CGHS is not following the said instructions; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure compliance of the said instructions?

Physiotherapists for paraplegic CGHS beneficiaries

632. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide the facility of Physiotherapist at

home to paraplegic CGHS beneficiaries, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of measures taken to provide best medical care facilities to paraplegic CGHS beneficiaries; and

(c) the total number of paraplegic CGHS beneficiaries and whether there is any proposal to issue special cards to paraplegic CGHS beneficiaries and if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of new cancer research centres

633. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation has suggested prioritizing cancer prevention and control programmes to deal with rising number of cancer cases, if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by Government;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up new cancer care centres/institutes and hospitals under Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the country and if so, the details thereof indicating the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to promote research projects relating to cancer treatment and setting up research institutes for the purpose?

News and current affairs programmes, by FM channels

634. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to allow the FM channels to broadcast news and current affairs programmes, and if so, the details thereof?

Unfit community radio stations

†635. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the basis upon which the broadcasting of community radio stations was not found fit as per Government standards;

(b) the recommendations made in inter-ministerial group's report regarding community radio stations; and

(c) the number of community radio stations against which the Ministry is planning to take action and whether it is the violation of licence rules?

Policy for appointment of correspondents in other countries

†636. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure in place to appoint All India Radio and Doordarshan correspondents in the neighbouring countries like China, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand and Myanmar;

(b) whether there is any such Government policy so that our correspondents can directly report from those countries; and

(c) if not, whether there is any plan to appoint Indian correspondents in these countries in future?

Worldwide Doordarshan India channel

†637. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to start worldwide broadcasting channel of Doordarshan India on the line of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and its salient features;

(c) whether Doordarshan India world channel would follow the guidelines issued by the Ministry or Ministry of External Affairs or it would be autonomous, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether India and Russia have agreed on strengthening relations in the field of information and broadcasting through exchange of media personnel, and if so, the details thereof?

Censorship in Indian Television Shows

638. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce censorship in Indian Television Shows which makes more impact in the society as well as families; and

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

Welfare schemes for minority community youths

639. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that several

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minority welfare schemes have been started by Government for the welfare of the youths of minority community in the recent past; and (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation of the scheme, State-wise?

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