#### **RAJYA SABHA**

#### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015/Agrahayana 10, 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 — 15

## Acquisition of light weight modular jackets

- \*16. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Defence Acquisitions Council had cleared acquisition of 1,86,138 light weight modular jackets in October, 2009;
- (b) if so, how many such jackets have so far been procured and the details thereof;
- $\mbox{(c) if not, procured the reasons therefor;} \\ \mbox{and} \\$
- (d) how much time would expectedly be required for procurement of the entire quantity?

#### Controlling cancer

- \*17. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether researchers from across the world in a public health policy paper have

stressed the need for a large scale response to combat the threat from cancer;

- (b) if so, whether the researchers have also stressed the need to employ innovative treatment models and new investment options to control cancer;
- (c) whether the deaths occurring due to cancer in India are increasing and even the cost of treatment is very high; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to fight such a dangerous disease?

### Tapping full potential of country's herbal remedies

- \*18. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that this year's Nobel Prize in medicine has focused international attention on traditional medicine;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that we are still not able to tap the full potential of our herbal remedies;
- (c) what are the reasons due to which we have not been able to apply scientific techniques to test efficacy of our ancient scriptures and develop medicines; and
- (d) what efforts Ayush Ministry is making to develop herb-based medicines through institutionalised programmes?

### Flaws in banking system

- \*19. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to check flaws in our banking system;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to bring corrective methods to ensure that defaulters are not let off scot-free; and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that presently the defaulters can escape with impunity?

#### Status of Mission Indradhanush in Uttar Pradesh

- \*20. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the status of the 'Mission Indradhanush' in the State of Uttar Pradesh as of now; and
- (b) whether Government is unable to complete the full coverage of vaccination in the State of Uttar Pradesh, and if so, the details thereof?

#### Rise in NPAs of State-run banks

- \*21. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that high Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) level at Staterun banks is a result of inaction, indiscretion and economic challenges;
- (b) whether the bad loans of State-run banks have reached unacceptable levels and Government hopes that the situation would improve in the coming quarters following steps taken by Government to lower the levels of these NPAs;
- (c) whether the gross non-performing loans of State-run banks rose to 5.2 per cent of their advaces at the end of March from 4.72 per cent a year ago; and
- (d) if so, the bank-wise (PSU) details of the NPA as on 31 March, 2015?

### Missing Coast Guard planes

- \*22. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) how many Coast Guard planes have been missing till now; and
- (b) what new safety measures are in place to avoid such fatalities?

#### Irregularities in forex transactions

- \*23. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a scam involving around ₹ 6,000 crore of foreign exchange transfers made to Hong Kong through newly opened accounts in Bank of Baroda, Ashok Vihar branch has been detected, if so, the details thereof:

- (b) whether Government has inquired into the alleged irregularities in forex transactions and black money sent out of Delhi; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the details of other banks involved in such scam, and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Bringing of NHS Hospitals of England to India

- †\*24. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Indo-UK Healthcare has recently proposed to bring the reputed NHS Hospitals of England to India with an investment of ₹ 10,000 crores, and;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Policy for vaccination of children

- \*25. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of children who have been successfully vaccinated under Mission Indradhanush, which was to conduct four rounds of vaccination campaigns between April and July 2015;
- (b) whether Government has set up vaccination centres for expanding immunization across the villages of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has a comprehensive strategy for the formation of teams of officials from the Health Department to cover unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children across the country, if so, the details thereof?

# Agreement between Britain and India to set up new hospitals

- †\*26. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a major agreement has been signed by Britain and India to set up new hospitals in India, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the places where these hospitals are going to be set up, State-wise?

### Corpus Fund to showcase Indian films

- \*27. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has decided to set up a corpus fund to showcase Indian films before international audience in order to have chance to win international film awards including Oscars, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to evolve a mechanism to ensure that only the best movies are shortlisted and sent to compete for international awards?

### Deaths due to dengue epidemic

- \*28. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a number of people in various States of the country have died due to dengue epidemic in the recent months, if so, the details thereof;
  - (b) whether any assistance has been

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

sought from the Central Government by the States to control the disease and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any step has been taken by the Central Government on its own?

## Delay in claims settlement under PMJJBY and PMSBY Schemes

- \*29. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Ministry is aware about delay in settlement of claims made under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) causing difficulties for poor citizens;
- (b) the total number of citizens covered under above mentioned Schemes, Statewise and district-wise;
- (c) the total number of claims made and accepted under the above mentioned schemes, State-wise, district-wise and insurance-company-wise;

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- (d) the steps taken by the Ministry to overcome delay in settlement of claims; and
- (e) the details of claims rejected along with reasons for such rejection, State-wise district-wise and insurance-companywise?

## Measures to deal with growing violence against Minorities

- †\*30. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of places where Sufi conference is likely to be organised and when will it commence;
- (b) the other measures being taken by Government to deal with the growing violence against minorities; and
- (c) the facilities provided by the Ministry to the people affected by communal violence during the last one year?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF, Secretary-General.

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