

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, August 2, 2016/Sravana 11, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Collaboration with WHO on traditional medicines

1662. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the Ministry of AYUSH
has entered into an agreement with the
World Health Organization (WHO) in the
field of traditional medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof including
likely expenditure to be incurred and the
funding pattern agreed upon the said
collaboration;

(c) the extent by which the said
collaboration is likely to promote
acceptability of traditional Indian
Medicines internationally and the time-
frame of its implementation; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken
by Government for overall promotion of
AYUSH system of medicines both
domestically and internationally?

Shortage of doctors and staff at all India Institute of Ayurveda, Delhi

†1663. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Ministry
to promote Ayurvedic treatment in the
Country in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a
huge shortage of doctors and other staff in
Ayurvedic hospitals of All India Institute
of Ayurveda built on Mathura Road,
Badarpur area, Delhi and the details of
shortage and availability of staff;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the
building, its equipments and other resources
of this hospital are not being utilized fully;
and

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(d) the number of patients treated here in last three years and its capacity of treating patients?

Inclusion of Ayush under universal health insurance scheme

1664. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include Ayush under Universal Health Insurance Scheme if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed WHO towards collaborating research on Ayush if so, details thereof?

Discovery of new drugs in AYUSH

1665. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of discovery of new drugs and development of drugs in AYUSH by various units of Research and Development Councils;

(b) whether any tie up has been made with CSIR or other apex institution for development and marketing of drugs related to diabetes, if so, details thereof; and

(c) the progress of establishment of All India Institute of Ayurveda at Sarita Vihar, New Delhi and by what time, it would be

ready for health service as referral hospital and details thereof?

Ayurvedic medicine for cancer treatment

†1666. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that guaranteed treatment of cancer has been discovered through ayurvedic medicine, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any concrete proposal to provide ayurveda based research and facilities for the treatment of diseases like cancer and life-style diseases?

AYUSH hospital in Andhra Pradesh

1667. 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 the Ministry has approved 50-bedded AYUSH hospital in Dhanwantari Nagar, Gorimedu, Andhra Pradesh if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the total estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 70 crores has been sanctioned in 2015-16;

(d) if so, the details of works undertaken with the above amount; and

(e) by when the hospital is likely to become functional?

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International Yoga Day

†1668. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes organized by Government on International Yoga Day and, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study on the compact of International Yoga Day organized last year on Yoga, if so, the details of its report; and

(c) the details of State Governments which have sent proposals for sites to organize upcoming International Yoga Day in their respective States and details thereof?

Contractual staff of National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram (TN)

1669. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the Professional/Employees/Doctors at present working in the National Institute of Siddha at Tambaram in Tamil Nadu are on contractual basis;

(b) if so, the details of Professional/Employees/Doctors engaged on contractual basis; and

(c) the reasons for not appointing regular staffs including Professors, Doctors in National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram, Tamil Nadu?

Patents of Ayurveda Medicines

1670. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any patents for Ayurveda medicines has been granted so far by Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM);

(b) if so, the details of the medicines and the respective grantees thereof;

(c) whether any foreign entities are granted such patents so far; and

(d) whether any such applications are under the consideration of CGPDTM at present, if so, the details thereof?

Participations at International Day of Yoga, 2016

1671. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how many participants had participated in the main event of International Day of Yoga, which was held in Chandigarh on 21 June this year;

(b) whether Government has planned to celebrate the International Day of Yoga every year in different cities of the country; and

(c) whether every year on this occasion, a major event will be organized in the National Capital Delhi like it was held last year that is 2015?

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Clinical trials in Ayurveda

1672. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to take the benefits of researches going in Indian systems of Medicine to the level of clinical trials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of the Institutions involved in clinical trials of research findings in Ayurveda?

Modernisation of ayurvedic drugs manufacturing process

1673. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make drug manufacturing in Ayurvedic Pharmacy scientific, modern and efficient, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(b) the policy to impart modern education to the persons associated with the production and marketing in this sector and to issue them license; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to keep unskilled and unqualified persons away from treating people under the Indian systems of medicine?

Purchase of wide bodied planes by AI

1674. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is

seriously considering to buy wide-bodied planes for its global expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing aircraft are being totally utilised;

(d) if not, why is the Ministry thinking of buying new planes;

(e) whether it is also a fact that by March, 2018 AI is going to take delivery of 9 wide-bodied planes; and

(f) if so, why AI is insisting for new aircrafts?

Costlier domestic metro routes

1675. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether people flying on domestic metro routes will be paying more to raise funds for air linking the un-served or under-served parts of India, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether policy in this regard will be finalized after receiving feedback from the public?

Penalties paid by various airlines

1676. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of penalties paid by various airlines for delayed flights in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Air India paid maximum penalties for delayed flights;

(c) if so, what is the percentage of penalties paid by Air India out of the total penalties paid;

(d) what are the reasons that National carrier is paying highest penalties for delayed flights; and

(e) what efforts are being made by the Ministry to impress upon punctuality in the running of flights?

Rajdhani AC II Tier fares by AI against unsold seats

1677. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SAROJINI
HEMBRAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India decided to offer Rajdhani AC II fares, against unsold seats, to last minute ticket bookers for various sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme would be extended to other sectors, covering the entire country; and

(d) if so, by when it would be extended, the details thereof?

FDI in aviation sector

1678. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the aviation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to promote domestic sectors especially "un-served" airports in the country; and

(d) the details in respect of the 80:20 funding model for infrastructure development of airports and the procedure adopted for identification of such airports?

Construction of new terminal building at Raipur airport in Chhattisgarh

†1679. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of new terminal building at the Raipur airport has been started and any representation regarding giving it status of an International airport has been received by Government and, if so, whether it will be declared without any delay; and

(b) whether Government has reduced VAT on ATF (Fuel) from 25 per cent to 5 per cent and whether Centre would approve the proposals to start new flights services to Raipur from other cities including Delhi?

Non-availability of slots to Indian carriers in foreign locations

1680. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Carriers are able to utilise a mere half of the seats operated by foreign carriers to and from India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA) has approached to Government regarding non-availability of slots in overseas locations despite having flying rights;

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

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(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that domestic carriers get adequate slots?

Theft from baggages of passengers at IGI airport

†1681. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints have been received regarding theft from the baggages of passengers at IGI airport;

(b) the details of theft of belongings of passengers at cargo terminals and other places of IGI airport in last three years; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware about the involvement of security personnel in getting stolen items out of the airport and if so, the details thereof?

Availability of cheap seats under Regional Connectivity scheme

1682. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions No. 145 and 159 answered on 19th July, 2016 and state:

(a) whether under the new Civil Aviation Policy for promoting Regional Connectivity, Government has prescribed fare of ₹ 1200 and ₹ 2500 depending upon the distances;

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only a few seats would be available at this rate;

(d) if so, what is the number of seats that would be available on this rate; and

(e) whether the number is adequate to achieve the purpose?

Misbehaviour by immigration officials at airports

†1683. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints received regarding the misbehaviour with passengers by immigration officials on the domestic and international airports in last one year and action taken thereon; and

(b) whether Government proposes to reduce the time being taken in proceedings of immigration by taking action with regard to inappropriate questions asked by immigration officials during the foreign visit of Indian citizens?

Extra luggage carrying facilities in Airlines

†1684. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the airlines operating in the country to allow the passengers to carry additional luggage of five kilograms in weight as well as provide several other facilities to the passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the airlines are not ready for this and Federation of India Airlines (FIA) has declared it as illegal;

(c) if so, the response of Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to get its directions obeyed by the airlines?

Strengthening of security arrangement at Delhi airport

†1685. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to strengthen the security of Delhi airport;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard; and

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

Proposals for construction of international airports

†1686. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether new airports are proposed to be set up in different States, details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the proposals under consideration of Government to set up international airports, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to connect remote and distant areas and small States of India with air service, if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines on connecting small cities with air service network

1687. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating to operate flights to even small cities also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the other guidelines issued by the Ministry in this regard?

Fulfillment of mandate of Civil Aviation licensing policy by private airlines

1688. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the licensing policy for civil aviation mandates that private airlines must operate flights to uneconomical destinations as well;

(b) if so, whether private airline companies have fulfilled this mandate in practice;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether losses incurred by the National carrier Air India since 2014 have been higher on uneconomical routes than lucrative sector; and

(e) if so, the details?

Commencement of flight services Naini-Saini airport in Uttarakhand

†1689. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naini-Saini air-strip built at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand is not fit for operating air-crafts;

(b) if not, the details of the hurdles coming in the way of operationalisation of this air-strip; and

(c) if there are no hurdles the reasons for delay in operation of air-flights?

Development of Airports in Chhattisgarh

†1690. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

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any request to develop airport at Bilaspur, Jagadapur and Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that air-strips are already available in all these three cities; and

(d) if so, by when the decision will be taken to set-up airports in these cities?

Near miss by Air India flights

†1691. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of domestic flights of Air India have narrowly escaped accidents during last few months;

(b) whether these include three main incidents occurring in one, months between December 2015 and January 2016 at Raja Bhoj Airport located at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 1st and 4th December and 6th January, respectively;

(c) whether any investigation has been done by Government in such incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to avoid such incidents in future?

Contractual conditions inked with DIAL

1692. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) contributed only ₹ 1,813 crores and got a project for sixty years having earning potential of ₹ 1.63 lac crores; and

(b) if so, the details of contractual conditions which allowed such a business deal?

Regularisation of services of casual workers in Air India

†1693. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) number of casual workers working in Air India for more than five years;

(b) difficulty being faced by Air India to provide provident fund facility to such casual workers under social security;

(c) whether Air India will take any effective steps to provide provident fund facility to casual workers in view of the fact that such facility is being provided to permanent and casual workers of Air India;

(d) whether it is a fact that out of such casual workers services of about 26 workers working at Guwahati airport have been regularised; and

(e) if so, by when Air India proposes to take any decision to regularise the services of other casual workers working there for years?

Training to Air India cabin crew

1694. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India flights normally get delayed due to non-availability of type-rated crew;

(b) whether Air India will be imparting training to its 3,500-strong cabin crew for all types of aircraft in its fleet in order to meet that situation;

(c) by when this move, the first of its

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kind by any Indian carrier is likely to be completed so that it may help to improve airlines on-time performance; and

(d) a detailed report thereon?

Trained manpower in aviation sector

1695. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the requirement of trained manpower in the aviation sector in the wake of growth of civil aviation sector;

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

(c) the action taken by Government in providing employment of such trained manpower in the aviation sector?

Fourth runway at Delhi Airport

†1696. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to construct fourth runway at Delhi Airport;

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

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

Renovation and development of airports in Uttarakhand

†1697. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

proposes to connect the small cities of the country with air services;

(b) the amount spent by the Ministry on repair, renovation and development of airports situated in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years; and

(c) the details of Government plans to connect the B-class cities with domestic flight network?

Greenfield airport near Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu

1698. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that feasibility report for a Greenfield airport near Sriperumbudur at Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu was completed four years ago; and

(b) if so, why construction at the airport has not started?

Investigations in cases of Corporate fraud

†1699. SHRI PRABHATA JHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of corporate frauds came to light during UPA regime at centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these cases have been investigated or are being investigated;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether no case related to corporate fraud has come to light in country in last two years; and

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(f) if so, the details thereof?

Budgetary sanction for 17 Corps

1700. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 17 Corps, India's first mountain strike formation with nearly 90,000 soldier meant to capture Chinese territory in the event of a border skirmish, which was approved in 2013, has been granted budgetary sanction; and

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

Reimbursement for damage caused by crashes of fighter planes

†1701. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rules of reimbursement for damage caused by crash of fighter plane in populated area and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government reimburse timely in such cases, if so, after how much time; and

(c) the number of cases pending in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan, at present and by when they will be reimbursed?

Make in India for Air Force

†1702. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the suggestions received at 'Make in India for Air Force' Seminar recently held in New Delhi and the details thereof;

(b) the projects to be undertaken by Government under 'Make in India for Air

Force' and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to introduce any promotional scheme to promote 'Make in India' for manufacturing of defence equipments, if so, the details thereof?

Purchasing of fighter aircrafts from France

1703. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Government is purchasing fighter aircrafts from France;

(b) if so, what is the budget for the same and the how many are proposed to be purchased;

(c) whether fighter pilots of the Indian Air Force are being sent to France to be trained on the fighter airplanes to be purchased;

(d) whether an agreement was signed by the previous Government to buy Rafale aircraft but the same was cancelled due to financial irregularities and other many reason; and

(e) if so, the reasons for cancellation of purchase agreement of this aircraft by the previous Government and the details thereof?

Establishment of CoPT

1704. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently signed an agreement with IITs Bombay and Madras, to establish Centre of Propulsion Technology (CoPT), if so, the details thereof;

(b) how far the CoPT would facilitate execution of programmes related to propulsion technology for DRDO with research inputs; and

(c) the details of the total cost involved in establishing these centres and the share of DRDO?

Army's objections to highway along China border

1705. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army has raised objections to the 1,500 km. proposed highway along the China border in Arunachal Pradesh connecting remote areas of the State;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken a note of these objections; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to alleviate the fears of the Army regarding infiltration from the bordering countries through the proposed highway?

Talk with Pakistan over withdrawal from Siachen

1706. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to talk to Pakistan to withdraw forces from Siachen during winter;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would consider any such idea; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to adequately equip the armed forces in Siachen from military as well as logistics points of view?

Impact of FDI in defence sector on Indian Defence companies

†1707. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian companies would not face losses as a result of 100 per cent FDI in the defence sector and the control of Indian companies on this sector would not get reduced;

(b) if so, the manner in which the interest of Indian companies would be safeguarded; and

(c) if not, the impact of 100 per cent FDI on Indian companies?

Allowing civilian aircraft to access Adampur airport

1708. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been made to Government including by the State Government of Punjab to allow civilian aircraft to fly to Adampur airport, which is a military airport, on the lines of many such Air force airports in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government is considering such a proposal considering the fact that this would provide relief to lakhs of passengers who now have to take the

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circuitous route *via* Amritsar to Jalandhar and Ludhiana?

Non-completion of strategic infrastructural projects in border areas

1709. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided in 2006 for construction of border infrastructure including roads and air strips along the China border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had identified 28 strategic railway lines in areas bordering China, Pakistan and Nepal and not a single project has progressed so far and, if so, the reasons therefor and by when these are likely to be completed?

Modifications in Defence offset guidelines

1710. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Defence offset guidelines have been modified;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rationale behind such modification?

Signing of defence deals with foreign companies

1711. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government examined the

security aspects in the defence deals executed by it with foreign companies;

(b) which are the companies Government have entered into defence deals with and the products with respect to which these deals have been entered into;

(c) dates on which these deals have been signed;

(d) whether the deals have been signed under "Make in India" policy of the Government; and

(e) if so, the details of the deals?

Delay in defence procurement

1712. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the revised estimate and actual expenditure incurred on defence equipment procurement during the last three years;

(b) the average time taken in defence equipment procurement; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking the decision on procuring the defence equipment?

Manufacturing of special operations vessels

1713. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for manufacturing of special operations vessels, landing platform decks, fleet support ships, war ships, fighter ships, etc. at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to increase the present capacity of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., and also

working on Project 75 India, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government shipyards are facing still competition from private shipyards in the country and if so, the details thereof and present status thereof?

Values adopted by Armed Forces

1714. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of Seven Values adopted by U.S. Armed Forces like duty, honour, integrity, loyalty, respect, personal courage and selfless service;

(b) the values adopted by the Indian Armed Forces as their mission and motto;

(c) whether Government has noted values adopted by Chinese, Russian, German, French and Israel Armed Forces, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Ministry compiled any record of services rendered under Indian Peace Keeping Mission by Indian Armed Forces in different countries starting from Korean War in 1950 and if so, whether such a compilation is being published in a book form?

Measures to check fake currency circulation

1715. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that problem of fake currency is increasing day-by-day and as many as 250 out of every 10 lakh notes in circulation are fake in the Indian economy;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto indicating as to how we are controlling the

fake notes coming to India from foreign soil;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID) system in higher currency notes and also plastic currency notes for controlling fake notes problems in the country;

(d) if so, details and by when it will be started to use this technology; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps taken to improve functioning of DRTs

1716. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) functioning at present in the country;

(b) whether Government had decided to open six more DRTs to reduce the burden of increasing number of debt cases and if so, the reasons for delay in opening of new DRTs;

(c) the total number of posts of presiding officers, registrars, recovery officers and section officers lying vacant in DRTs at present; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to improve the working of DRTs in the country?

Cases of cheating of Insurance Companies

1717. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of insurance companies including the General Insurance Company (GIC) being cheated by certain companies/groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the losses suffered by insurance companies during the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(c) whether Government has ordered any probe or investigation in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Central Provision for Co-operative Institutes

†1718. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide a certain sum per account annually to Co-operative Institutes for the payment to MGNREGA labourers like other Institutes and to provide an amount equivalent to two per cent of the payment made to Co-operative Institutes to meet their administrative expenditure;

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether State Government has made any submission for this?

Method of detection of fake currency notes

1719. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of fake and counterfeit currency in circulation in the country, the denomination and sources of their origin inside and outside the country and the steps taken to curb circulation of such currency; and

(b) whether there is any mode/method of detection of counterfeit currency by

common man so that they can refuse to take such currency in the normal course of business?

Investment on Infrastructure Schemes

†1720. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on development of various infrastructure schemes in the last two years;

(b) the number of countries which have invested in construction of road, rail and harbour towards infrastructure development in the country and the amount invested by these countries during the last two years; and

(c) how would Government arrange such huge funds for infrastructure development given the rising external debt?

White paper on MFIs

1721. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is preparing a white paper to appraise Members of Parliament about the functioning of Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

Stakeholder for Central Government schemes

†1722. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the scheme-wise number

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of participant stakeholders for the Central Government's schemes for the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 to ensure the participation of public in the working of banks?

Leakage of Government subsidy

1723. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as much as Rupees One lakh crore of subsidy is going to the better off section of the society on account of some commodities and the small savings;

(b) if so, details in this regard;

(c) whether this represents a substantial leakage from the Government finances which could have been utilised to help truly deserving; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Release of uniform grants for desert and hilly regions

†1724. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to release a uniform grants for the districts belonging to desert and hilly regions; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether release of lesser grants to desert area districts have hampered their development; and

(c) if so, the plan for development of such districts?

Extension of regulating norms to Co-operative Banks

1725. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that

2012 amendments to Banking Regulations Act, 1949 have attempted to extend the regulating norms applicable to Commercial banks to Co-operative banks;

(b) whether cooperation is a subject coming under the State list and as such extending various provisions applicable to Commercial banks to Co-operative Institutions registered under Co-operative Acts, as in Kerala is against the provisions of Constitution and slapping of provisions of Central Act on them is not a solution to problems confronted by them; and

(c) whether Government considers Kerala Co-operative sector separately while fixing new norms for the banking institutions?

NBFCs in Odisha

1726. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) functioning in Odisha;

(b) the number of Public Sector and Private Sector banks functioning in Odisha; and

(c) the percentage of population of Odisha which still does not have any bank accounts?

Government Investments in venture funding

1727. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is planning to invest insurance and trust money into venture funding;

(b) whether any consultation have been held with IRDA in this regard; and

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

Vulnerability of Jan Dhan accounts

1728. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI has recently expressed fear that Jan Dhan accounts are vulnerable to frauds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective measures Government has taken or proposes to take in this regard?

CRF collections in road cess

1729. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been collected as road cess on petrol and diesel during last three years;

(b) whether these amounts are not being regularly received in Central Road Fund (CRF) on time;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made to regularise this transfer and result thereof?

BASEL III norms on supervision of banks

1730. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BASEL

Committee on Banking Supervision has stated that NPAs have risen in Indian PSU banks over the last few years;

(b) whether the RBI or Government has done any specific bank-by-bank dedicated enquiry into each of the banks' handling of loans and credit and the consequent NPAs in the last fiscal year (2015-16);

(c) whether any basic finding have come out on the reasons for such NPAs; and

(d) the steps proposed to restore health of banks in this fiscal year?

Government directive on payment of increased dividend rate

1731. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the PSUs to pay 30 per cent dividend of profit after payment as tax or of Central Government's equity as compared 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, details thereof?

Benefits to employees due to CPC recommendations

1732. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit in

the 7th CPC would be one of the lowest ever, since the Government has been implementing the recommendations of the Pay Commission, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what financial benefit in percentage the Government employees would be getting after the implementation of the 7th CPC; and

(c) will the benefit be proportionately equal or in variation or less at the lower level and more at the higher level?

Proposal for taxing agricultural income

1733. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for taxing agriculture income beyond a certain limit of income; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to check tax evasion

1734. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in India only one per cent of the population are direct tax-payers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tax evasion is still rampant in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to check tax evasion?

Effect of global demand on GDP growth

1735. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's GDP growth over the next two years will be challenged by lacklustre global demand and high leverage levels in some corporate sectors as per Moody's Investor Service; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps Government is taking to deal with the lacklustre global demand?

Recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on bad loan management by PSBs

1736. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving due consideration to the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance on the bad loan management by PSU Banks;

(b) what are the options available with the Banks with regard to recovering loan from the party(ies) in cases of default(s);

(c) what is the total amount of loan(s) which has been defaulted by the party(ies) and has been categorised as bad loan with names of the big defaulters; and

(d) the details thereof with measures to be taken to check Banks with regard to sanctioning and recovery of loans?

PSB loans to corporate houses

1737. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the top ten corporate houses owe a huge amount of money to the Public Sector Banks and financial institutions;

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

(c) what measures are adopted to collect the loans from them; and

(d) by what time the Government plans to collect the money?

**Depreciation of Indian currency
against foreign currencies**

1738. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is continuous depreciation in value of Indian rupee in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof against US dollar, UK pound and Euro along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the depreciation in rupee value depleted the country's foreign exchange reserves significantly, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective measures taken by Government to arrest the depreciation in rupee value?

Status of Kisan Credit Cards

1739. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) issued by Government during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the average amount of funds transferred to KCC, State-wise;

(c) the total amount of outstanding loans on farmers, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has taken any step to waive off the farmer's loan in the last two years;

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

(f) the steps taken by Government to provide food security to farmers in drought hit regions in the last two years and outcome thereof?

**Decline in growth of Bank
deposits**

1740. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the banks have registered a fall in the growth of deposits;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the year-on-year percentage deposit growth in March 2014, 2015 and 2016; and

(d) the proposed steps by Government to improve Bank deposits?

Bad loans of Banks

1741. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise amount of bad loans written off by Public Sector Banks, old and new Private Banks and Foreign Banks from 1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2016;

(b) at what level(s) the decision for writing off bad loans were taken and reasons therefor; and

(c) names of the leading account holders whose bad loans have much more amount involved than medium and smaller accounts, written off?

Aims and objectives of MUDRA yojana

1742. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of MUDRA yojana;

(b) the amount so far disbursed under MUDRA yojana, State-wise;

(c) the State-wise and category-wise percentage of loan given to women, SC/ST, OBC entrepreneurs;

(d) whether it is a fact that the banking sector has been given a target of 1.22 lakh crores of disbursement under MUDRA in the year 2015-16; and

(e) if so, whether banks are on the track to achieve the target?

Resentment over merger of subsidiaries with SBI

1743. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the widespread resentment among employees of subsidiary banks of the State Bank of India over Government's move to merge the subsidiaries with the SBI;

(b) whether apart from employees of subsidiary banks of the SBI, a cross section of customers of these associate banks have come forward to support the unions in their struggle; and

(c) whether MSME customers of the subsidiary banks have already started shifting their accounts to other banks which are smaller and offer personalised service, which they don't expect from a behemoth like SBI?

Beneficiaries of tax revenue foregone

1744. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tax revenue foregone during 2014-15, Central-tax-wise;

(b) the details of tax revenue foregone which have been renamed as 'revenue impact of tax incentives' by Government recently (in rupees) during 2015-16 Central tax-wise; and

(c) the details of top 50 beneficiaries of above tax revenue foregone along with the amount of tax foregone in case of each of the top 50 beneficiaries for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16, year-wise?

Central loan and grants to States of AP and Telangana

1745. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving any amount to States including Telangana and AP as loan or grant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far; and

(c) the pending loan for Government of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, so far?

Steps taken to maintain the CPI target

1746. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI will be able to maintain the CPI (Consumer Price Index) target for 2017, given that the overall CPI inflation 5.76 per cent for May is well above the Central bank's target of 5 per cent by January, 2017;

(b) what interventions the Ministry of Finance (MoF) plan to use to ensure that CPI remains within target for the next few months; and

(c) will the increase in service tax rate and fuel prices (retail prices of petrol and diesel) add up further inflationary pressure?

NGO funding by foreign donors

1747. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of funds received by various NGOs in the country from the foreign donors; and

(b) the details thereof?

Access to credit by micro and small enterprises in Andhra Pradesh

1748. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure access to credit by micro and small enterprises in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the number of beneficiaries and the amount of credit provided under the Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, and other credit schemes, State-wise?

Extension of finance to fraudulent borrowers

1749. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1047 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 2015 and state:

(a) the banks/branches from which Union Bank of India (UBI), Chitbaragaon Branch, Ballia had obtained NOC while sanctioning loans illegally to fraudsters under KCC against whom multiple cases of frauds had already been registered;

(b) reasons why SBI had not mentioned anything about fraud in their NOC;

(c) whether UBI was informed about fraudsters *vide* representation from MPs/ Ex-MPs dated 3rd February, 2015;

(d) if so, the basis on which UBI is claiming that it was unaware of frauds and basis on that loans to five account holders were renewed again in 2015 even after receipt of representations; and

(e) the action proposed in this regard?

Divestment in PSU banks to raise capital

1750. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently Government controls 51 per cent of all share-holding of Public Sector Banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that under the Banking Regulation Act, Government needs only 40 per cent share holding to control and guide the management and policies of PSU banks;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for Government not further divesting its equity in a phased manner in PSU banks; and

(d) the steps proposed to increase divestment in PSU banks to raise capital for the banks requirement?

Disinvestment target during financial year 2015-16

1751. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target for disinvestment during the financial year 2015-16 and how much was realised and what was the deficit, if any;

(b) what is the disinvestment target for the financial year 2016-17; and

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken for realisation of the disinvestment target during the financial year 2016-17?

Opening of Jan Dhan Accounts

1752. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the proportion of total households that have opened bank accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana, State-wise and month-wise since its launch;

(b) the number and proportion of total households that do not have bank accounts;

(c) the steps taken to advise new account holders about financial security measures, such as not revealing debit card details;

(d) the steps taken to ensure that bank documents and requirements are available in local languages, not just English; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure access to banks documentation to illiterate people?

Loan disbursed under Mudra Scheme

1753. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total loans disbursed under Mudra Scheme during 2015-16 and 2016-17 till date;

(b) the details of total loans under Mudra Scheme disbursed without collateral security during 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(c) the details of total loans disbursed under Mudra scheme in terms of rupees

during 2015-16 and 2016-17 by PSBs and RRBs, bank-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the details of total loans disbursed under Mudra scheme disbursed without collateral security during 2015-16 and 2016-17 till date by PSBs and RRBs, bank-wise and year-wise?

Central taxes collected from State of Punjab

1754. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central taxes collected from Punjab during each of the last three years; and

(b) the amount given back for developmental purposes?

Outstanding direct taxes receivable from assesses

1755. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total outstanding amount of direct taxes receivable from assesses for which demands had been raised by the Income Tax Department till 31st March, 2016; and

(b) how much of this amount was contested by the taxpayers, which are pending adjudication at various stages *i.e.* C.I.T, ITAT, High Courts and Supreme Court and details thereof?

Revenue deficit of State of Andhra Pradesh

1756. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI C.M. RAMESH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act mandates Government to fill revenue deficit for 2014-15 of AP;

(b) if so, the details of revenue deficit and money paid to AP;

(c) whether Government has refused to hide revenue deficit saying Government of Andhra Pradesh introduced new schemes in 2014-15, if so, the new schemes introduced;

(d) whether CM of Andhra Pradesh met Finance Minister recently about implementation of promises made to the State Government at the time of bifurcation if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh had written to Central Government and if so, details of assurances made by Central Government to Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) by when balance ₹ 13,275 crores due under revenue deficit would be released to AP?

Tax exemption to Industry and Commerce sectors

1757. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total tax exemption provided to Industry and Commerce sectors, since last five years, year-wise;

(b) the total tax exemption provided to industries, sector-wise;

(c) the reasons behind granting tax exemption to the Industry and Commerce sectors; and

(d) the outcomes of the relief provided

to the industry and commerce sectors since last three years?

Opening of UBI bank branch in Sitamarhi, Bihar

†1758. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether directives have been issued for opening a new branch of Union Bank of India (UBI) by State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) in village-Dumi Khurd situated in Majorganj, district Sitamarhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Union Bank of India has surveyed the said village in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Writing off of NPAs in PSBs

1759. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPA of Public Sector Banks stand at a staggeringly high level of ₹ 4 lakh crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that over one lakh crore had been written off by Public Sector Banks between 2013 and 2015 and if so, the details bank-wise; and

(c) what are the specific reasons for writing off those NPAs?

Effect of rising NPAs on profits and lending capacity of PSBs

1760. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp rise in the NPAs and bad loans of Public Sector Banks, which have been revealed in a RBI review;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rising NPAs have eroded the operational profits and capacity of PSBs to lend to the priority sectors; and

(d) the steps Government and RBI proposes to take towards adequate recapitalisation of banks?

Revenue generated out of various cesses and surcharges

1761. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount of revenue generated out of Education Cess, Swachh Bharat Cess, Krishi Kalyan Cess and all other cess and surcharges during 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial year; and

(b) the details of expenditure made out of all cesses and surcharges so collected during FY 2014-15 and 2015-16 under different heads?

Monitoring activities of ARCIL

1762. DR. V. MAITREYAN:
SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any system in place to check and monitor the activities of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (ARCIL) in their activities in recovering the loan amount from NPA accounts of various Nationalised Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total

value of money recovered in the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that some officials of ARCIL colluded in negotiations with the very same defaulters in selling the lands, whose cost has escalated many fold; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MUDRA loans to rural women and backward classes

1763. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent review of the MUDRA scheme has revealed that the benefits of the scheme is percolating to needy small time entrepreneurs at grassroot level from rural areas with a sizable number from backward classes and women;

(b) whether the reason for the higher number of women borrowers can be ascribed to participation of Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs); and

(c) whether the review finds that women are more disciplined borrowers and tend to take small loans for productive purposes and generally stick to repayment in time?

Relaxation in local sourcing rules for foreign funded single branded retailers

1764. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Foreign Investment Promotion Board has written to Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion regarding incorporation of relaxation in local sourcing rules for foreign funded single branded retailers selling

products with cutting edge technology;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**RBI directions for Peerless General
Finance and Investment Co. Ltd.,
Kolkata**

1765. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI has
directed The Peerless General Finance and
Investment Company Ltd., Kolkata to exit
from Residuary Non-Banking Company
business;

(b) whether the said directives have
brought serious impact on livelihood of
employees of the said company;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Apex Court
in their judgement delivered in 1987,
directed that while regulating the business
of Peerless, care must be taken to protect
the interests of depositors and employees;
and

(e) if so, action taken so far to protect
the interests of employees?

**Central transfer to States as
percentage of GDP and revenue
collected**

1766. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Central transfer to
States in FY 15 and FY 16 as a percentage
of GDP;

(b) what is the total Central transfer to
States in FY 15 and FY 16 as a percentage
of gross tax revenue collected by
Government; and

(c) what is the total Central transfer to
States in FY 15 and FY 16 as a percentage
of Union Government's gross revenues (tax
and non-tax)?

**Stoppage of Central funds to Bihar
under Backward Region Grant**

†1767. SHRI PREM CHAND
GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the
recommendation of Niti Aayog an amount
of Rupee twelve thousand crore to Bihar
under the Backward Region Grant Fund
has been stopped;

(b) if so, by when the same is to be
released;

(c) the special provisions made under
the recommendation of Fourteenth Finance
Commission to compensate the losses
suffered by Bihar as the State had got 10.9
per cent amount from Thirteenth Finance
Commission which has now reduced to 9.6
per cent; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Establishing of AIIMS like Institute
in Gujarat**

†1768. SHRI RAM VICHAR
NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Central Government has
given approval for establishment of an
Institute in Gujarat along the lines of All
India Institute of Medical Sciences
(AIIMS);

(b) if so, the progress made towards
establishment thereof and by which date
the construction of the Institute is likely to
be completed; and

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(c) the details thereof?

of sensitive place like airport and the details thereof?

Disease detection centres in districts

†1769. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to open screening centres in the hundred districts of the country to detect cancer, hypertension and diabetes, if so, the name of States where these centres would be opened in the beginning, District-wise;

(b) whether sufficient number of trained persons are available to operate these centres and who would monitor their maintenance and arrangement; and

(c) the number of District hospitals in the country where sufficient arrangement of cancer treatment is available?

Construction of new AIIMS in Gorakhpur

†1770. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is taking steps to construct the proposed All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in close vicinity of Gorakhpur Airport;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said airport has less land as compared to norms;

(c) whether AIIMS was planned to be set up in Khuthan of Gorakhpur earlier; and

(d) whether there is sufficient land in Khuthan and also there is no compulsion

Viability of M.Sc. (Medical) degree

1771. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that under Clinical Establishment Act adopted in 2010 and Rules thereunder, medical M.Sc. degree awarded by health universities was not considered as sufficient qualification for signatories in laboratories;

(b) whether Government is aware that according to new laboratory standard, NCEA/laboratory 026, several scientists qualified till then were rendered unqualified; and

(c) whether Government is aware that it was MCI and such bodies consisting of only doctors which hold such a position and not recognise medical M.Sc. degree holders competent to be signatories in laboratories?

Safety audit of packaged drinking water bottling units

1772. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government or its agencies conducted any survey or safety audit to find out how many packaged drinking water bottling units are operating without proper licences;

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

(c) whether all drinking water operators in the country are manufacturing and selling

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packaged water FSSAI or BIS certification mark; and

(d) if not, how many are engaged in the business with proper certification and action taken against other units which do not comply with quality and regulatory norms and details thereof?

Smuggling of contraceptive pills from Bangladesh

†1773. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that contraceptive pil 'Sukhi' is being smuggled in a large quantity from Bangladesh in Dhubri district of Assam State adjoining international border; and

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any research on the side effects of contraceptive pill of Bangladesh and made its report public?

Providing affordable healthcare services

†1774. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the percentage of gross domestic product being spent on healthcare services in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than about 1.2 billion population is unable to get affordable healthcare services;

(c) the steps being taken to make healthcare services better to provide treatment/medicines to all citizens; and

(d) the actual status of health care delivery system in the country at present and the details thereof?

Eye operations conducted in Delhi

1775. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eye operations conducted by Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi, Central Government hospitals and CGHS empaneled private hospitals situated in Delhi during the last one year and how many patients are waiting for operations in these hospitals; and

(b) what is the average waiting time for operations in these hospitals and steps taken to reduce waiting time for conducting operations?

Clinical trial of brain death

1776. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report on reviving of brain dead in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the world's first clinical trial of brain death got underway in our country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proposal of Government to support the project and life saving care therein?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Deaths from acute respiratory infection in West Bengal

1777. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more people died in West Bengal from acute respiratory infection than in any other States from 2009 to 2014; and

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

Relaxing norms for setting up CGHS dispensaries

†1778. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for setting up CGHS dispensaries in the States;

(b) whether any relaxation in norms would be granted in future by Government towards expanding the network of Central Government Health Services (CGHS);

(c) if so, by when the relaxation would be granted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Improving health services in rural areas

1779. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the families in which farmers committed suicides, the largest component of family debt was cost of healthcare; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to improve quality

of health services in rural areas, especially the ones facing severe drought conditions?

Universal healthcare

1780. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Universal healthcare in every State to supplement the efforts of State Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has drawn up any action plan in that regard after reviewing the existing Central and Centrally sponsored schemes *vis-a-vis* the prevailing healthcare scenario in every State;

(c) if so, the details of the proposed action plan; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure effective implementations of this plan?

Shortage of drugs for HIV treatment

1781. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of drugs for HIV treatment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the persons with HIV had to return empty handed after at least one visit to the ART centre; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to make availability of drugs for treatment of HIV in all ART centres across the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Increase in respiratory diseases in people

†1782. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that according to researchers of Institute of Science, Nagpur and Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar pollen particles from plants carried in air are causing allergy, asthma and respiratory diseases among people;

(b) whether the main cause of it is the plants themselves becoming sick due to excessive use of chemical pesticides which in turn are spreading such diseases; and

(c) if so, whether any special plan has been made or is being made to deal with this problem, if so, the details thereof?

Opening of CGHS centre at Goa

1783. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open a CGHS centre in Goa;

(b) if so, whether Government has identified hospitals, it proposes to empanel in North Goa and South Goa;

(c) whether any draft agreement has been prepared to be entered into with these hospitals;

(d) whether any dialogue or correspondence has taken place with the State Government of Goa; and

(e) what are the issues and results thereof?

Implementing of Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010

†1784. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 meant for private hospitals in the Country and the provisions made in the Act for checking the arbitrariness of private hospitals;

(b) the States which have enforced this Act and the name of those States which have not enforced it, till now;

(c) whether Central assistance under health schemes is being provided to those States also which have not enforced this Act till now and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Act is proposed to be implemented in all States of the Country?

Availability of banned chemical carbide in market

1785. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has banned chemical carbide used for artificially ripening the fruits, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the said chemical is widely available in the market even after its ban?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Administration of Sports Injury
Centre, Safdarjung Hospital**

1786. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI:
SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

(a) whether an arthroscopy and sports
injury clinic had been set up at Central
Institute of Orthopedics of Safdarjung
Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, how a separate Director has
been appointed for Sports Injury Centre
whereas it should have been under the
Director of Central Institute of
Orthopedics;

(c) how, Deputy Director, Consultant
and HR Manager have been appointed in
Sports Injury Centre whereas they should
be manpower for Central Institute of
Orthopedics;

(d) whether a separate website for
sports Injury Centre has been allowed by
the Medical Superintendent of Safdarjung
Hospital, and

(e) if so, reasons therefor?

**Establishment of Medical Research
University and AIIMS**

1787. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:
DR. V. MAITREYAN:

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

(a) whether Government has any plans
to develop and expand the medical facilities
at JIPMER in Puducherry and, if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether Government has envisaged
to establish a Central Medical University

in Tamil Nadu to carry the research and
development activity;

(c) whether Government has expedited
the process of setting up of AIIMS in Tamil
Nadu and plans to create a Medical Research
Centre in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total
funds allocated in this regard; and

(e) whether Government has made any
decision on the lands selected and surveyed
by the Central team for this purpose, if so,
the details thereof?

**Assessment of workload at AIIMS,
Delhi**

1788. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any
assessment of AIIMS, Delhi in view of
number of patients and patients referred
from other States which is higher than the
capability of AIIMS and affecting mentally
the staff; and

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

Increase in IMR

†1789. SHRI NARENDRA
BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infant
mortality rate has increased in the country;

(b) if so, infant mortality rate in the
country during the last three years; the
details thereof State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any

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concrete step to control infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rate in the country; if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of doctors and health staff in rural areas

†1790. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortage in number of doctors and health staff has increased many folds in Government health centres in the rural areas of the country during last many years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special policy efforts have been made by Government with a view to encourage doctors and health staff to work in the rural Government health centres in last two years and any positive result has come out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Affordable healthcare services

1791. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the average per capita expenditure incurred by Government on health during last two years;

(b) whether it is very low as compared to the developed countries of the world and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the health services in India is becoming expensive day by day; if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by Government to provide affordable healthcare services to the people, especially the poor?

Nationwide trauma registry

1792. KUMARI SELJA:

SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

(a) whether there is an existing nationwide trauma registry to generate reliable data on the magnitude and patterns of injuries caused by road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether any such registry is being developed; and

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

Amending norms for clinical trials

1793. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has amended norms for clinical trials;

(b) if so, how the revised ones are different from the existing ones;

(c) whether it is also a fact that academic institutions are now exempted taking permission from DCGI; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and how this facilitates safe and transparent trials?

Law regulating single parent surrogacy

1794. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no law regulating single parent surrogacy in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to have such a law;

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- (c) how long it might take to have one; and
(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Preparedness to curb dengue

1795. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 24 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th July, 2016 and state:

- (a) how many cases of dengue related deaths have been detected in the country during the current rainy season, State-wise and how many positive cases detected;
(b) whether Government is fully prepared to curb the spread/cause of this dreaded disease in our country; and
(c) if so, the details of the preparedness?

Regulation for determining fees of doctors

†1796. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to formulate a rule for determining the fees of doctors practicing in the hospitals and nursing homes of private sector;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation for public hospitals in Delhi

1797. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total budgetary allocation made for Central Government hospitals in Delhi during the financial year 2015-16 and the amount, hospital-wise;

(b) how much of this allocation is for purposes of salaries/administrative expenditure and for capital creation and improvement in health delivery;

(c) the total number of patients (OPD and others) treated during the financial year 2014-15 in these hospitals, hospital-wise; and

(d) how the international best practices in the field of medicine are being adopted in these hospitals?

Fatalities from air pollution

1798. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in India about 1.59 million people die due to air pollution;
(b) whether it is also a fact that the hospitals in India are ill-equipped to deal with the cases concerning treatment of patients on account of air pollution, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to focus on this menace very seriously, if so the details thereof?

Opening of Amrit Yojana medical stores

†1799. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched Amrit Yojana for providing medicines at cheaper rates;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total numbers of medical stores opened under this scheme, so far, since its inception and the number of medical stores proposed to be opened during the current year and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the long term planning of Government to carry the benefits of this scheme to each and every person of the country?

Distribution of chlorine tablets

1800. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether chlorine tablets which are distributed to purify water in case of sporadic cholera, diarrhoea and gastroenteritis are not available with health department of a number of State Governments in the country, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether any request has been received from the State Governments for replenishing chlorine tablet stock, if so, the details thereof?

Cases of milk adulteration

1801. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of milk adulteration/artificial milk made out of Urea and Palm oil have been detected in the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and what remedial measures are adopted?

Establishment of National Institute for Geriatric diseases

1802. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any research on Geriatric diseases;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a National Institute for Geriatric diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Action against touts operating at dialysis centres

1803. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards media reports regarding touts operating freely at dialysis centres in District hospitals and other such clinics in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Amendment to MTP Act

1804. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft Bill seeking to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act has been approved by the Cabinet;

- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) if not, whether there are any other plans to update the 1971 law on abortion?

New guidelines for inter blood bank transfer

1805. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National AIDS Control Society has released new guidelines for transfer of blood from one blood bank to another, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) how many State Blood Transfusion Councils and the State Governments have accepted the guidelines and implemented it, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) how many whole blood and blood components have been transferred from one blood bank to another during last year as per the guidelines and the details thereof, State-wise?

Closure of primary hospitals

1806. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) how many primary hospitals were closed in India;
- (b) the details of reduction in the no. of patients in India; and
- (c) the details of the fund allocated to various hospitals during the last three years?

Survey on extent of drug abuse among citizens

1807. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to conduct an advanced survey on the extent of drug abuse among the citizens;

(b) whether any mechanism is existing to monitor the de-addiction and rehabilitation centres; and

(c) the details of previous surveys conducted, if any, in the last three years?

Appointment of regular Director, RIMS (Imphal)

1808. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the regular post of Director of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Imphal has remained vacant for more than last two years, allowing the organisation to run headless;
- (b) whether advertisement for recruitment of Head of the Institute was issued one year back;
- (c) if so, the reasons for delaying the process;
- (d) the details of procedure and the details of progress for its appointment;
- (e) the names of eligible applicants and ineligible applicants for the said post; and
- (f) by when the process of appointing a regular Director would be completed?

Rejection of pre-matric and post matric scholarship applications

1809. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of applications received under pre-matric and post-matric scholarship scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of such applications rejected due to paucity of funds during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make it demand driven scheme and to ensure that no application is rejected due to paucity of funds?

Implementation of Sachar Committee Report

1810. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing the Sachar Committee recommendation on minority's development;

(b) if so, the number of States where recommendations are implemented;

(c) the number of Districts having heavy concentration of minorities; and

(d) the action taken against those States which are not implementing the Sachar Committee recommendations?

Laying of report of NCRLM

1811. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to table the report of National Commission for Religious and Linguistics Minorities (NCRLM) with regard to Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims during the current session of Parliament;

(b) by when the said report was submitted by the Commission to Government; and

(c) the reasons for delay in tabling the said report in Parliament?

Free coaching and allied scheme for minorities in Tamil Nadu

1812. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the coaching centre selected in the State of Tamil Nadu under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the candidates belonging to minority communities;

(b) the details of the funds released to those coaching centres under this scheme, during last five years; and

(c) the details of the students belonging to minority communities who benefited under this Scheme, during last three years?

Khelo India

1813. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has launched any scheme as Khelo India;

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

(c) the details of the key objectives, organisational set up, plan outlay and funds allocation in this regard?

Modernisation of stadiums in Rajasthan

†1814. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to develop sports infrastructures, sports stadiums and their modernisation in the State of Rajasthan; and

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(b) whether Government proposes to construct new sports stadiums (international level) in the State of Rajasthan, if so, the names of such places where they would be constructed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Re-formation of Indian Boxing Association

1815. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Boxing Federation has been banned since, 2012;

(b) if so, by when is the Federation likely to be formed again;

(c) what was the reason for not meeting the initial deadline set by the International Boxing Association for formation of the Federation;

(d) whether it is a fact that not having a proper federation in place has affected the performance of Indian boxers; and

(e) how many boxers have qualified for the Rio Olympics in different categories?

Promotion to National sports and sportsmen in rural areas

1816. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted to set up National Sports Schools, Universities, Academies in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up such sports institutions in Jharkhand and/or other parts of the Country including remote and far-flung areas;

(c) if so, the present status thereof and

the funds allocated/spent for the purpose, sports, institution and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to promote National sports and sportsmen in rural areas particularly among tribals?

Development of sports infrastructure in schools and colleges

1817. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for development of sports infrastructure in schools and colleges in the country, State/UT-wise especially in Haryana;

(b) the details of funds released to the States for creation of sports infrastructure, during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of funds utilised by the States during the same period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to enhance allocation in this regard; and

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

Essential sports infrastructural facilities through PPP in urban cities

1818. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed the Vice Chairman for the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) and vacant posts at RGNIYD and other attached offices of Sports Ministry including the Sports Authority of India (SAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the various effective steps taken by Government to provide essential sports infrastructure facilities through Public-Private-Partnership in urban cities and towns in the country and the funds provided in the last three years; and

(d) whether the Union Government has earmarked and allocated sufficient funds for projects under the sports and youth affairs; and if so, the details thereof?

Lack of good quality sports equipments and competent support staff

1819. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is shortage of good quality sports equipment and non-availability of competent support staff in required number and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ISO Certification for Youth Hostels

1820. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to obtain ISO Certification for the Youth Hostels being run by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Youth Hostels presently functioning, State-wise?

Nehru Yuva Kendra

1821. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revision/upgradation in the policy/monitoring of Nehru Yuva Kendra has been undertaken to handle present competitiveness and problem faced by economically challenged sports persons; and

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

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