

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, May 3, 2016/Vaisakha 13, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Grading system for AYUSH products

961. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a grading system for products which fall under the Indian systems of medicine and homoeopathy (ISMH), if so, details thereof;

(b) whether there are differences between the grading and standardisation of products from ISMH and for those of practices, which come under allopathy, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been any incidents reported to the Ministry which could have risen from non-grading or standardisation of products of AYUSH, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to introduce legislation in this regard in the future and if so, details thereof?

Rare medical plants for treatment of dengue

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the traditional village medical healers of remote villages of Tamil Nadu have the knowhow of rare medicinal plants/herbs which they had been using for centuries successfully for the treatment of dengue; and

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has conducted any survey in this regard?

Allocation under NAM for Tamil Nadu

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

(a) what is the allocation made under

the National Ayush Mission (NAM) for the State of Tamil Nadu during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) what targets have been set for promotion and strengthening of AYUSH in Tamil Nadu; and

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

Utilisation of funds for AYUSH projects

964. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether projects approved under the Ministry have failed to take off due to non-availability of land, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the amount approved for these projects, the amount utilised, reason for underutilisation or overutilisation and corrective action, if any, taken; and

(c) whether measures have been undertaken to integrate traditional medicine systems into modern medicines, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Measures for popularising yoga

965. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to maintain the demands of world market now that yoga has become world accepted therapy for happy living;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government is taking any precautionary steps to check misuse of yoga for selfish purpose, if so, what are those?

Pact with WHO on traditional medicines

966. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a pact with WHO in the field of traditional medicines;

(b) if so, the salient features of the pact; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for improving acceptability and branding of AYUSH system internationally?

Vacancies in Unani system

967. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in different categories in Unani system under the Ministry in the country;

(b) since when the vacancies have not been filled up;

(c) the action taken to fill up the vacancies; and

(d) the mechanism evolved to prevent delay in filling up the vacancies in future?

High levels of lead in AYUSH medicines

968. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that many Siddha and Ayurvedic tonics have been detected with high levels of lead in the past;

(b) whether there are any regulations for Over The Counter (OTC) AYUSH medicines;

(c) whether India adheres to the Good Manufacturing Practices for herbal medicines as prescribed by WHO; and

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

Opening of AYUSH university in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Government has made any provision in the budget of 2016-17 to open any university or any hospital on the lines of AIIMS in Rajasthan in order to promote medical systems coming under the Ministry of AYUSH, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the amount earmarked by the Ministry of AYUSH for Rajasthan for medical purposes in 2016-17 and the details thereof?

Schemes for conservation and commercialisation of medicinal plants

970. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

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

(a) the details of schemes being implemented by Government for identification, documentation, conservation/ protection, cultivation and commercial exploitation of indigenous medicinal/herbal plants in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government is imparting any training to the farmers/entrepreneurs/ youth for production, processing and marketing of medicinal/herbal plants, if so, details thereof indicating the number of people engaged in such activities, State/ Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether Government has also identified endangered medicinal/herbal plants which are on the verge of extinction, if so, details thereof?

New initiatives under NAM in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) the details of the new initiatives taken under the National Ayush Mission (NAM), particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Export of medicinal plants

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

(a) India's export of medicinal/aromatic plants, herbs and medicines during each of the last three years, along with the steps being taken to promote the same in view of their export potential;

(b) whether Government plans to set up the National Institute of Medicinal Plants in the country;

(c) if so, whether the said institute has been set up; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to promote cultivation of medicinal/aromatic plants and herbs in the areas which are suitable for such plantations?

Indo-US collaboration on AYUSH medicines for cancer care

973. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has partnered with the US to collaborate on research and development of traditional medicines for preventive and palliative cancer care, a move aimed at bringing in more global acceptability and credibility for AYUSH medicines and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the collaboration between the two countries is expected to open a huge market for AYUSH practitioners globally, if so, the details thereof?

Performing of abortions by AYUSH practitioners

974. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare floated an amendment to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act that would allow non-allopathic medical practitioners to perform abortions too;

(b) whether the Ministry has carried out a study to gauge if AYUSH doctors around the country are equipped to conduct abortions, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any plan to train AYUSH practitioners to carry out medical procedures like abortions, if so, details thereof?

AYUSH-82 anti diabetic drug

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

(a) whether the Central Council of Research of Ayurveda Sciences has developed an anti-diabetic drug, AYUSH-82;

(b) if so, the details and salient features of the drug; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early commercialisation of AYUSH-82 for prevention and management of diabetes in the country?

Allocation of funds for expansion of international and domestic airports

976. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated funds for the expansion projects of various international and domestic airports and for the development of infrastructure of these airports;

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

(c) the details of the funds allocated during the last two years, airport-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that important projects and development works are hampered because of the paucity of funds; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

Viability gap funding for scheduled commuter airlines

977. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has already laid out a plan to boost regional connectivity in the draft aviation policy released last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the regional connectivity will be made possible through setting up of no frills airports, introducing all inclusive fares of ₹ 2,500 per passenger and viability gap funding for scheduled commuter airlines; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present around 75 out of 476 airstrips/airports have scheduled operations and if so, the details thereof?

Re-naming of airports in the country

978. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to put in place a policy of naming airports in the country;

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

(c) the name of airports which are proposed to be named/renamed; and

(d) the time by which the said policy is likely to be framed/put in place?

Vacancies in Bureau of Civil Aviation

979. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the post of chief of Bureau of Civil Aviation and a number of posts in this organisation are vacant;

(b) if so, the details of vacant posts and reasons for keeping them vacant;

(c) whether Government is proposing to fill these posts on deputation with outsiders, who do not have domain knowledge and institutional memory, instead of experienced people from the organisation; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the posts of Joint Commissioners and Additional Commissioners will be filled from the organisation, if not, the reasons therefor?

Skill requirement in civil aviation sector

980. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge mismatch exists between the kind of skills available and kind of skills required in the Civil Aviation Sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any National Perspective Plan to fill this gap and if so, the details thereof?

Development of Belora Airport at Amravati in Maharashtra

981. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal for development of Belora Airport at Amravati, pending with the Ministry;

(b) whether the proposal has been considered or accepted; and

(c) if not, the time-frame within which a decision is expected?

Technical glitches in Air India's Dreamliner aircraft

982. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers of an Air India Kolkata-Delhi flight (AI-701) had a harrowing time after it was delayed by 13 hours very recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that the problem was found to be a technical snag in a Boeing-787 Dreamliner aircraft of the

Air India fleet that befuddled its technicians, who took a long time to rectify it; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Air India is continuously taking steps to minimise such incidents but it often faces, technical glitches in Dreamliner aircraft and if so, the details thereof?

Exorbitant airfares during Jat agitation

983. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airlines charged exorbitant airfares from air passengers in Chandigarh and Amritsar during the recent Jat reservation agitation in Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken in the matter?

Complaints against private airlines

984. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints against private airlines regarding non-compliance of the prescribed timetable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Fleet strength composition of Air India

†985. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the number of different types of aircrafts being used in the fleet of Air India and the number of aircrafts out of them which are not being utilised;

(b) the average fleet age of aircrafts being used in the current fleet of Air India;

(c) the number of over ageing aircrafts and the period for which they are currently being used; and

(d) whether Government is replacing/going to replace them and the details thereof?

Snag hit Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a snag hit the Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner, before it could take off for Delhi from Kolkata, when almost all the passengers on board spent an entire night inside the aircraft;

(b) whether Air India tried to arrange another aircraft for taking the passengers to their destination in view of such contingency; and

(c) if not, why Air India did not make board and lodge arrangements for the harried passengers compelling them to spend the night in the plane itself, the details thereof?

Cap on maximum air fare

987. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been constant complaints from passengers regarding very high spot fare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to cap maximum airfare at a reasonable price; and

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

Sustainable growth of aviation sector

988. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that severe capacity constraint and lack of infrastructure could become a hurdle in the way of sustainable growth of aviation sector in the country;

(b) whether the country's aviation growth has remained concentrated in a few big cities with the top 10 cities contributing 80 per cent of the air traffic while having only 7 per cent of the population; and

(c) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to address the structural challenges to ensure sustainable growth in aviation sector and the details thereof?

Ban on issue of passes to staff of VVIPs

989. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security is planning to restrict the issue of Airport Entry Passes to the staff of MPs and Ministers; and

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

Issue of fake medical certificate to crew members of airlines

990. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instances of issue of fake pre-flight medical certificates to the crew members of airlines of private operators has come to the notice of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of such instances during the said period;

(c) whether DGCA has taken any action against the doctors who issued fake pre-flight certificates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Naming of airports

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

(a) whether Government intends to take a policy decision wherein all airports in the country will adopt the names of the cities in which they are located, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this policy will be applicable to existing as well as the new airports and if so, the details thereof?

Air connectivity to small cities of Gujarat

992. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to connect small cities of Gujarat through air connectivity;

(b) whether any study has been done for that; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, by when the air services to small cities would begin?

Communication breakdown at Air Traffic Control Tower at Kolkata

993. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Control Tower at Kolkata has suffered a communication breakdown between it and 85 jets very recently for about ten minutes, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as multiple radars and vital VHF radio link failure continued for one hour and 40 minutes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 35 controllers scrambled for mobile phones to contact nearby ATCs to alter flight levels of aircrafts; and

(d) whether any probe has been ordered into this incidence?

India's ranking in Global Civil Aviation Market

994. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's domestic market grew by 20.3 per cent in 2015;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is well on its way to become the third largest aviation market by 2020 and largest by 2030; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian

civil aviation sector has exhibited tremendous resilience to global economic slowdown and ranks ninth in the global civil aviation market, if so, the details thereof?

Emergency landing by aircrafts of various airlines

995. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many passenger aircrafts of various airlines, including Air India made emergency landing in the country in the last two years, with details thereof;

(b) whether any analysis/inspection has been made for ascertaining the reasons and the conclusion and remedial measures suggested by the civil aviation authority for air safety; and

(c) the follow up action taken by Government to ensure air safety by all airlines in the country, in view of increase in air traffic?

Fictitious companies involved in 2G Spectrum scam

996. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to find out the complete details of the fictitious and bogus companies involved in the 2G Spectrum scam;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that many documents pertaining to the decision taken by the Board of Directors of these companies are altered and fabricated in connivance with some officials of the Corporate Affairs; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures and stringent action taken against the culprits by the Government in this regard?

CCI report in the Case No. 107/2013

997. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director General (DG) has completed its investigations and submitted its report to Competition Commission of India (CCI) in Case No. 107/2013 filed in CI by Association of Third Party Administrators against the General Insurers (Public Sector) Association of India (GIPSA), public sector General Insurance Companies and Union of India;

(b) if not, by when the report will be submitted;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action contemplated/taken by Government against these companies and their top level managers?

High Level Committee Report on CSR compliance

998. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any High Level Committee on CSR has submitted any report to the Government for improved monitoring of the implementation of CSR compliance by companies;

(b) if so, details thereof indicating Committee's recommendations and suggestions on measures for the proper implementation of CSR fund in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that many

companies have not been spent their CSR fund fully during the last two years; and

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

Allotment of funds under CSR

999. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down any guidelines for allotment of funds under Social Responsibility Scheme for corporate/companies;

(b) the essential features of the scheme and the guidelines laid down; and

(c) amount disbursed by various companies in the last one year and details thereof?

CSR spends on Swachh Bharat Cess

1000. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swachh Bharat Cess introduced in November, 2015 is likely to mop up ₹ 10,000 crores in 2016-17;

(b) whether Government proposes to ask Indian Corporates to set aside 30 per cent of its CSR spend for Swachh Bharat to help the Centre raise over ₹ 2 lakh crores over the next three years for Swachh Bharat Programme;

(c) whether the corporate sector has already tied up, to large extent, its CSR spends over Digital India and Skill India initiatives; and

(d) if so, Government's comments thereon?

Action against ponzi scheme offenders

1001. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is committed to tackle the menace of unregulated ponzi deposit-taking schemes, with a view to take stringent action against ponzi schemes and offenders, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures being taken by the Government to curtail these ponzi schemes and save millions of people from becoming prey to these schemes?

Legislative framework for regulating deposit taking activities

1002. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set out to tackle the menace of ponzi schemes with stiff penal and monetary punishment for offenders by seeking comments from public on a draft law;

(b) whether the Government had constituted a group of domain experts to identify gaps in the existing regulatory framework for deposit-taking activities;

(c) whether the group of experts has recommended a slew of measures both legislative and non-legislative; and

(d) whether apart from deposit taking firms, pyramid marketing companies will also be brought under the new legislation?

Acquisition of land for Army's Firing Range

†1003. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total bighas of land and the total number of villages from which land has been acquired for Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR) in Bikaner district of the State of Rajasthan; and

(b) the number of peasants out of the total MFFR displaced persons who have not been given rights and possession of land till date despite allotment thereof by the Colonisation Commissioner?

Shortage of essential articles in the Army

1004. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army is facing huge shortage of boots, balaclavas, durries, canvas shoes and mosquito nets, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are strict instructions to procure all the above necessary articles for soldiers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has set any deadline for procurement of the above items and if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Malaysia defence cooperation

1005. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Malaysia have

agreed to strengthen their defence cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made so far; and

(c) whether both the countries have upgraded the joint exercises and set up the SU-30 Forum and steps are being taken more in terms of level and complexity of exercises and collaboration in training and defence equipment?

Recruitment of women into the armed forces

1006. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to review and amend its policies to encourage and facilitate recruitment of more women into the armed forces; and

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

Rehabilitation policy for injured servicemen

1007. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government with respect to rehabilitating those who are injured and end up with permanent damage during active operations and are declared unfit for combat duties; and

(b) whether Government would consider the fitness of those injured in active operations in other parameters and utilize their services for full length instead of giving them compensation or voluntary/ compulsory retirement and send them home rendering their life absolutely useless?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Successful projects of DRDO

1008. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last five years, DRDO has conducted researches in many important projects, security and production of other fields which are beneficial for growth of the country with regard to security, industrial and public welfare;

(b) if so, the names of such projects upon which DRDO has conducted research successfully;

(c) whether Government has signed agreements with industrial houses or others for commercial technology transfer regarding such research technology projects with the purpose of security and industrial growth of the country;

(d) if so, the names of such projects and details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Welfare schemes for war widows and dependents

†1009. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of war widows and ex-servicemen from Rajasthan State at present;

(b) the schemes being run by Government for the welfare of war widows and their dependents; and

(c) whether Government proposes to construct new hostels for war widows in Rajasthan, if so, by when?

Offer for F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter jets by US

1010. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Defence establishment is showing keen interest in the American offer to supply F/A-18 Super Hornet fighters to IAF under the Make-in-India programme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether IAF is down to just 33 fighter squadrons and the much-touted ₹ 60,000 crore acquisition of 36 French Rafale fighters is yet to be clinched, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether India is actively exploring the possibility of going in for the F/A-18 fighters manufactured by Boeing, if so, the details thereof?

Upgrading of airbases' security

1011. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to implement its plan for upgrading the security and plugging loopholes in the 54 large IAF airbases across the country following the Pathankot terror attack;

(b) whether it is a fact that IAF has also requested Government to help in clearing encroachments near its airbases across the country which poses threat to its airbases' security;

(c) whether IAF's comprehensive security proposal involving an expenditure of around ₹ 8,000 crore had to face financial constraints and therefore, being implemented in a phased manner; and

(d) a detailed report thereon?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Time lag in defence purchase

1012. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether defence purchases take very long time in our country;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor and how does it compare with China's;
- (c) whether such a delay will put our defence at stake *vis-à-vis* our neighbours; and
- (d) what can be done to ease out this solution?

Engaging of private shipyards in Naval warship construction

1013. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has engaged private shipyards for the manufacture of warship vessels/submarines/patrol boats etc., if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether engaging private sector in the highly sensitive Defence Production will not tantamount to compromising the safety and security of the country; and
- (c) if so, precautions taken by Government while granting license to private sector?

Under construction border roads

1014. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total stretch of border roads in the country and the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the total stretch of border roads

currently under construction by BRO and the State-wise details and details of year since when such work is pending in each State;

- (c) the reasons for pending construction;
- (d) the cost incurred by BRO in last three years on construction of border roads and on maintenance;
- (e) the escalation of cost in last three years due to delay in construction; and
- (f) the details of BRO work which is outsourced and reasons therefor?

Unused and rejected bombs at Ordnance Factory, Jabalpur

1015. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thousands of unexploded and rejected bombs and Russian rejected RDX is lying in the premises of Ordnance Factory Khamarie (OFA) in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has no policy to dispose these explosives and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for safe disposal of these explosives in order to avoid any untoward incident in future?

Objections to Rafale fighter aircraft deal

†1016. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the deal for the procurement of Rafale fighter jets, along with the conditions on which there is a dispute;
- (b) the objections of the Ministry of Law in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government did not pay attention on the provisions of the inter-Government agreement?

Rapid growth in helicopter requirements by the defence forces

1017. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence helicopters segment is rapidly growing and that there are approximately 1200 helicopters with defence forces;

(b) whether the defence sector would be requiring 800-1000 new helicopters in the next decade; and

(c) whether the increased number of helicopters would be requiring more Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul facility for the defence sector, if so, the details thereof?

Time gap in replacement for de-commissioned naval vessels

1018. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that time gap in replacement for de-commissioned vessels of Naval and Coast Guard is longer in India, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to adopt benchmark procedure which are being adopted in advanced countries in this regard; and

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

Finalisation of new DPP

1019. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized or proposed to finalise new defence procurement policy (DPP) as part of Make in India initiative, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any weightage is given to Indian industry and how will it help indigenously-designed developed defence industry; and

(c) the details of strategic partnership in the defence purchase, procurement and projects?

Recovery of excess payments to retirees

1020. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the banks were collecting excess or wrong payments from the retirees;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has been receiving complaints from the retirees in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that RBI has asked the banks to follow rules on excess recovery from retirees; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the banks in this regard?

Relief package towards Thane Cyclone relief

1021. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) relief amount sought by Government of Puducherry towards the Thane Cyclone relief in 2011-12;

(b) amount sanctioned by the Government as a relief package;

(c) how much was released to Government of Puducherry;

(d) whether it is a fact that an amount of ₹ 50 crores was adjusted by re-appropriation from Plan to Non-Plan budget estimates of 2011-12; and

(e) if so, will the Government agree that an amount of ₹ 70 crores committed by the Government is still due to the Government of Puducherry along with re-appropriated amount of ₹ 50 crores?

Disinvestment of PSUs

1022. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to continue disinvestment of PSUs;

(b) if so, the major PSUs listed for the disinvestment in financial year 2015-16 and percentage of shares earmarked for disinvestment; and

(c) the targeted amount to be collected from the disinvestment process?

Investments under NIIF

1023. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) will invest in greenfield, brownfield and stalled infrastructure projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NIIF would seek out foreign Sovereign Wealth Funds to invest jointly in Indian projects;

(c) whether the NIIF would mostly

concentrate on stalled infrastructure projects; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure that the NIIF does not get bogged down in unviable projects?

Effect of conditions imposed in Insurance Laws on development of FDI in insurance sector

1024. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions imposed in the insurance laws about the management and control of the insurance business in Indian hands is proving to be a hindrance in the development of insurance sector/FDI in insurance; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the effort made by the Government to increase FDI in insurance sector?

Genuineness of bank accounts opened under PMJDY

1025. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey report by a financial inclusion consulting agency Microsave stating that 33 per cent of the bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) are duplicate, meaning that they already had a bank account;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the bank accounts under PMJDY as per the latest data and how many of them are Aadhaar seeded?

Issue of KCC by PSBs

1026. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) holders in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of loan sanctioned/ interest rate charged and the target set and achievements made by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in issuing KCCs to the farmers during each of the last two years, State/UT-wise including Haryana;

(c) whether the Government proposes to relax the rules to facilitate KCCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to bring back black money

1027. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent estimate by economists from Bank of Italy, Indian share in black money stashed in tax havens across the world is at \$ 152 to 181 billion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of black money brought back to India during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, so far;

(d) by when Government would bring the black money stashed abroad; and

(e) the details of black money sent to foreign countries during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, so far?

PSB defaulters as per CIBIL data

1028. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Credit Information

Bureau (India) Ltd. (CIBIL) data, number of deliberate public sector banks defaulters has doubled from 3703 in December, 2012 to 6819 in December, 2015 and their dues have tripled from ₹ 22,332 crore in December, 2012 to ₹ 74,699 crore in December, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise and reasons for steep rise in last three years;

(c) details of top 50 defaulters;

(d) effective measures Government would take to check deliberate default by borrowers; and

(e) the details of action taken against defaulters by banks/RBI, bank-wise along with responsibility fixed of bank officials in this regard?

Survey regarding women SHGs

1029. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had conducted any survey regarding the Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed by poor women in rural India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha indicating therein the total number of women involved;

(c) whether Government is considering to lower the interest rate for the advances to these groups at par with the interest for crop loans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government proposes to bring new schemes in near future to aid such SHGs?

Malpractices by urban cooperative banks

1030. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recent cases of malpractices by urban cooperative banks wherein these banks are suspected of flouting RBI norms by issuing benami fixed deposits;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recommended the amendment of laws in order to allow grant of commercial banks licences to urban cooperative banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to implement the aforesaid recommendation?

Revealing the names of PSB defaulters

1031. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has asked the banks, not to reveal the names of all defaulters as it would hurt the risk taking ability of entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that RBI has asked the banks to reveal the names of all wilful defaulters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bank loan default by various companies

1032. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of companies are defaulters of various banks in returning the loan in the country;

(b) names of those companies and amount due to each company along with the names of Banks till January, 2016; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against these defaulters, if so, the details thereof?

Central assistance to States

†1033. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of total Central assistance funds provided to States by Government during last two years;

(b) the State-wise details of funds provided against arrear amount thereof and the funds given as advance; and

(c) whether Government proposes to enhance budgetary allocations for the States and if not, the reasons therefor?

Levy of charges on depositing money in other branches

1034. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that public sector banks have been charging customers who deposit their money in the ATM or a branch other than where their account is maintained;

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(b) whether Government considers levy of such charges would defeat the basic idea of using technology for spreading banking habit; and

(c) if so, what steps the Government intends to take to curb such levies?

Bank closure on second and fourth Saturdays

1035. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints against the practice of closing banks on 2nd and 4th Saturday every month; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will consider rolling back the decision?

Clean Energy Cess

1036. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds that are likely to be generated with the increase in the Clean Energy Cess;

(b) whether all the funds collected from the cess would still be credited to the National Clean Energy Fund; and

(c) whether the scope of the utilization of the fund would be expanded to support other environmental initiatives and to promote clean energy development initiatives by SC/ST entrepreneurs?

Reduction in interest rates of small savings

1037. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced

the interest rates on various Small Saving Schemes of Post offices of India;

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

(c) whether there is any plan of Government to introduce any new scheme in Post Offices like the Kisan Vikas Patra-KVP or National Saving Certificate-NSC in the current financial year?

Increase in insurance premium for all vehicles

1038. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vehicle insurance will become costlier from April 1, 2016 as the insurance regulator IRDAI has decided to increase premium by upto 40 per cent from the next fiscal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IRDAI has increased the insurance premiums in respect of all vehicles;

(c) whether Government is considering a demand to keep low, the insurance premium for two wheelers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of Mudra Ltd. into Mudra Bank

1039. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to convert the non-banking financial company, Mudra Ltd. into Mudra Bank;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government so far in this regard;

(d) whether the Government had fixed any targets for disbursement of loan under the Mudra scheme during the current financial year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons benefited under the scheme during the above period, State-wise?

Gold deposited by temples/trustees under Gold Monetization scheme

1040. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims of Gold Monetization scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that temples are not depositing their huge gold deposits as was expected due to the fear that melting of the ornaments donated by devotees may hurt their religious sentiments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has held talks with the temples and temple trusts in this regard and if so, the reaction of these temples thereto; and

(e) the total quantity of gold deposited so far in banks by temples and other under the scheme?

Introduction of new ITR forms

1041. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come out with new complicated Income Tax Return (ITRs) forms that require disclosure of details regarding fixed deposits, value of vehicles, value of jewellery, value of house, etc.;

(b) if so, reasons for harassing tax

payers by introducing new norms every year;

(c) whether there has been criticism of new forms seeking too much data from tax payers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to simplify the ITR forms?

Payment of Interest on savings accounts in PSBs

1042. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued instructions to various banks to pay interest on saving banks accounts on a quarterly basis or shorter duration;

(b) if so, complete details in this regard; and

(c) the names of banks which are likely to implement the guidelines of RBI from quarter starting June, 2016?

Measures to check circulation of fake currency

†1043. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that business of circulating fake currency notes is rampant in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating any step to check it; and

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

Action against money lenders fleecing the poor

†1044. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to free the poor of the country from the clutches of money lenders;

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

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

Money Bills passed by Parliament

1045. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the list of Money Bills passed by the Parliament since independence; and

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

Affect of tax uncertainty on investment environment

1046. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tax uncertainty affects the investment environment;

(b) if so, what is India's position in this regard;

(c) whether Government proposes to resolve the entire instability on the taxation matters; and

(d) if so, measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Extension of Finance to fraudulent borrowers

1047. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI prohibits banks from extending finance to borrowers who have committed fraud, for 5 years from the date of full payment of defrauded amount even after obtaining non-encumbrance certificate;

(b) if so, reasons as to why Union Bank, Chitbaragaon branch had extended loans against 5 accounts before expiration of five years in 2014 to fraudsters against whom multiple cases of banking frauds had been registered in 2013 by SBI and Purvanchal Bank; and

(c) the details of the penal action Government has taken against bank officials and fraudsters in view of the above?

Investments by Sovereign Wealth Funds in NIIF

1048. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sovereign Wealth Funds are keen to invest in National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of countries with which Government has signed MoUs for the investments in the last two years?

Status of Gold Monetization scheme

1049. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Gold Monetization scheme which was announced last year;

(b) the response to the new scheme and the quantity of gold in tonnes deposited with the RBI; and

(c) whether Government achieved the

target of reducing gold imports under the scheme in financial year 2014-15?

Scrapping of export tax on low grade iron

1050. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to scrap 10 percent export tax on low grade iron with a view to restart the export of iron;

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

(c) what are the views of various stakeholders Ministries and others to the proposal of the Government?

Measures for PSBs consolidation

1051. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to set up an expert committee on Public Sector Banks (PSBs) consolidation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has already set up a Banks Board Bureau with bank consolidation as one of its mandates; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how the two bodies differ in their functions?

Publication of All India Income Tax Statistics

1052. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has stopped publishing All India Income Tax Statistics since the year 2000;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to restore this practice to make transparent the information about Income Tax data?

Progress made by ED in Lalit Modi case

1053. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the investigation against Lalit Modi under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act;

(b) what is the progress on EDs request to Interpol to issue a Red Corner Notice against Lalit Modi; and

(c) what is the progress on Letter Rogatory to Singapore seeking information about a 2009 deal signed by Lalit Modi?

Restructuring agricultural and industrial loans

1054. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to restructure and reschedule agricultural and industrial related loans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far during each of the last three years and the current year, loan-wise and State/UT-wise?

Amendment in Baggage Rules, 2016

1055. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Baggage Rules, 2016, raising the monetary value of items brought into the country by children

from ₹ 6000 to ₹ 17,500 may not be enough even to buy toys from either the US or Europe as they risk crossing that limit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Baggage Rules are a legacy of India's colonial past, put in place by the British in 1939; and

(c) whether Government is considering to enhance the value of baggage limit or altogether scrap the said system?

Printing of defective currency notes

1056. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 defective notes printed at Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad have hit the market in the recent past;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government for hassle free replacement of such notes by the banks on being approached by the people?

Bad debts in industrial and agricultural sector

†1057. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions for providing loans to industry sector and agricultural sector;

(b) the bank-wise total number of cases regarding non-repayment of loans by the industrial houses and industrialists and the total bad debt involved therein;

(c) the number of cases regarding non-

repayment of loans given in the agricultural sector and the bank-wise details of bad debt involved therein; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to recover loans from agriculture as well as industry sectors?

PSB loans to industrialists and corporates

†1058. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrialists/corporate houses in the country who have taken a loan of ₹ 500 crores or more from different banks during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons out of them who have repaid/are repaying the loan in the stipulated time;

(c) the name of corporate houses out of them which have not repaid the loan and have been declared defaulters by the banks; and

(d) the stringent steps being taken by Government to recover loan from those who have taken such a huge loan?

Alertness of Indian Banking System in view of theft in Bangladesh Central Bank

1059. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) with the hindsight gained from the recent theft of \$ 81 million from Bangladesh Central Bank citing the possibility of involvement of Pakistan's intelligence agency (Inter Services Intelligence) whether India has alerted its banking system to be cautious;

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(b) whether intelligence inputs gathered by RBI suggests that where the stolen money was transferred had linkages with ISI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Data on migrating doctors and nurses

1060. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any centralised data is maintained for doctors and nurses migrating to other countries especially for those who have taken degree at cost of the exchequer;

(b) whether the Medical Council of India issue Good Standing Certificates (GSCs) to doctors going to work in hospital abroad;

(c) if so, the number of such certificates issued during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken to tighten the check on brain drains?

New approach towards TB control

1061. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the focus on treating Tuberculosis alone cannot control the disease;

(b) whether it is also a fact that we need additional intervention and an efficiently run primary and secondary healthcare system which we do not have in India; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

Rapid rise in surgeries performed under NHM

1062. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of surgeries conducted under the NHM are growing hugely during the last five years, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether health experts caution that there may also be the possibility of “inappropriate” surgeries being performed under existing insurance and incentive-based schemes like RSBY and JSSK; and

(c) if so, Government's observation therein and reaction thereto?

Controlling menace of AES

1063. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of deaths caused by encephalitis (AES) in the country especially in Odisha region and how far has it been controlled;

(b) whether UP, Bihar, Assam, Odisha and West Bengal are the major regions where this problem has been going up unabated; and

(c) what are the various initiatives that have been taken to control this menace in Odisha region and other such backward areas in the country?

Drug-resistant TB cases

1064. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of drug-resistant TB (DR-TB) in India;

(b) whether Government has acquired Bedaquiline for DR-TB, if so, details thereof;

(c) the estimated requirement of the drug for the next year, procurement policy and accessibility to patients in the private sector, if not, reasons therefor;

(d) the measures undertaken to increase engagement of patients and communities in TB control efforts; and

(e) whether Government plans to waive the import duty for essential diagnostics and consumables for drug resistant TB, if so, the details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor?

Free medical treatment for senior citizens

1065. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in developed and many developing countries, senior citizens are provided free medical treatment including medicines and hospitalisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide free medical treatment with medicines and hospitalisation to senior citizens in the country; and

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

New FSSAI standards for alcoholic beverages

1066. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FSSAI plans to set up

standards for alcoholic beverages including beer and whisky, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by when the standards are likely to be introduced and implemented?

Rampant performing of caesarean surgery

†1067. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the caesarean surgery is being done rampantly in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any steps to prevent it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the steps will be taken in this regard and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Expanding CGHS network

†1068. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for opening the CGHS dispensaries in the States;

(b) whether Government is going to relax the criteria for expanding the network of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) in future;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Procurement of medicines for CGHS
Unani**

1069. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present methodology of procuring and supplying the Unani medicines to CGHS Unani dispensaries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present system is not fool-proof and more often than not, there is inadequate availability of Unani medicines in CGHS dispensaries; and

(c) if so, the mechanism being evolved to ensure adequate availability of Unani medicines at all times?

**Enforcement of Tobacco Packaging
and Labelling Rules, 2008**

1070. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has amended the Packaging and Labelling Rules 2008, to enforce the changes relating to warning messages on tobacco products, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the changes made with regard to warning messages;

(c) whether Government has received any representation to reduce the warning message to 50 per cent from 86 per cent terming it as too harsh, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the recommendations made by the Parliamentary Committee in this regard; and

(e) the decision of Government in this regard?

New TB diagnostic machines

1071. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the national programme on tuberculosis will benefit from the introduction of over 500 Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test machines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quality of treatment under the national programme on tuberculosis has to be even over the public and private sectors; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that we need new tools for diagnostics and new research for eradication of tuberculosis?

Cancer treatment centres in MP

†1072. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of institutions in the country including Madhya Pradesh for diagnosis and treatment of cancer;

(b) the State-wise steps taken by Government to modernise them along with establishing new cancer centres;

(c) whether Central Government has received any proposal from the States to upgrade and for establishment of cancer centres along with purchase of equipments for identification and treatment of cancer; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon, State-wise, including Madhya Pradesh?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

New drug for Drug Resistant-TB

1073. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has launched a new drug or Drug Resistant-TB as part of the national programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this new drug will be introduced in 104 districts across five States, if so, the details thereof?

Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres data collection

1074. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the growth measure by which anganwaadi workers classify a child as malnourished and refer them to Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) *e.g.* low weight, height etc.;

(b) the details of the growth measure by which NRCs classify a child as malnourished; and

(c) if there is a discrepancy in the two measures of malnourishment, then the details of the efforts the Ministry is taking to have consistent measures at both levels of check up so that no child is denied right treatment?

Coordination among States to check spurious drugs

1075. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of drug samples that were found to be spurious

and sub-standard and the number of people arrested in each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government plans to provide infrastructure, mobility, inter-state co-ordination, vigilance and intelligence sharing among all the States to detect the distribution and marketing of spurious drugs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to implement the recommendations of the Mashelkar Committee Report (November 2003); and

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

Preventing diabetes induced lung ailments

1076. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India could face a higher risk of diabetes induced lung ailments;

(b) whether high levels of insulin directly damage lung structure;

(c) whether most medicines to treat diabetes seek to curb excess blood sugar by pumping in more insulin into the body; and

(d) if so, whether Government is considering coming out with an action plan in this regard?

TB cases in the country

1077. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India needs 'Made in China' lessons to tackle its

tuberculosis burden which is the highest in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that twenty five years ago the number of cases in India and China were on a par, but China has brought down the numbers quite remarkably; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India accounts for an estimated 2.2 million of the 8.6 million new TB cases that occur each year globally and harbours more than double the cases as any other country, if so, the details thereof?

Cervical Cancer in women

1078. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cervical Cancer has emerged as a big killer of women in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to control the incidents of Cervical Cancer amongst the women in the country?

Funding of TB control programmes

1079. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the financial burden of TB in the last three years, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the current investment in TB and the gap in financing;

(c) whether Government has determined the repercussions of low investment into TB, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures undertaken by Government to increase TB funding, investments and collaboration?

Enactment of National Commission for Human Resources for Health

1080. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Human Resources for Health has been enacted; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of implementation of the same?

Awareness campaign against Breast Cancer

1081. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of Breast Cancer in India *i.e.* how far has it been controlled;

(b) whether it is a fact that Breast Cancer is top killer among women; and

(c) whether Government has created an awareness campaign and also an effective treatment for control of the above deaths, if so, the details thereof?

Population control measures

1082. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what family planning measures are being taken by Government to discourage citizens from having a large number of children on religious grounds; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to censure leaders who are advocating and attempting to persuade women to give birth to many children with the motive of altering the demographic composition of the country, which is in contravention of the National Population Policy, 2000?

New medical colleges in Rajasthan

†1083. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the new areas in Rajasthan State wherein necessary steps have been taken by the Central Government for setting-up medical colleges; and

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the State Government for setting-up such new medical colleges and by when these new medical colleges will be set up and become functional?

Overhauling of MCI

1084. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started work on a major overhaul of the Medical Council of India (MCI) as it looks to create more medical colleges and produce more doctors to cater to the growing healthcare need, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has set up a three-member committee to prepare a blue print to revamp the current set up, if so, the details thereof?

Poor funding of TB control programme

1085. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor funding is hampering the TB programme in India, according to experts;

(b) whether the slashing of the health budget by 20 per cent by Government in December, 2014, citing fiscal deficit and under utilisation of funds, has led to a setback to the programme; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the revised national tuberculosis control programme is underfunded and if so, the reasons therefor?

Youth addicted to smoking

1086. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 10.8 crores of Indian youth are in grip of smoking;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 10 lakh persons die every year in the country because of smoking; and

(c) if so, the action Government proposes to take to wean away those youth from smoking?

Financial irregularities in NRHM

†1087. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where cases of financial irregularities have come to light

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under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) along with total amount misappropriated under the said Mission;

(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of such financial irregularities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount allocated to these States by Government under said Mission during the last three years?

Life expectancy in the country

1088. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise life expectancy of male and female in the country;

(b) the State-wise data regarding the number of children fully vaccinated under Mission Indradhanush;

(c) whether any steps are being taken under this Mission to raise awareness in Tamil Nadu; and

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

Non-implementation of Clinical Establishment Act, 2012 by States

1089. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States/Union Territories have not implemented the Clinical Establishment Act, 2012, so far;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for mandatory registration of all clinical establishments and labs across the country?

High prevalence rate of cancer

1090. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high prevalence of cancer has been reported in certain regions of the country, if so, details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any recent survey to ascertain the reasons for the increasing number of cancer cases, especially in the case of women, if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether Government hospitals are equipped enough to handle the increasing number of cancer cases;

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to make the treatment for cancer affordable to the poor and to rural villagers; and

(e) the number of cancer treatment centres in the rural areas of Maharashtra and the details thereof?

Shortfall of medical professionals

1091. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that according to Rural Health Statistics, 2015, as compared to requirement for existing infrastructure, there was a shortfall of 83.4 per cent of surgeons, 76.3 per cent of obstetricians and gynaecologists, 83.0 per cent of physicians and 82.1 per cent of paediatricians in the country;

(b) if so, how Government proposes to fill in the requirement of Primary Health Centres in the country;

(c) whether existing medical education infrastructure including MCI is inefficient to deal with shortage of medical professionals; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government thereon?

Common entrance test for all medical colleges

1092. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is absence of proper screening and admission procedures in private medical colleges and there is need for common entrance test for admissions to MBBS, Post-graduate and Super-speciality medical courses;

(b) if so, whether Government would introduce common entrance tests in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how Government proposes to stop prevalence of capitation fee in private medical colleges in flagrant violation of the law and the details thereof?

Cancer and skin diseases in drought affected areas

1093. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of diseases such as cancer and skin etc. is increasing tremendously in the drought affected areas of the country, if so, details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by the Central Government or the State Governments to

check this menace and measures taken by Government to provide free medicine and other health related items to these affected and helpless people?

State of health in rural areas

1094. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per recent health survey, rural area is more healthy than in urban area;

(b) if so, main findings thereof; and

(c) what has Government to say about the findings of this survey?

Operational problems faced by CGHS dispensary, Dwarka, Delhi

1095. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS beneficiaries served by Dispensary No. 36-A, Dwarka, Delhi;

(b) whether Government is aware that the said dispensary is facing operational problems such as frequent break-down and slow speed of Internet and power supply besides depleted strength of Doctors and staff due to which beneficiaries suffer, if so, details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would provide adequate number of Doctors and staff, power back-up/Generator, faster 4 MBPS Leased line internet connection to the dispensary, and speed up the completion of New Dispensary in the area to give relief to the CGHS beneficiaries of the area?

Mission Indradhanush in Puducherry

1096. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for Mission Indradhanush in Puducherry;

(b) the details of activities undertaken under Mission Indradhanush in Puducherry, district-wise; and

(c) the efforts being made for more penetration of Mission Indradhanush in remote areas of Puducherry?

Non-selection of ASHAs from Puducherry

1097. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ASHAs in the country, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has not selected ASHAs from Puducherry; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rise in TB cases in the country

1098. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of TB cases in the country in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that TB cases in the country are going up during the said period;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that Multi Drug-Resistant TB cases in the country are going up in the last three years; and

(d) how Government is planning to address this and reduce TB cases in the country?

Standardisation of treatment and procedural costs

1099. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note that many private hospitals in the country conduct unnecessary medical tests and procedures for treatment to mint money from patients, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to standardise the cost and quality of tests and procedures for treatment of various diseases and categorise of patients and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Classifying of cigarette and bidi butts as toxic waste

1100. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has accepted the National Green Tribunal (NGT)'s decision to declare cigarette and bidi butts as toxic waste;

(b) if so, what steps will be taken to operationalise this judgement; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

Medical treatment aid for the financially needy

1101. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for those who cannot afford economically to meet the expenses of serious diseases;

(b) how Central and State Governments intends to help the poor whose medical expenditure increases day by day with the age; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to provide the cost of medical treatment, especially to the poors of the country?

Universal healthcare through private sector

1102. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is the only country which is trying to get universal healthcare through the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and implementation status thereof, along with the budgetary details during the last three years and the current year?

Diagnostic centres with fake licenses

†1103. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of diagnostic centres running on fake licenses in different parts of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the estimated number of such illegal diagnostic centres;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the diagnostic centres issue health certificates to Indians going to Gulf countries; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Different intake capacity in medical colleges

1104. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are different intake capacity in medical colleges for the undergraduate programme across the country, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring uniformity in the intake capacity of medical colleges across the country; and

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

Action plan for diabetes prevention

1105. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the action plan formulated by Government in view of WHO report that diabetes will reach epidemic proportions and expected to be the 7th largest killer by 2030;

(b) whether vigorous and concerted action is planned to prevent and treat the disease, especially the growing menace of disease in slums and among adolescents;

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(c) whether Government would advise accurate food labelling to help consumers make informed decisions and the details thereof; and

(d) what other measures are proposed to focus on diabetes for its prevention, care for and detect the disease to arrest global epidemic?

Streamlining centrally sponsored health scheme

1106. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government is proposing any measures to streamline the Centrally sponsored health scheme to prevent multiplicity and introduce a holistic health systems approach; and

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

Health status in SC dominated areas

†1107. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Social, Economic and Caste Census 2011, the status of health of citizens of Scheduled Caste dominated areas of the country, including Barabanki is lower than the national average, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to prepare a time bound action plan, in view of medical and health related requirement of citizens of these areas; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Doctors to population ratio

†1108. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of available doctors to total population in the country is too meagre, if so, the details of doctors working in Government and private hospitals; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is huge shortage of doctors in rural areas than in the cities, if so, by when this anomaly is targeted to be removed and the details thereof?

Superspeciality blocks in medical colleges in Rajasthan

†1109. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount approved by Government to the State Government of Rajasthan for health and family welfare during 2015-16 and the amount released so far and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to sanction the setting up of superspeciality block in medical colleges in divisional headquarters at Jodhpur, Jaipur and Ajmer in Rajasthan during 2016-17; and

(c) if so, by when the sanction would be granted and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Launching of rotavirus vaccination

1110. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government launched rotavirus vaccines to save kids from diarrhoea, under the Universal Immunisation Programme, if so, the details of the States covered;

(b) whether it will cover children in all the States, and if so, by what time;

(c) who are the other stakeholders in this mission; and

(d) the steps taken to create awareness campaign about diarrhoea and availability of medicines in health centres and dispensaries?

Special fund for India's Oscar entries

1111. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering allocating a special fund to support the publicity campaigns for India's Oscar entries; and

(b) if so, the details of the amount of allocation for such funds and for what kind of marketing will this fund be used and if not, the reasons therefor?

Revamping of PIB

1112. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to revamp the Press Information Bureau (PIB) and its allied departments

like Field Publicity, Song and Drama etc.;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of posts are lying vacant for many years and Government would wind up these Departments of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective alternate steps taken by Government in this regard?

Cable Digitization Programme in West Bengal

1113. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing cable connections in the country *vis-a-vis* the number of connections covered under cable digitization programme during last three years, State-wise and phase-wise including district-wise in West Bengal;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for Cable Digitization Programme during last three years in the country, State-wise including district-wise in West Bengal; and

(c) the details of target set for cable digitization along with the targets achieved during last three years in the country, State-wise along with district-wise in West Bengal?

One system for rating of air broadcasting

1114. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to evolve one system for rating of air broadcasts across all broadcasting sector;

(b) whether there are a lot of problems with the existing system for poor coverage in different regions;

(c) whether it is proposed to have an overriding impact on content creation by broadcasters in the new system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DD Kendra at Lohaghat in Uttarakhand

†1115. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Kumaun region of Uttarakhand State is imbued with the splendor of culture, customs and cultural heritage;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to open a full fledged studio of Doordarshan in Lohaghat or in Nainital or in Ranikhet to preserve and conserve the cultural heritage of this region; and

(c) if so, by when it is expected to be opened?

Draft regulation to DTH connections

1116. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI has released draft regulations with regard to DTH connections;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed regulations;

(c) whether Government studied those regulations; and

(d) if so, by when Government will accept them and ensure implementation of them?

Ban on telecasting of contents full of superstition and black magic

†1117. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan and private television channels are telecasting several television serials/advertisements full of black magic, hypocrisy and superstition;

(b) if so, whether Government has contemplated to take any step to curb on telecasting of such serials/advertisements; and

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

Poor reception of DD and AIR in rural and border areas

†1118. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that programmes of Doordarshan and All India Radio are not received clearly in rural and border areas of the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government for enhancing the number of transmetres in various States to do away with this problem during the current Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the names of the States which have been identified for this purpose; and

(d) the targets fixed for streamlining of the broadcast in these areas?

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Schemes for minorities

1119. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH:
Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes implemented
by the Ministry;

(b) the funds allocated under these
schemes during the last three years
including current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether the entire amount spent/
allocated if not, the reasons therefor?

**Illegal encroachment of Waqf
properties**

1120. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the large
number of Waqf properties in the country
are under illegal encroachment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by
Government to remove these illegal
encroachments?

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