

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, August 4, 2015/Sravana 13, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Law to regulate surrogacy in the country

*151. SHRIMATI MOHSINA
KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
there is no law to regulate surrogacy in
India due to which the practice is
developing into a big business;

(b) whether Government is also aware
that uneducated women in rural areas are
being lured with money putting them into
health risks;

(c) if so, whether Government will
frame law in this regard and the details
thereof; and

(d) whether Government has taken any
action against the organised gangs luring
women, if not, the reasons therefor?

Non-eligibility of women for debt relief scheme

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

(a) whether women have not been made
eligible for the debt relief under the Debt

Waiver Scheme announced for farmers'
benefit in spite of the fact that a large
section of farming community is comprised
of women; and

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

Vacancy of Chairpersons in PSBs

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

(a) how many Public Sector Banks
(PSBs) are without a full time Chairperson
at present;

(b) since when these positions are lying
vacant and reasons therefor; and

(c) what action is being taken to fill up
these positions in the PSBs?

Extension of loan facilities and other relief packages for tenant farmers

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

(a) whether Government is aware that
a large number of tenant farmers, who
obtain land on lease for cultivation, are not

entitled to farm loan, Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) and other relief packages such as crop insurance etc.;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to instruct public sector banks and insurance companies to extend farm loans on subsidised rates of interest, crop insurance scheme and Kisan Credit Card facilities to tenant farmers?

Investigation into financial irregularities in cricket

*155. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken by Government to bring back the first IPL Chairman from abroad to investigate the financial irregularities done in cricket; and

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

Amendment to existing laws to check food adulteration

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that despite sporadic inspection by the food departments of the various States, the menace of adulteration in food items has not abated posing a great health hazard to the people;

(b) if so, the measures being initiated by Government to ensure safety from the adulterated food items;

(c) whether Government has any plan to amend the existing laws with a view to create an element of fear among the miscreants; and

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

Co-locating modern and traditional systems of medicine in one place

*157. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has coordinated with the State Governments for setting up of a separate Ayush department so as to effectively implement the various initiatives by the Central Ayush Ministry;

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

(c) whether some of the Indian States have not implemented the scheme of co-locating modern and traditional systems in one place because of the antipathy between the medical streams; and

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

Detection of polio-like symptoms in Uttar Pradesh

*158. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a year after India was declared polio free by the World Health Organisation, more than 200 samples have tested positive to polio-like symptoms in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has sent any team to find out the virus which has affected the children in Uttar Pradesh;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to fight this new disease?

Schedule for induction of Tejas Mark II aircraft into service

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

(a) what is the schedule of induction of Tejas Mark II aircraft into the service and the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to collaborate with some European aircraft manufacturers who had also participated in the Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) tenders, for the development of Tejas Mark II aircraft, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Tejas Mark II will lead to development of indigenous Fifth Generation aircraft?

Utilisation of potential of cooperative banks

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

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the cooperative organisations are losing their cooperative nature;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these institutions are facing some major issues which are preventing them from utilising the full potential of cooperative banks in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even with a large number of cooperative banks in the country, the total asset size and their share in the Indian banking sector is not more than 5 per cent; and

(d) whether it is also a fact this the true potential of these cooperative institutions has not been fully achieved?

Setting up of University of Medicine

*161. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a move to set up a University of medicine to bring all schools of medicine under one roof, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what would be the activities and objects of the University, so proposed;

(c) whether traditional system of medical treatment like Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha etc. will also be included in its facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and by when this would be operationalised?

Establishment of medical colleges in Odisha's Kalahandi region

*162. SHRI A.V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests for establishment of Medical Colleges in the undivided Kalahandi region of Odisha State have been received by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the places where these Medical Colleges are sought to be established and the response of the Ministry to the requests from the Odisha State Government?

Inclusion of tobacco products in GST

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

(a) whether it is a fact that tobacco products including cigarettes, bidis and pan masala will be included in the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST);

(b) whether this will not lead to

reduction of tax on these products which adversely affect the health of the people; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that States will lose their right to impose a punitive tax on these products?

National TB Control Programme

*164. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fifth TB Joint Monitoring Mission 2015 in a draft report has observed that implementation of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for the five year period 2012-17 is not on track due to proposed funding cuts, with vital procurements delayed and a number of plans not implemented;

(b) if so, what are the details of the

allocation, actual fund released and estimated final expenditure to reach the goals of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme since 2012-13; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure that the implementation of the TB Control Programme is not suffered due to paucity of funds?

Lifting of ban on blacklisted Italian company

*165. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has recently requested Government to lift ban on blacklisted Italian Finmeccanica company for torpedo deal for its submarines, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or proposes to take on the request of Indian Navy?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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