

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Introduction of Yoga in schools and colleges

1601. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to introduce Yoga in schools and colleges; and

(b) if so, by what time, if not, the reasons therefor?

(c) the details of the trained staff and doctors available and employed, State-wise;

(d) the vision and the strategy to promote AYUSH in the country;

(e) whether Government has formulated any detailed programme to promote YOGA in the country;

(f) whether there are sufficient YOGA teachers available to meet the requirement; and

(g) any proposal for further capacity development to increase the number of YOGA teachers?

Promotion of AYUSH in rural areas

1602. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being formulated/implemented for promotion of AYUSH in rural areas;

(b) the details of allocations made and incurred on each scheme since the inception of this Ministry, State-wise;

Upgradation of Government Siddha Medical College, Tirunelveli

1603. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state whether Government Siddha Medical College and Hospital, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu which is providing extraordinary health services like preventing the spreading

of Chikungunya, Dengu etc. by its unique Nilavembu Kudineer, curing and treating cerebral palsy children by unique herbal powder massage therapies leading them to speak and walk etc. would be upgraded into a university and full fledged Research Centre for the purpose of finding unique/ various medicinal plants all along Western Ghats in Tirunelveli District?

Standardisation and certification of traditional medicines

1604. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up ayurvedic clinical research centres to help scientifically validate traditional system of healing;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Kerala;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to put in place a formal mechanism/protocol to strengthen the standardisation and certification process of the aforesaid traditional medicines in the country; and

(d) the procedure laid down for scientific validation of these traditional medicines and clinical trials of ayurvedic, unani, siddha and homoeopathic medicines in absence of a formal protocol to ensure their quality and safety in the country?

Shortage of yoga teachers

1605. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's policy so far as yoga is concerned;

(b) whether Government proposes to make yoga compulsory in schools;

(c) if so, whether Government has sufficient yoga teachers to teach yoga in schools;

(d) if not, the estimate of shortage of yoga teachers; and

(e) how Government proposes to remove this shortage?

Legislation for the regulation of Yoga and Naturopathy

1606. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yoga and Naturopathy practitioners in the country, State-wise especially in West Bengal;

(b) whether Government has issued guidelines to State Governments to enact comprehensive policy/legislation for the regulation of Yoga and Naturopathy;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken or proposed by States/Union Territories especially West Bengal; and

(d) the further measures being taken by Government to accelerate the process of registration and standardisation of Yoga and Naturopathy education in the country?

National Commission for Human Resources in AYUSH

1607. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up of the National Commission for Human

Resources in AYUSH with a view to streamline the education sector in the Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) the medical and research facilities created for scientific validation of AYUSH system of medicine, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government for inclusion of Ayurveda and Naturopathy into the syllabus of the school education to provide basic knowledge of the system to the students; and

(d) the number of AYUSH gram established as envisages by Government for AYUSH intervention in the healthcare system across the country?

Setting up of modern yoga institute

1608. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Yoga institutes run by Government are functioning in different States of the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up any modern/sophisticated yoga institute in any State of the country, before we celebrate the 2nd International Yoga Day in 2016; and

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

Study on potential of low cost carriers

1609. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on the potential of low cost carriers in the country including any special plan for low fare services connecting metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the benefits that may accrue to the economy of the country;

(c) whether the low cost carriers operating in the country are facing a lot of constraints in utilising their potential;

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

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Financial resource generation by AI

1610. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has been facing financial crunch, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of financial resources generated by the national carrier from its own assets during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to raise funds to meet the working capital requirement of the national carrier through external commercial borrowing, if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether agencies for such borrowing have so far been identified; and

(e) if so, the criteria for their selection and the terms and conditions likely to be settled with such agencies?

Absence of X-ray machine at cargo terminal of IGI Airport

†1611. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no X-ray machine installed at either of the cargo terminals of the Indira Gandhi International Airport for checking imported goods, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action has been taken against operators of the Airport and the details thereof?

Privatisation of operation and management of six airports

1612. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is determined to allow private parties to pick up stakes in the operation and management of six airports including the Chennai Airport, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government consulted all the stakeholders before arriving at this decision; and

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

SC/ST employees in the PSUs under Civil Aviation Ministry

1613. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Public Sector

Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various groups in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SC/ST working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/ provided by Government/PSUs for the SC/ ST Welfare Associations viz., Office Accommodation etc.; and

(e) the way and means in which PSUs/ Government involves SC/ST Welfare Associations in the administrative activities/developmental activities/ management of the PSUs?

Low utility of aerospace as mode of transport

1614. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the low utility of aerospace as mode of transportation in India;

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

(c) whether Government plans to increase the coverage and affordability of air transport in India; and

(d) if so, the details with timelines thereof?

International flights and cargo facility at Indore airport

†1615. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of the Madhya

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Pradesh Government regarding commencing of international flights from Indore airport and providing cargo facility is pending with Government for action, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action is expected to be taken soon on the pending proposal and if so, the details thereof?

Downgrading of business class air tickets

1616. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether airlines are authorised to downgrade the business class air ticket of passenger to economy class;

(b) if not, whether airline doing so could be imposed fine or any other punitive action could be taken against the erring airline; and

(c) whether any such case has come to the notice of Government recently; and the detailed report thereof?

Check-in-baggage charges

1617. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether low budget carriers have submitted a proposal to levy charge on check-in-baggage to the Ministry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if the proposal is accepted will there not be a negative air traffic growth in India; and

(c) if so, what is the response of the Ministry in this regard?

Foreign pilots to offset shortage of type rated commanders

1618. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of Indian type rated pilots/ commanders in aviation industry in our country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the current strength of foreign pilots in aviation industry in our country; and

(c) how many co-pilots have been upgraded to commanders in last one year, specially women?

Hiring of air hostesses by AI

1619. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is considering to hire air hostesses to tide over cabin crew shortage, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India is looking at five new destinations in the United States, if so, the details thereof?

Check on losses accrued by NACIL

1620. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loss which has been accrued by the only national carrier of India, the NACIL, till date;

(b) whether the Ministry assessed the major factors for these accrued losses;

(c) the details of the routes which have been closed by the NACIL during last one year and the reasons for closure thereof;

(d) on how many of these closed routes the private operators have started their flights; and

(e) what steps has the Ministry taken during the last one year to check these ever-accumulating losses?

Achieving targets in operating revenue by AI

1621. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that in spite of fall in prices of oil and increase in the number of passengers, Air India (AI) has not been able to achieve its targets in operating revenue; and

(b) the efforts being made by AI and Ministry to bring it back on rails?

Shortage of technical staff in Air India

1622. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are complaints of technical snags in the recently purchased Dreamliner aircrafts;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether there is shortage of technical staff in the Air India due to which air safety is being compromised;

(d) if so, the total requirement of technical staff in the Air India also in the traffic control particularly in Mumbai and how many personnel are in place; and

(e) by when all such posts are likely to be filled up?

Pawan Hans services in Uttarakhand

†1623. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would consider to launch the services of Pawan Hans in view of making the Chardham Yatra in the State of Uttarakhand more convenient and for promoting tourism there; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be launched and if not, the reasons therefor?

Restructuring of International route plans by AI

1624. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to launch the services of Air India in any new domestic/international sector;

(b) the total number of international routes operated by Air India and the revenue/expenditure generated/incurred thereof during each of last three years till date, country-wise;

(c) whether the Air India proposes to restructure the international route plans and to improve its operational efficiency and profitability; and

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

New points system to replace 5/20 rule

1625. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic airlines have to

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fulfil certain criteria to operate international flights;

(b) whether Government has introduced new point system to replace the 5/20 rule, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the airlines have protested against the new rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

Rules for commercial use of drones

1626. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether flying drones has been banned in India since October, 2014;

(b) whether with the growing popularity of civilian drones, on-line shops and toy shops in India sell them but the buyers are not warned or cautioned that it is not legal to fly drones in India; and

(c) whether with the growing demand for drones for journalistic shoots and for aerial surveillance by police authorities, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will attempt working out rules for commercial use of drones as is done in US, New Zealand and Thailand and if so, the details thereof?

Replacement of old aircrafts

1627. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of aircrafts with the national airlines are quite old as on date, if so, the details thereof, airlines-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to deal with this situation and

the difficulties being faced by Government in the timely replacement of old aircrafts?

Financial problems of civil aviation sector

1628. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether civil aviation sector in the country is facing financial and liquidity problems specially in 2015-16; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the state of financial performance of Air India?

Advisory on cancellation charges on domestic tickets

1629. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airlines now charge any where upto ₹ 4,000/- for cancelling a domestic ticket; and

(b) whether Government has taken cognisance of the above fact and issued any advisory to all airlines for its review, and if so, the outcome of the advisory?

Construction of new airports

1630. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places where construction of new airport terminals had been started during the last three years;

(b) the date on which the same were commissioned or are likely to be commissioned; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to construct new airports in the coming three years?

International airports without international services

1631. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are certain airports which have been given international status but no international flight operates from these airports;

(b) if so, the details regarding the number and names of these airports along with the reasons for no international services from those airports; and

(c) whether any action is being taken to start international flights from these airports, if so, the details thereof?

Sacking of cabin crew members by AI

1632. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has suspended 17 air hostesses for allegedly delaying flights, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India has so far sacked 272 cabin crew members for indiscipline, if so, the details thereof?

Unemployment among Indian commercial pilots

1633. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) holders are unemployed as on date;

(b) how many expat commercial pilots

are working with different scheduled/non-scheduled operators in India, as on date;

(c) the reasons for employing expat pilots despite availability of jobless Indian commercial pilots;

(d) whether the Ministry contemplate to totally phase out unemployment among Indian pilots, if so, by when; and

(e) what specific steps does the Ministry contemplate to take in order to deal with the problem of unemployed commercial pilots?

Skipping of compulsory medical test by GMR pilots

1634. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GMR pilots skipped medical tests, including mandatory breathalyser test, recently before flying aircraft;

(b) if so, the details of the whole episode;

(c) how Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) permitted them to fly without mandatory tests; and

(d) what action it has taken on the company and also on pilots?

Early warning system project of SFIO

1635. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has shelved the Early Warning System Project of the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) to detect frauds, if so, details thereof; and

(b) how far the proposed replacing system would be effective in identification of frauds?

Rejection of allegation of unfair business practices against auto-makers

1636. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has rejected allegations of unfair business practices made against 18 auto-makers with respect to conditions put forward in their dealership agreements; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the present status thereof?

Inclusion of families of martyred paramilitary personnel under CSR

1637. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether current rules on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) provide for support to war veterans and war widows; and

(b) whether Government will include the widows and families of paramilitary personnel who lost their lives or suffered debilitating injuries in anti-extremism or anti-terror operations?

Primary design programme for construction of fifth generation fighter jets

1638. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the primary design programme for construction of Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft being prepared jointly by the Indian Air Force, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and aircraft manufacturing companies has been completed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the estimated amount of expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the time by when the first fleet of the said fighter aircraft is likely to be made available for the armed forces?

Fate of DRDO developed Arjun Tank

1639. SHRI RAJ BABBAR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been working on Arjun Tank for a very long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total cost escalation in the development of Arjun Tanks;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Army has asked for details of new generation tanks from the international market to replenish its tanks;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not awaiting DRDO's response on whether it was in a position to deliver the Arjun Tanks; and

(e) the fate of DRDO developed Arjun Tank?

Sharing of coastal surveillance radars with foreign countries

1640. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed an agreement with any foreign country to share coastal surveillance radars in the Indian Ocean Region, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is setting up a grid of coastal surveillance radars in the Indian Ocean Region that will monitor, among other things, the increasing Chinese presence in the area, and if so, the details thereof?

Crashes of IAF trainee aircrafts

1641. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of Indian Air Force trainee aircrafts crashing continue unabated in various parts of the country;

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

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Allotment of quarters to juniors by Delhi Cantonment Board

1642. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Cantonment

Board quarters for allotment to its employees working in the Board, type-wise;

(b) the name and designation of employees who have been allotted quarters for which they are not entitled as per their entitlement;

(c) the rules for allotment of these quarters as prevailed in the Board;

(d) whether any annual priority list has been prepared for this purpose;

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

(f) whether any complaint has been received for allotment of quarters to juniors by ignoring senior employees, and if so, the details thereof?

Adherence to guidelines of CVC and process of e-tendering in defence procurement

1643. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most defence projects are being issued on nomination basis instead of competitive bidding, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission and process of e-tendering are being followed strictly in defence procurement; and

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

Upgradation of army hospitals

1644. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

upgrade the army hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the funds sanctioned/released for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, hospital-wise;

(c) the details of the new army hospitals sanctioned during the said period and the funds sanctioned/released for the purpose so far; and

(d) the time by when upgradation of the hospitals is likely to be completed?

Delay in implementation of OROP

1645. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any progress in the implementation of the OROP scheme after considerable delay of 10 months since its announcement by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details of various stakeholders who have been consulted and the number of such consultations held;

(c) if the proposal is under-consideration by Government, what challenges are being faced for its approval;

(d) the reason and rationale behind fixing no time-line for the implementation of the OROP; and

(e) the details of the utilisation of the already allocated ₹ 1,000 crore to OROP Scheme by Government?

India as global hub for conventional submarine maintenance

1646. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several rounds of talks have taken place between Russian

and Indian authorities to make India global hub for the upgrade, maintenance and repair of conventional submarines, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total investment needed to execute the project?

Shortage of artillery guns with Army

1647. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence sector is facing a shortage of artillery guns, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the last purchase of artillery guns for the Indian Army by Government?

Achieving objectives of 'Make in India' in defence sector

1648. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army Institute of Management Technology pitched for 'Make in India' in defence sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study to find out the areas of opportunities and challenges in defence sector in achieving the objectives of 'Make in India' have been conducted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Compensation to next of kin of Army personnel killed in fighting terrorists

1649. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Army personnel were killed in fighting terrorists during the years 2012, 2013 and 2014;

(b) what was the compensation provided by Government to the next of kin of those killed fighting the terrorists;

(c) how many of such cases are pending where the compensation has not yet been provided; and

(d) the details of such cases and the reasons therefor?

Scholarship scheme for children of defence personnel

1650. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a scholarship scheme for the children of defence personnel;

(b) if so, what amount is paid as scholarship; and

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the amount of scholarship and if so, the details thereof?

Discarding of obsolete arms and ammunitions by OFB

1651. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued directives for inspecting, segregating and discarding arms and ammunitions by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) which have become obsolete, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ordnance Factory

Board has devised a system of periodical review of the above mentioned activities; and

(c) if so, what are the measures being taken to ensure that the OFB adheres to the prescribed norms and if not, the reasons therefor?

Building strong defence industrial base

1652. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports 65 per cent of its military hardware and software and spent ₹ 1,03,536 crore in direct payments to foreign armament companies in the past five years while exported arms worth ₹ 2644 crore only in the same time, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has not even equipped its own armed forces properly, leave alone use of military aid to influence others; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to build a strong defence industrial base?

Measures to reduce defence import

1653. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 60 per cent of India's defence weaponry are imported;

(b) whether only one-third reduction in imported weaponry could create about one lakh highly skilled jobs within India; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has taken to reduce import in defence sector and the details thereof?

Modernisation of IAF's Base Repair Depots

1654. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to upgrade and modernise Base Repair Depots (BRDs) of Indian Air Force across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for induction of new aerial platforms to boost depleting squadron strength of Indian Air Force?

Effect of indigenisation of technology on the defence preparedness

1655. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently contemplated to formulate a policy for indigenisation of technology for building of submarines, aircrafts and helicopters for Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether all the implications, positive or negative, have been considered by Government for such a decision; and

(c) the likely effect of indigenising of building submarines, aircrafts and helicopters on the India's preparedness in defending its territorial waters?

Direction to IT officials to exercise restrain while filing appeals

1656. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether after taking a note of caution

contained in a recent order of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Mumbai frowning upon the tendency of the IT department officials filing appeals in a frivolous and routine manner causing a lot of avoidable inconvenience to tax payers, Government has directed its officials to exercise caution while filing appeals;

(b) whether the IT department is facing shortage of officers at all levels, calling for due diligence while preferring appeals to utilize the resources to obtain maximum benefit out of litigation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocated by NABARD for cold storages

1657. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) has allocated funds for subsidy scheme for construction and extension of cold storages and other development activities in Karnataka and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of subsidy allocated to each State for the above purpose under this scheme during the last three years and the amount likely to be allocated in this regard to each State during 2015-16;

(c) the amount utilised by each State along with the funds lying unutilised with State Governments; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure the proper utilisation of the funds by the State Governments?

Review of Kisan Credit Card Scheme

1658. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the latest socio-economic and caste census which reported that eighteen years since the introduction of the scheme, only 3.6 per cent farmers have Kisan Credit Cards (KCC);

(b) the details of the amount of funds allocated to the KCC scheme and the amount of funds spent over the last eighteen years;

(c) the reasons for the failure of the KCC scheme; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to review the scheme and improve overall availability of credit to farmers?

Ban on sending money abroad

1659. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set in motion rules since 1 June, 2015 banning parents from sending money to their children or relatives studying or working abroad;

(b) whether it is a fact that parents in rural areas now cannot approach their banks and send small amounts directly for emergencies; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to address the hardships of innocent middle class people sending money through loans and gifts and through other means to help their children studying abroad?

Seventh Pay Commission

1660. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seventh Pay Commission has completed their task of meetings and consultations with stakeholders;

(b) the number of States consulted by the Commission;

(c) whether Government proposes to give financial assistance to the States for implementing recommendations of the Commission, partly or fully;

(d) whether the Commission proposes to make recommendations regarding carrying out administrative reforms to bring in the efficiency in the working of employees; and

(e) on what date the report of the Commission is expected to be submitted?

Upward revision of pension of RBI employees

1661. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is authorized to give upward revision to its pensioners by virtue of RBI pension regulation No. 2 (9)(f) and 5; if so, why it was withdrawn in September, 2003 to its pre 1 November, 1997 retirees;

(b) whether said action does not violate Art. 14 of Constitution; and

(c) the reasons for not taking a decision till date on the RBI's proposed amendment(s) to regulation No. 2(a)(f) in October, 2011 and Government's reaction thereto?

Central Interest Subvention Scheme

1662. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to stop the Central Interest Subvention Scheme for Co-operative loans to the farmers; and

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

Steps taken to check gold smuggling

1663. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by Government to check the increase in gold smuggling in India;

(b) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had seized over 175 tonnes of gold smuggled into the country in 2014, as according to the World Gold Council; and

(c) the initiatives taken by Government to stop gold smuggling at the sea route connecting Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu?

Permission to banks to borrow from global multilateral financial institutions

1664. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to allow banks to borrow from global multilateral financial institutions for general banking business;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the bank can seek such loan from global institutions without seeking the approval from RBI;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has made it clear that such borrowings should not be for capital augmentation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Putting limits on deposits under gold deposit scheme

1665. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to limit deposits under the proposed gold deposit scheme at 100 grams to deal with concerns that the plan meant to put brakes on import of the precious metal may turn into a tool to convert undeclared assets into legitimate wealth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after garnering gold from households as well as temple trusts, Government is hoping to send it for recirculation into the system which is expected to reduce imports and ease pressure on the overall economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of defence products from private Indian companies

1666. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ignored indigenous tanks developed by DRDO in its recent defence procurement, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has invited private Indian companies in the procurement of defence products;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with amount of tender given to them, company-wise;

(d) how many products developed by DRDO was accepted and absorbed by Indian Army in last three year; and

(e) the year-wise details of funds sanctioned to DRDO for research work exclusively in last three years?

Introduction of semi closed PPI-MTS

1667. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to introduce a separate category of semi closed Prepaid Payment Instruments for Mass Transit System (PPI-MTS);

(b) whether it is also a fact that PPI-MTS can be used within the Mass Transit System and will have minimum validity of six months from the date of issue; and

(c) whether the RBI has invited comments and suggestions on PPI-MTS, if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to curtail expenses of Central Government Organisations

†1668. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for Central Ministries, Departments and Undertakings to curtail expenses on publicity, advertisement, hospitality refreshment, inauguration ceremony, seminar, conference, tours and STD/ISTD telephone bills and other office expenses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date?

Agriculture sector lending targets in Maharashtra

1669. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agriculture sector lending targets of the Public Sector Banks in Maharashtra since 2010;

(b) what percentage of these targets have been achieved by the banks in the last three years, bank-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to revamp the agriculture sector lending targets of the Public Sector Banks?

Refinancing of conversion of short term crop loans

1670. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to provide ₹ 30,000 crore irrigation loans to farmers like refinancing the conversion of short-term crop loan to medium-term loan by NABARD;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in how many States, NABARD is interacting with banks for re-financing the conversion of loans and what is the amount finalized so far; and

(d) whether due publicity and information has been spread to farmers who would like to avail the facility, if so, the details thereof?

Bringing e-commerce companies under Commercial Tax Purview

1671. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to bring e-commerce companies under purview of Commercial Taxes; and

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

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Working of Co-operative banks

1672. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a policy of Government to deal with Co-operative societies at par with private concerns and Co-operative banks at par with commercial banks;

(b) if not, why the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deals with Co-operative banks as it does with commercial banks, putting services of Co-operative banks to various sections of rural people at jeopardy; and

(c) whether trying to streamline financial operations of Co-operative societies and banks, whether Central Government and RBI will ensure that these institutions render better services to people so that they are not forced to be victims of rural usurpers?

Pensioners above 100 years

1673. SHRI AHMED PATEL:

SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five lakh pensioners above 100 years of age are drawing pension from banks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has conducted any inquiry as to how this figure has surfaced and what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

Steps to curb recession

†1674. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a recession going on in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by Government to curb it;

(c) whether the entire commercial framework is being adversely affected by the recession; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Making Banking Correspondents Model economically viable

1675. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has analyzed the requirements to make the Banking Correspondents Model economically viable;

(b) what are the outcome from such an analysis;

(c) whether Government has taken into account all such outcomes; and

(d) if so, whether Government has incorporated the same into the mechanism that needs to be followed to ensure last mile connectivity which is essential for financial inclusion, if so, the details thereof?

Preparation of syllabi for exam of insurance agents

†1676. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) had assigned the work of preparing syllabi and question bank to the Chartered Insurance Institute, London (CII, London) for the examination of the insurance agents

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in the recent years and whether the CII, London has been still doing this work;

(b) the grounds on which the selection of the CII, London was made;

(c) whether the Ministry has received any complaints in this regard or whether the Ministry had taken cognizance of it; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Plan and non-plan grants to Jharkhand

1677. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of grants—plan and non-plan separately—given to Jharkhand in the last three financial years by the Government;

(b) the details of plan grants given, Ministry-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) what systems are in place for Government to satisfy itself that grants have been utilized for the intended beneficiaries?

Payment bank licence to Postal Department

1678. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to give payment bank licence to Postal Department;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the range of banking products to be provided by such payment bank; and

(c) the time by when the Post Bank of India is likely to start functioning?

Remittance received and credit rating

1679. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India again tops in 2014 list of remittance chart;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 70 billion was sent by Indian workers working in various parts of the world to India in 2014;

(c) what are the reasons that there is only a marginal increase when compared to 2013; and

(d) to what extent such huge remittances help in getting a better credit rating?

Looming tax deficit

†1680. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is facing deficit in tax revenue in the financial year 2014-15;

(b) if so, the quantum of deficit in the current financial year as compared to that in the last financial year;

(c) if not, the contribution of tax to the revenue in the financial year 2014-15; and

(d) the percentage of population in India, who pay taxes?

Norms for Gold Monetisation Scheme

1681. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized norms for gold Monetisation Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Education loan

1682. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued directions to the public and private sector banks to lend educational loans to the students;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the rate of interest;

(c) whether the banks follow this specified rate of interest for giving educational loans to students;

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

(e) whether Government proposes to give instructions to the banks to give interest-free loans to students; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Total value of currency in circulation

1683. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has the complete account and data on the total value of currencies or money in circulation as on date in the country;

(b) the details of quantity and value of currencies printed during last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has any specific data or report on the total value of forfeited money in circulation in the country as on date;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the complete measures taken by Government to control and curb the forfeited money in circulation in the country?

Funds given to States

1684. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided by Government to various States particularly Uttar Pradesh for various developmental work during last two years;

(b) whether Government has received any requests/demands from State Governments for providing more funds to meet their requirements; and

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

Revenue raised from OMCs

1685. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue raised from Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in 2013, 2014 and 2015;

(b) the details of the Excise collected on petrol and diesel in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively; and

(c) the estimates of revenue, tax and duties to be collected from OMCs in 2015-16?

Permission to raise ECB to issue rupee linked bonds overseas

1686. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted India Corporate eligible to raise External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) to issue rupee linked bonds overseas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has stipulated that the coupon on the bonds should not be more than 500 basis points above the sovereign yield of the Government of India security of corresponding maturity as per the Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) yield curve prevailing on the date of issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Prior approval of RBI for remuneration to executives of private banks

1687. 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 (RBI) has come out with guidelines on compensation to non-executive directors of private sector banks; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the private sector banks would have to obtain prior approval of RBI for granting remuneration to the part time non-executive Chairman and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in stresses assets of banks

1688. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strong macro-economic fundamentals offer India a reasonable degree of resilience to fight uncertainties but poor asset quality of banks and managing expectations are key challenges for regulators and the Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in the banking system have grown to 4.6 per

cent at the end of March of this year from 4.5 per cent in September, 2014; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the stressed advances including standard restructured loans have risen to 11.1 per cent from 10.7 per cent?

Popularisation of PMJDY in rural and naxal affected areas

1689. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) so far after it was launched last year, State-wise;

(b) the total amount deposited by the account holders in the said accounts;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any specific plan to utilize the said money and give maximum benefits to the account holders;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government to popularize the scheme particularly in the rural and naxal affected areas where branches of banks do not exist or are at a fairly long distances?

Bogus accounts under PMJDY

1690. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are bogus bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any survey was conducted on PMJDY, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether there are any differences between Government and the RBI on PMJDY, if so, the reasons therefor?

Investigation in NSEL scam

1691. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of present status of investigation into the National Stock Exchange Limited (NSEL) scam?

Setting up of Central Fraud Registry

1692. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on setting up of a Central Fraud Registry to look into the frauds occurring time to time and deal with them properly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

IT exemption to Co-operative societies

†1693. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to exempt taxes on income earned by Co-operative societies from agriculture profession, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Co-operative credit structure is getting damaged due to disbursement of short-term loans to farmers at concessional rates; and

(c) whether Government intends to compensate the losses occurred to short-term Co-operative credit structure by disbursing short-term loans to farmers at

concessional rates, if so, how much and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rate of return under APY

1694. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has analyzed the rate of return on pension that will be provided under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) to the beneficiaries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of return under APY is lower than the rate of return on a bank RD scheme, Government bonds of NPS, corporate bonds and equity fund;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether the benefits are inflation adjusted; and

(e) if so, what will be the real rate of return benefit to the beneficiaries at the time of maturity?

Delay in construction of IRDA building

†1695. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the time-limit for construction of the headquarters building of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) located at Hyderabad has passed and the construction is being delayed; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the loss to be incurred in IRDA due to cost overrun owing to delay in construction has been assessed; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Service Tax and Service Charges
levied by restaurants**

1696. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to
provide instructions and to create awareness
campaigns about the difference between
Service Tax and Service Charges levied by
hotels and restaurants; and

(b) whether the Ministry intends on
taking action against those hospitality
services providers who charge high service
charges in addition to Service Tax, thereby
burdening the public, if so, the details
thereof?

**Free treatment to the patients
belonging to EWS category**

1697. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state
whether Government has issued or
proposes to issue any directions to the
private hospitals including those run by
Non-Governmental Organisations/Trusts
across the country, which have been allotted
land on concessional rates, to comply with
the condition of providing of free treatment
to the patients belonging to EWS category,
if so, the details thereof?

**Demeaning humanity in the cases of
surrogacy**

†1698. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of an
international journal's report stating that
doctors are doing different types of illegal
acts in cases of surrogacy for monetary
benefits by violating the rules, which
include incidents of demeaning humanity
such as foeticide;

(b) whether laxity is being observed in
compliance of the rules preventing illegal
use of womb for fulfilling commercial
interests in surrogacy; and

(c) the factual status thereof?

Increase in food adulteration cases

†1699. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:

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

(a) the details of increase recorded in
respect of adulteration of essential solid
and liquid food items in the country;

(b) the details of action taken during the
last three years in respect of adulteration
of various essential food items;

(c) the number of persons punished in
respect of adulteration cases during the last
three years; and

(d) whether it is a fact that requisite
success is not being achieved in punishing
the people involved in adulteration, and
the details thereof?

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Reduction in funding of TB and AIDS control programmes

1700. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

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

(a) the number of TB and AIDS patients in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of deaths occurred due to TB and AIDS during last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether allocation for TB and AIDS control programmes has been reduced during 2014-15;

(d) if so, the details of allocation for the same during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(e) whether global funding for AIDS control in India has decreased by 90 per cent during the current year; and

(f) if so, how Government would ensure TB, AIDS and other disease-free India with budgetary cuts for health schemes?

Preventing cancer deaths

†1701. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of cancer patients in the country has been continuously increasing and it is estimated to rise by 30 per cent by the year 2020;

(b) whether it is a fact that 28,20,179 cases of cancer has been reported and five lakh people have died of it in the country in the year 2014;

(c) the steps taken by Government to

prevent it in view of the increasing number of cancer patients; and

(d) the efforts made in this direction to maintain constant co-ordination with the States?

Plans to check food adulteration effectively

†1702. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is contemplating to enact such a stringent legislation in view of the Maggi row so that the quality of the food products could be ensured and justice could be done with the consumers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of laboratories available in the country to check the quality of the food products and the number of posts lying vacant therein;

(c) the action taken by Government, so far, against the companies for the poor quality of the food products; and

(d) the total number of cases pending in the country with regard to adulteration of the food products and the plan to check adulteration effectively?

Measures to enhance post-natal care

1703. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and national maternal mortality rate in India and the number of States that have achieved the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) for 2015 in this regard;

(b) the measures taken by Government to meet the MDG target for reduction of

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maternal mortality and the reasons for missing the target; and

(c) whether Government has taken measures to enhance post-natal care as the largest number of maternal deaths takes place during 42 days following delivery, if so, the details thereof?

Adult vaccination to reduce morbidity

1704. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of a WHO report which states that the number of deaths in adults due to non-vaccination is alarmingly equal to the death of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government on the report; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for giving another shot of vaccination to the people above the age of forty years for certain life threatening diseases including typhoid, meningitis, influenza, hepatitis-B, chickenpox and pneumonia especially to the people suffering from diabetes, chronic heart disease, lungs and kidney ailments in order to reduce morbidity?

Increase in misleading advertisements of food products

1705. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing number of misleading advertisements about food products, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government plans to

actively regulate and monitor such advertisements, if so, the details thereof?

Testing of packed food and food products

1706. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the packed food and food products are tested before being released for public consumption;

(b) if so, the details of testing norms and the frequency of periodical testing to be made;

(c) whether any products were tested during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(e) the details of products found not up to quality and action taken thereon?

Flouting of labelling and packaging norms in packaged food items

1707. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the global food safety and quality standards rules are to be revised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that concerns on food safety and quality standards have grown in India in the past two months after the food regulator cracked down on major brands, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that some packaged food products in India were found containing harmful substances such as lead and monosodium glutamate and that a

number of companies were caught flouting labelling and packaging norms?

Initiatives for reducing mineral deficiency related diseases

1708. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of population especially women and children are anaemic and suffering from mineral deficiencies, particularly in the rural and tribal areas across the country, if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the schemes being implemented by Government to address the issue along with the funds allocated and utilised during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the achievements made under these schemes during the said period, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the further steps being taken by Government to reduce the mineral deficiency related diseases particularly among women and children in the country?

Understaffed and outdated food testing laboratories

1709. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that understaffed and groaning under the weight of outdated infrastructure, the country's food testing laboratories are struggling to examine the quality of eatables available in market;

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

(c) the number of food testing laboratories functioning in the country including Odisha along with the number of sanctioned and the present strength of staff therein; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to not only fill up the vacant posts but also augment the staff strength and upgrade/modernise the labs so that testing of eatables could be done by them at regular intervals?

Setting up of AIIMS-type hospitals in Telangana

1710. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up AIIMS type of hospitals in Telangana State, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any proposals for starting new Government medical colleges in Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds released/allocated under PMSSY for the current year to Telangana?

Ban on sale of children's food supplements at medical stores

†1711. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to impose ban on the sale of food supplements for children in medical stores:

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

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

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Opening of big hospitals in villages

†1712. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of people who died in the absence of treatment and medicines; and

(b) whether big hospitals will be opened in villages also like cities to protect people from diseases?

Stemming brain drain of doctors

1713. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is witnessing a huge brain drain of doctors that directly affects our health sector;

(b) if so, the number of medical students went abroad for higher studies in the last five years and number of students returned back to India; and

(c) whether Government has taken stringent action to stop brain drain of doctors, if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of PHC in Shimla District, Himachal Pradesh

1714. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed by Government for implementation of NRHM scheme in the country particularly hilly and rural areas;

(b) whether Government contemplates to upgrade Primary Health Centre, Jangla in Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla district of

Himachal Pradesh into a 30 bedded mini-hospital so that people of six Panchayats may get 24 hours emergency medical facility; and

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

Widening reach of tele-medicines

1715. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data on the percentage of population who have access to tele-medicines, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any measures are being taken to widen the reach of tele-medicine in India, particularly in rural areas if so, the details thereof?

Deaths from passive smoking

†1716. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any estimate or figures about the number of people using tobacco, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the names of tobacco generated diseases, the number of people suffering from these diseases and the number of sufferers who lost their lives from these diseases last year, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government also has the estimates or figures indicating the number of people dying from passive smoking in the country, if so, the number of people died from passive smoking during the last year; and

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(d) the efforts being made by Government to prevent passive smoking and the State-wise details thereof?

Effective treatment facility for swine flu

1717. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of swine flu in the country *i.e.* how many persons had died during the last 2 years, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether an effective treatment facility of this flu has been set up in all the States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this effective treatment has been equally provided in the States/UTs of India?

Regulation of sale of bottled water

1718. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) in what way the production and sale of bottled water is regulated;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the bottled water manufacturers are cheating the consumers and making huge money; and

(c) the steps being taken to effectively regulate this sector?

Prevention of adulteration of health drinks for children

1719. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent adulteration in the health drinks for the children of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that massive adulteration has been found in various health drinks meant for the children, if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of infrastructure to check vegetables and fruits

1720. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the acute shortage of laboratory facilities in the country is hampering the serious bid to check the vegetables and fruits with high degree of pesticides' residue;

(b) if so, how FSSAI is going to meet the shortage of technicians and laboratories in the country; and

(c) whether Government is aware that despite ban, mangoes are still being ripened with prohibited substances, if so, the action taken thereon?

Increase of seats in private medical colleges

†1721. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more seats have been increased in the private medical colleges under the procedures adopted by MCI for accrediting medical colleges and increasing their seats in the country;

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(b) the number of seats increased in the private and Government medical colleges respectively during the last three years after the accreditation of medical colleges and introduction of seats of different varieties/streams; and

(c) the names of the private medical colleges functioning in the country about which complaints have been received during the last three years and the details of the action taken on those complaints/irregularities, and the details thereof?

Low cost anti-diabetic drugs therapy

1722. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report on the low cost anti-diabetic drugs therapy in the country;

(b) if so, whether the therapy will have same effect as the effective drugs and will cost lower; and

(c) if so, the details of survey report thereon?

Rise in cancer cases in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1723. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancer is on the increase in the Southern States particularly Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) what are the facilities proposed to create awareness about cancer particularly mouth and breast cancer; and

(c) whether Government will consider stepping up pre-cancerous screening facilities in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh where mouth and tongue cancer are widespread?

Initiatives to curb patients overload at AIIMS, Delhi

†1724. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in AIIMS Delhi patients are given a waiting period of six months, one year or two years due to the shortage of doctors and diagnostic test machines in the hospitals, by that time the patients die, also they are forced to stay on road, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of action plan of Government to increase the number of doctors in the Hospital, to fulfil the shortage of diagnostic test machines and to put an end the practice of giving long waiting time to the patients reaching the hospital and whether arrangement of accommodation of patients have been made or not?

Opening of new branches of National Centre for Disease Control

1725. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2681 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18 December, 2012 and to state:

(a) the updated action taken by the Ministry for strengthening of existing branches and opening new branches of National Centre for Disease Control;

(b) whether there has been any understanding between the Ministry and the State Government of Gujarat in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the target in setting up of

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the above centre in Gujarat would be realised?

Shortage of drugs inspectors

1726. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of drugs inspectors in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is planning to fill up vacancies of drugs inspectors and also to increase the number of sanctioned posts of drugs inspectors, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of suggestions for more effective treatment of TB

1727. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been found that 55 per cent of TB in India is attributable to malnutrition;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to a suggestion made by Dr. Anurag Bhargava of the Himalayan Institute of Medicine and an expert of TB treatment that it might be more effective to have a programme more suited to Indian needs called Directly Observed and Supported Treatment DOST which would offer TB patients and their families nutritional support and counselling through behavioural change of healthcare providers along with treatment instead of Direct Observed Treatment Short course (DOTS), a WHO concept; and

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

Centrally funded hospitals in States

1728. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hospitals run by Government in the country;

(b) the number of hospitals set up and funded partially/fully by the Central Government in the country, State-wise;

(c) the details of Centrally funded/sponsored hospitals being set up or likely to be set up in the country;

(d) what is the criteria for opening a Centrally funded hospital in a State; and

(e) whether Government will open speciality hospitals for the benefit of the poor?

Making NRCs more effective

1729. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and the estimated number of children having severe/acute malnutrition along with the total number of children enrolled at these NRCs, State/UT-wise;

(b) the mechanism put in place by NRCs to identify and improve the condition of children with severe and acute malnutrition;

(c) the total number of cases where the children enrolled at NRCs have been able to successfully recover from the above mentioned condition; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make the NRCs more effective?

Non-issuing of life saving drugs by CGHS

1730. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS Dispensary No. 52, Sector-8, R. K. Puram, New Delhi is not providing life saving drugs 'Mycept 180' and 'Combigan Eye Drops' to CGHS beneficiaries and compel them to purchase the same from market;

(b) the measures being taken by CGHS to ensure that life saving drugs are provided to CGHS beneficiaries regularly and they are not compelled to purchase the same from market;

(c) what is the procedure to allow disabled CGHS beneficiaries to take OPD treatment from private CGHS empanelled hospitals; and

(d) the number of CGHS beneficiaries allowed by CGHS to take OPD treatment from private CGHS empanelled hospitals?

Increase in the frequency of sampling and testing of food products of mass consumption

1731. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) which is the central enforcement agency for food regulation, also follows Codex standards to keep check on products available in the Indian market; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the FSSAI also asked State food inspectors to keep a close watch on food products of

mass consumption and increase the frequency of sampling and testing of such products, if so, the details thereof?

Framing of national policy for TB treatment

1732. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons in the country are suffering from the Tuberculosis, State-wise details thereof;

(b) how many hospitals with beds and dispensaries are there in the country which are run by State Governments and Municipal bodies to treat the TB patients, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry will frame a national policy for treating TB patients and if so, the main features?

Efforts to check population explosion

1733. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government reviewed the population control policy to check the growth rate at reasonable level, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, what efforts are made to see that there is no population explosion, as it would exceed China by 2050, with 1.63 billion people; and

(c) what are the schemes and incentives that are offered for promoting small family norm and the institutions involved in these schemes?

Initiatives to overcome shortage of doctors

1734. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of shortage of medical seats in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to allow doctors holding foreign degrees to practice in India without appearing in the National Eligibility Test so that the shortage of doctors in the country could be addressed;

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

(d) the other initiatives being taken by Government to overcome the shortage of doctors in the country?

Stringent quality analysis of cold drinks

1735. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government keeps a close watch on quality and food worthiness of various articles like Maggi marketed by different companies;

(b) why presence of excessive amount of lead and other toxic materials in such food articles went unnoticed so far; and

(c) whether Government will make stringent analysis of various cold drinks marketed by multinational companies some of which are considered to be very harmful to health?

Complete ban on sex determination test

†1736. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sex determination test has yet not been stopped in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is seriously considering to ban it totally; and

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

Identification of centres in Tamil Nadu for NRHM Schemes

1737. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many centres have been identified for new NRHM Schemes in Tamil Nadu, proposals received and the details thereof;

(b) the amount sanctioned so far since its notification;

(c) the details of various places in Tamil Nadu for implementation of the scheme and the guidelines therefor;

(d) the allocation made every year for this scheme; and

(e) the target group or beneficiary group(s) and by when it would take off and the details thereof?

Permanent treatment for Blood Pressure and Diabetes

†1738. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diseases like

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blood pressure and diabetes have become very common now a days throughout India, whose treatment is only to take medicines regularly; and

(b) whether Government will take any initiative to discover permanent treatment of these diseases, and if so, by when?

Unauthorised bottling units

1739. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are numerous bottling units that fill bottles with pipeline water and sell as 'mineral water' to unsuspecting customers in the country, if so, the details of such units, State-wise; and

(b) the preventive measures Government is taking to close down or monitor unauthorised bottling units?

Re-emerging of Polio cases

†1740. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been declared a Polio free nation, if so, when and the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the cases of Polio are constantly emerging even after the country having been declared Polio-free, if so, the number of cases and the State-wise details of the last three years?

Delay in medical re-imbursements to CGHS beneficiaries

1741. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries are facing a lot of difficulties because of undue delay in medical reimbursements;

(b) whether it is also a fact that senior citizens among the CGHS beneficiaries are particularly facing acute hardships as their claims are pending for months together;

(c) whether the concerned officials do not entertain any email or respond to any phone calls in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by the Ministry to streamline this process?

Regular supply of Unani medicines for CGHS Dispensaries

1742. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that regular tenders are not being invited in CGHS Unani System for supply of medicines;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Unani System in CGHS is being neglected; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure regular supply/availability of Unani medicines?

Odisha's share in funds earmarked for free drugs and diagnostics

1743. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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proposes to earmark around ₹ 50,000 crores for free drugs, diagnostics etc. in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the share of the backward State of Odisha to address health system in the State under this project; and

(c) what is the time-frame within which this fund would be given to the above State?

Indecent contents in advertisements in print and electronic media

†1744. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is an increase in the displaying of indecent, sexual content and improper materials, in the advertisements in print and electronic media;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received in this regard and the action taken by Government thereon in the last three years and in current year; and

(c) whether Government is formulating any policy to prevent/control the display of such materials, if so, the details thereof?

Qualification for the appointment of Chairman, FTII

1745. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the qualifications of the person who is appointed as the Chairman of the FTII, Pune;

(b) whether these qualifications are adequate in view of the requirements of the strategic post;

(c) if so, what are the reasons of the prolonged protest by the FTII students; and

(d) what is the decision of the Ministry in the matter?

Irregular conversion of "A" category films by Censor Board

1746. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Film Certification converted 172 A-category certified films into UA and 166 films of UA — category into U during 2012-15 without taking any law or provisions into account, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the CAG has pulled up the Central Board for flouting several norms that led to irregular conversion of 'A' category films into UA and U besides alleged fabrication of documents and favouritism while issuing certificates, if so, the details thereof?

Watch over electronic media programmes and advertisements

†1747. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism to keep watch over electronic media (TV channels) programmes and advertisements and to regulate them, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the names of the TV Channels, which have violated the norms set by such

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regulatory bodies and the action taken or to be taken by Government against them and the details thereof?

Blocking of DTH overspill services

1748. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many India-based Direct-to-Home (DTH) overspill services such as Dish TV India, Airtel Digital TV, Sun Direct and Tata Sky are unlicensed and unauthorised to operate their services particularly in the Middle East and North Africa region and in Pakistan, if so, Government's response thereto;

(b) whether Government is considering to block the DTH signals reaching out to the consumers in such countries, where the operators are not given licenses; and

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

Modernisation of DD Urdu channel

1749. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken steps for the modernisation of DD Urdu Channel, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that DD Urdu has officially negligible digital presence on the websites like Youtube etc., if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) how much amount has been spent in the name of modernisation of DD Urdu in last three years, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) how many vacancies are there in DD Urdu channel as on date?

High power TV transmitters in border areas

†1750. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken any effective steps to establish high power TV transmitters in border areas to curb anti-India propaganda on Pak TV, if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(b) whether Government proposes to establish high-power TV transmitters along the entire bordering areas of the country?

Irregularities in FTII

†1751. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government spends Rupees Twelve Lakh on each student of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the management of the Institute is not satisfactory at present and several complaints of irregularities have been received, if so, the details thereof?

Issue of threatening by Director, FTII

1752. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of eminent celluloid and theater personalities

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have extended their support towards the striking students of FTII, Pune, if so, who are the personalities; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Director, FTII is trying to break the ongoing strike by issuing letter threatening them of rustication, if so, the details thereof?

15 Point Programme of Prime Minister

1753. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) progress of implementation of each of the 15 Point Programme of Prime Minister in the country, point-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of physical targets set and achieved during the period of its implementation, State-wise; and

(c) what action plan the Ministry has formulated on this Programme in the Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Atrocities on minorities

1754. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 585 and 1368 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28 April, 2015 and 10 March, 2015, respectively and state:

(a) the specific provision of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act which restricts NCM to take up the matters which are under State subject;

(b) whether NCM has never taken up the matter of atrocities on minorities with

State Government, since inception, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for double standard of NCM in case of State of Gujarat and furnishing evasive and misleading reply;

(d) the reasons for silence of NCM on evidences which categorically established that death of minority labourers has occurred due to negligence and non-provision of safety equipments by company of Rajkot; and

(e) by when the FIR would be filed?

Identification of socially and economically backward sections among minorities

1755. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to have a database in respect of socially and economically backward sections amongst the minority communities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to identify the socially and economically backward sections amongst the minority communities?

Naming of minority welfare schemes after national icons from minority communities

1756. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has compiled a list of national icons from the Muslim and Christian communities whose deeds will be memorated; and

(b) whether Government plans to name

schemes targeted at minorities after these individuals, and if so, the details thereof?

Effective implementation of welfare schemes for minorities

1757. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and achievements made under the welfare schemes for minorities being implemented by Government in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of persons belonging to minority communities benefited under these schemes during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether there has been delay in achieving the pre-determined targets; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

Irregularities in implementation of welfare schemes for minority communities

1758. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the welfare schemes intended for benefits of the persons belonging to the minority communities in the country;

(b) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism to check the implementation of such schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for such schemes during each of

the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the cases of irregularities and corruptions in the implementation of such schemes have come to the notice of Government during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

Affirmative action favouring boys and girls of minority communities

1759. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any affirmative action in favour of boys and girls belonging to minority communities in education and employment, if so, the details of such action; and

(b) by when such positive steps will be taken?

Special schemes for education of girls in minority communities

1760. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special schemes to encourage girls from minority communities to continue secondary level education;

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

(c) the details of the budget granted for education of girls in minority communities, State-wise?

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