

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy
(AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and
Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

Tribal Healthcare Project

2241. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) what is Tribal Health Care Project (THCP);

(b) what are the aims and objectives of THCP;

(c) how many tribals are going to be covered under this project, State-wise, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) what are the targets set for 2016-17 under THCP and progress of the project?

AYUSH institutes offering psychology or psychiatry courses

2242. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how many educational institutes in India under AYUSH system of medicine offer psychology or psychiatry related courses;

(b) the details of all such courses offered;

(c) whether all these courses are approved by Rehabilitation Council of India, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) how many clinical psychologists or psychiatrists trained from AYUSH institutions are practicing in India currently?

Promotion of AYUSH scheme in J&K

2243. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AYUSH scheme has been introduced in the Country; and

(b) if so, the total amount earmarked for J&K under AYUSH alongwith the steps being taken to promote AYUSH in J&K?

Strengthening AYUSH infrastructure under NAM

2244. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different components of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for upgrading and strengthening of infrastructure of AYUSH in the country;

(b) whether Government has allocated adequate funds for development of AYUSH in the country, especially in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, details thereof during last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government has also set up educational institutes under the NAM; and

(e) if so, details of educational institutes that have been set up and are being planned to be set up under the NAM in various States of the country including Himachal Pradesh?

Vacant posts of Ayurvedic pharmacists in CGHS dispensaries

2245. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to recruit more Ayurvedic pharmacists in CGHS in Delhi;

(b) the number of posts of Ayurvedic pharmacists lying vacant in CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries/units in Delhi; and

(c) by when Government proposes to fulfil all the vacant vacancies in CGHS in Delhi?

Homoeopathy market as organised sector

2246. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Homoeopathy market is to the tune of ₹ 3000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only 10 per cent of it is in the organised sector; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry is planning to bring homoeopathy sector into an organised one and spread to other countries?

Upgrading of AYUSH Lab at Gudivada, Andhra Pradesh

2247. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether AYUSH Ministry has a state-of-the-art lab at Gudivada in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the activities of the above lab;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a long pending demand/necessity to upgrade/strengthen this lab; and

(d) if so, what steps Ministry has taken to strengthen it and the quantum of money

which has been sanctioned, released and spent?

Participation of Ministry in safety appraisal of GM mustard

2248. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA
KUMAR:

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

(a) whether the AYUSH representatives took part in the safety appraisal process run by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change with regard to GM mustard, which if approved, could be India's first transgenic food crop for cultivation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of how impact on Ayurveda was assessed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Insurance cover for AYUSH treatment on par with Allopathy

2249. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has finalized a standardised protocol to include insurance coverage for AYUSH treatment at par with Allopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by which time this will be implemented and the details thereof?

Ban of Samsung Galaxy NOTE 7 and electronic cigarettes in aeroplanes

2250. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued any direction to air passengers not to carry a particular brand of mobile phone and electronic cigarettes while travelling in aeroplanes and if so, the details thereof?

Response of AI's sale of tickets equivalent to Rajdhani AC II fare

2251. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India's plan for the last minute ticket sale equivalent to the fare of IInd AC train journey of Rajdhani is getting good response; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of passengers in various sectors who availed this benefit?

International cargo facilities at airports

2252. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the international cargo facility has been set up in all the airports in the country; and

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

Search and Rescue operation by AI

2253. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the existing mechanism for search and rescue operations/services in the aviation sector;

(b) whether the Search and Rescue Board has been constituted and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India has been involved in any rescue operations in and outside the country during the last three years, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of aircraft utilised in each of these operations; and

(d) the number of persons rescued therein during the said period, Nationality-wise?

Expansion of army airport in Jhansi

†2254. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide air connectivity in smaller cities of the country and the names of cities identified in Uttar Pradesh for this purpose;

(b) whether this includes expansion of army airport located at Jhansi; and

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

Gulbarga airport at Karnataka

2255. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Gulbarga Airport in Karnataka;

(b) what is the assurance given by Karnataka Government to complete the work; and

(c) whether it is totally dependent on the State Government only or Civil Aviation Ministry is having any say?

Promotion of low cost airline

2256. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government proposes to promote low cost airline services in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in cases of drunk pilots in flights

2257. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been an increase in cases of pilots found drunk while in flight;

(b) how many such cases have been reported during the last two years and what action has been taken on these cases; and

(c) whether there is any plan to sensitize and train pilots for improved air safety measures and if so, the details thereof?

Bail out package for loss making private airlines

2258. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to announce any bail out package for the loss making private airline companies; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the total dues payable by the private airline companies to Government and other agencies with respect to fuel, taxes, airport fees and all other charges?

Land allocation for Jodhpur airport in Rajasthan

†2259. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of allocation of land for Jodhpur airport in Rajasthan has been completed;

(b) if so, when this process got completed, and whether the amount has been provided to the Municipal Corporation for land allotment; and

(c) if so, when this amount was deposited to the Jodhpur Municipal Corporation, if not, the reasons therefor, and by when this amount will be deposited?

Predatory air ticket pricing by airlines

†2260. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airline companies are leaving no stone unturned to take advantage of the helplessness of travellers as they are extracting ten to fifteen times the amount of the original fare for major cities during festival season;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of maximum and minimum fares for the last three years; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to keep a check on the ticket prices?

Development of airports in far flung areas

†2261. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up 200 airports during this financial year to promote air travel in far-flung areas of the country including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the funds allocated by Government under this head;

(c) the number of cities from Maharashtra proposed to be selected under this scheme; and

(d) whether Government proposes to connect world famous tourist place, Shirdi with air services?

Online airport entry passes

2262. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to issue airport entry passes online;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the process of security clearance to ground handling and cargo handling agencies will also go online; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has sanctioned project worth ₹ 22 crore to put all the airport entry pass applications online and if so, the details thereof?

Development of low cost airports

2263. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the details of the progress made so far under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) in developing low-cost airports in Tier II and Tier III cities with respect to recent spurt of growth in air traffic;

(b) the total investment required in building 50 new airports to handle the growing air traffic; and

(c) the number of these airports that will be built by Government and the number that will be built through Public-Private Partnership (PPP)?

Expansion of runway at Puducherry Airport

2264. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Puducherry Airport would soon start its functioning;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to function, is there any proposal for expansion of existing runway;

(c) whether sufficient lands have been acquired for the purpose; and

(d) if so, how much extent of land was acquired and from whom?

Construction of airport at Mopa in North Goa

2265. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total area acquired by Government for constructing airport at Mopa in North Goa;

(b) what are the survey numbers of the plots acquired;

(c) the number of occupants/tenants entitled for compensation with respect to the land;

(d) the number of persons to whom the compensation is paid and the rate at which this compensation is paid;

(e) the number of people who have applied for referring their cases for enhanced compensation; and

(f) the area marked for commercial utilization and what is the percentage of the land to the total land acquired?

Increase in flight operation during winter

2266. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved a winter schedule;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there would be more than 21 per cent flights operating during this winter and fares are set to cheer travellers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's domestic air travel is the fastest growing in the world at 23 per cent; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the low oil prices enabled airlines to offer cheap fares and luring passengers to the sky?

Status of Greenfield airport in West Bengal

2267. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports being constructed under Government's policy for

Greenfield airports as announced in April, 2008;

(b) the status of Government's Greenfield airport established in Andal, West Bengal;

(c) whether Government has engaged private companies to work on this project if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the carriers operating at the airport, including Air India?

Spurt in debt among private companies

2268. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the recent spurt in debt among private sector companies;

(b) whether cases of false or misleading annual financial reporting by companies has come to notice; and

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any action against such companies and details thereof?

Civilian-military parity in ranks

2269. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would look into civilian-military parity in view of implementation of 7th Pay Commission report, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any downgradation or any change in existing equivalence of the service ranks has been made, in the matter of assigning duties and functional responsibilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time the issue will be resolved amicably to the satisfaction of Services?

Defence production units in the Country

†2270. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the current number of defence production units in the Country;

(b) the percentage of the Country's requirements fulfilled by these units;

(c) the number of persons employed therein and the latest figures thereof;

(d) whether the country's defence production sector also involves producers from the private sector;

(e) if so, the volume of production these producers yield for the Country and export; and

(f) the proportion of FDI in these private companies?

Incidents of fire in hospitals

†2271. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) the details of incidents of fire in various hospitals in last two years including incident of fire in September, 2016 at AIIMS and the details of the inquiries conducted in this regard;

(b) whether any case of negligence on the part of hospitals' staff has come to light in these fire incidents; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the concerned hospitals have followed the fire safety norms in places and the details thereof?

Cut in disability pension of soldiers

†2272. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been decided to cut the disability pension of the soldiers, if so, on what basis Government has taken this decision;

(b) whether it will not adversely affect the morales of the soldiers; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to review its decision?

Terrorist attack on Uri Army Camp

†2273. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the terrorist organisation responsible for Uri terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) number of soldiers of the country martyred and wounded in the terrorist attack;

(c) whether additional financial assistance has been granted to the families of soldiers martyred in this attack; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Data leak of Scorpene Submarine deal

2274. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would look at the leak of Indian Scorpene Submarine deal with France;

(b) whether it is a fact that an ex-French naval officer was behind this leak;

(c) whether any investigation by India or France has been instituted;

(d) if so, the status of such investigation; and

(e) whether there are any plans to undertake security audit of this deal and if not, the reasons therefor?

Comprehensive plan for implementing OROP

2275. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's comprehensive plan to fully implement OROP scheme with their time-frame;

(b) what is the present status of the implementation of the scheme;

(c) whether Government is aware of the alarming situation of further fallout due to unsatisfactory implementation of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken by Government?

Procedure for acquiring defence materials

2276. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure to acquire defence materials by Government;

(b) whether these are procured through Defence Procurement Procedure or Defence Procurement Manual;

(c) whether tenders are invited to procure defence materials, if not, what process is adopted to get these materials; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the details of defence materials procured by Government and through which companies, during the last two years?

Setting up of new medical colleges

†2277. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

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

(a) the total number of medical colleges being run in public and private sector in the country presently and the State-wise list thereof, including the number of seats therein;

(b) the number of seats, percentage-wise, reserved for management in Government and private medical colleges;

(c) whether permission has been granted to open new medical colleges in the wake of scarcity of doctors in the country; and

(d) if so, the number of medical colleges permitted to be set up in the private and public sector and the list along with the names of those colleges?

Transfer of defence land for building flyover

2278. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any clearance has been sought by the State Government of Karnataka for transfer of portion of defence land that belongs to the Air Force Training Command in Bengaluru to facilitate the

proposed steel flyover between Basaveshwara Circle and Hebbal, along the route leading to the international airport in Bengaluru, a project that is being opposed by large sections of Bengalureans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Unauthorized possession of DCB staff quarters

2279. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of staff quarters, type-wise, in Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB) for allotment to its employees;

(b) the present status of sub-letting of staff quarters cases, case-wise, lying pending in the DCB;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of staff quarters are in unauthorized possession of retired employees of the DCB, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken to vacate these staff quarters from the retired employees; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the concerned who have not taken quick action for vacating these staff quarters?

Deaths of Army Jawans in militants' ambush in Jammu and Kashmir

2280. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Army Jawans were killed recently by militants in an ambush in Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the details thereof till October, 2016;

(b) the compensation and other relief provided by Government to the families of late Jawans; and

(c) action taken against the militants who have been captured till October, 2016?

Rapid modernisation of the Defence Forces

2281. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all three wings of the Indian Defence Forces need modernisation at a rapid pace to match with the forces of other Countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is stressing on self-reliance on this issue, particularly in acquiring aircraft and other equipment produced indigenously and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to complete the modernisation projects under the fixed time-frame?

AYUSH Medical Institutes in States

†2282. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of effective steps taken to ensure availability of all the disciplines falling under AYUSH to common man and to ensure availability of their genuine medicines for the treatment of common diseases; and

(b) the measures put in place for setting up one AYUSH Medical Institute in each State on the lines of AIIMS in the above context?

Regularisation of services of Army's porters

†2283. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards an order issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for regularization of over 12 thousand porters working with the Indian Army;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to regularize the services of over 12 thousand porters working with the Indian Army; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilization of budgetary allocation for Armed Forces modernisation

2284. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has utilized the allocated budget for modernization of armed forces during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the mechanism established for auditing of funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) the details of defence acquisition agreements entered into in the last three years; and

(d) whether Government proposes to increase the combat capacity and mobility of the infantry and what steps it is taking to upgrade the technology?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Shortage of arms and ammunitions

†2285. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that shortage of arms and ammunitions in armed forces has not yet been met, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, by when this shortage would be met; and

(c) the details of defence procurement during the last two years?

Equal opportunity for women in the Armed Forces

2286. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to depute women on warships and to form women battalion in army after flying of fighter planes of air force by women; and

(b) whether Government is also in favour of opening the doors of National Defence Academy and Military Schools for women and if so, the details thereof?

Report of Expert Committee on Ex-servicemen

2287. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has ever constituted a Committee of Expert to study the various matters pertaining to Ex-servicemen and others;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, what is the present legal status of its recommendations?

Black money disclosed under IDS, 2016

†2288. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced Income Declaration Scheme, 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of cash and other properties received by Government under this scheme and the total amount declared; and

(c) the other steps being taken by Government to curb black money?

Availability and circulation of smaller denomination currencies due to demonetisation

2289. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM:
DR. V. MAITREYAN:
SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements and steps taken to increase the circulation of currencies of ₹ 10, 20, 50 and 100 denominations before demonetisation on 8th November, 2016, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the numbers and value of lower denomination currencies in circulation as on date and reasons for not printing currency before demonetisation;

(c) the numbers and value of new currencies of ₹ 2000, ₹ 500 denominations

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

printed and distributed as on date, Bank-wise;

(d) whether Government plans to re-introduce ₹ 1000 currency note again; and

(e) the reasons that compelled Government to print ₹ 2000 currency notes?

Merger of Plan and Non-Plan expenditures

2290. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to merge Plan and Non-Plan expenditure;

(b) if so, the reasons behind the merger of these two classifications in Budget and Accounts; and

(c) what were the recommendation of Rangarajan Committee on this issue?

Listing of ELCs on Nation-wide Stock Exchanges

2291. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has asked Exclusively Listed Companies (ELCs) to get listed on the Nation-wide Stock Exchanges within 18 months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that to safeguard investors of firms listed on non-operational bourses, SEBI has allowed such companies to raise capital through preferential allotment route to meet listing requirements; and

(c) whether it is also a fact the ELCs which fail to list on the Nation-wide Stock Exchanges under the mechanism would provide exit opportunity to its investors and if so, the details thereof?

Taxation on Income from donations on religious places

†2292. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no tax on income from donations to religious places, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, whether there is any kind of Government control over income generated by various religious places in the Country?

Interest subvention scheme for Rajasthan

2293. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced a 3 per cent interest subvention for farmers who repay their crop loans on time for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) whether Government is aware that the Chief Minister of Rajasthan had requested for providing this interest subvention at the very beginning of the year or provide at least 75 per cent of the amount to cooperative banks in the form of revolving fund; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to consider this request favorably and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

CERT warnings on breach of financial data of banks

2294. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) had instructed banks on the 7th October, 2016 to be on heightened alert, about the breach of financial data even as a malware infection was spreading through their networks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said agency had also sent similar warning in July and August, 2016 also and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action was taken by the banks to ensure that the customer do not lose their hard earned money?

Arrangements for people not having Bank Accounts post demonetisation

†2295. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people do not have their accounts in banks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those citizens who do not have their accounts are mostly women; and

(c) the arrangements made for such people after demonetisation on 8th November and the details thereof?

Circulation of new currency

2296. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of money in respect of Currency of denomination ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 in circulation;

(b) whether Government plans to print an equivalent amount of currency in the new ₹ 2000 and ₹ 500 notes or will the total amount of currency in circulation be reduced; and

(c) what is the anticipated effect of the demonetisation of the ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 notes on India's savings to GDP ratio?

Declarations under Income Declaration Scheme-2016

2297. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of declarants who made declaration under "The Income Declaration Scheme-2016", State-wise;

(b) details of amount disclosed under this Scheme from date of its commencement to closing, State-wise; and

(c) details of tax collected by Government through this scheme?

Costlier cyber insurance due to breach of card data

†2298. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an apprehension that cyber insurance is likely to become costlier in the wake of breach of debit card data;

(b) the number of companies working in cyber insurance and whether Government companies are not offering cyber insurance;

(c) if so, the reasons due to which Government companies have still not forayed into cyber insurance; and

(d) the details thereof?

Non compliance of RBI rate cut by banks

†2299. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether following policy rate cuts in review of monetary policy by Reserve Bank of India, and banks not reducing the rate of interest, RBI has publicly asked banks on several occasions to give loans on lower rates of interest;

(b) if so, whether banks act arbitrarily in the matter of loans; and

(c) whether Ministry proposes to take steps to give RBI right to make level of interest rates uniform or make it low/high based on its policy rate thereby putting an end to arbitrariness of banks and the details thereof?

SIT data on Indian exports

2300. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI data compiled by Special Investigation Team (SIT) on black money gave details of exports made;

(b) whether exports proceeds during 1998-2015 were not remitted back to India; and

(c) if so, the quantum of black money stashed abroad, and pro-active steps being taken by Government to retrieve it and award exemplary punishment to exporters who have violated the rules?

Different rates for GST

2301. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is mulling to have multiple rates in GST, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) has Government examined the pros and cons of having different rates for different items which may lead to litigation over which item falls in which category; and

(c) whether Government should have only a single GST rate with a view to ensure that the motive of simplification of GST is achieved?

Performance of DBT schemes

2302. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme has performed so far with details of schemes covered by DBT; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to double the number of schemes covered by DBT by March, 2017 and if so, details thereof?

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Continuing of interest free advances

2303. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has agreed to continue interest free advances for medical treatment, travelling allowance for family of deceased, TA on tour or transfer and Leave Travel Concession overriding the recommendation of the Seventh Pay Commission for the Central Government employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has agreed to enhance the computer advance and that this allowance could be drawn a maximum of five times during the entire service span of an employee, if so, the details thereof?

Educational loan defaulters

2304. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of educational loan defaulters is increasing;

(b) if so, reasons therefor and its position during last three years;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the situation; and

(d) the number of applications which were received and sanctioned during 2012-15?

Opening of zero balance accounts in rural areas

2305. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that opening of

zero balance accounts should have been made possible in rural India, for opening Bank accounts for the non-account holders who form a greater percentage of population, if so the details thereof; and

(b) whether before demonetisation, Government should have made all individuals to remit money in their respective accounts?

Funds released under Thirteenth and Fourteenth Finance Commission

2306. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission to Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), local body-wise;

(b) whether all the funds have been released to ULBs under the Thirteenth FC;

(c) the details of funds recommended by the Fourteenth Finance Commission to various Urban Local Bodies, local body-wise; and

(d) the details of funds so far released under Fourteenth Finance Commission in the first two years of its award period, local body-wise, with particular reference to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?

Crop Insurance on loans given against KCC

†2307. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made the crop insurance mandatory on the loans given against Kisan Credit Card (KCC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the mode and manner of payment of insurance premium;

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(c) the total amount of loans provided to farmers after making crop insurance mandatory on KCC and the amount of loan against which crop was not insured the details thereof State-wise; and

(d) the action Government would take against the banks for not providing crop insurance so that the interests of the farmers can be secured?

Capital requirement of PSBs

2308. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total capital requirement of Public Sector Banks by March, 2019 deadline;

(b) the Government's share of this required capital;

(c) whether Government has a phased programme to inject capital into PSU banks regularly to meet this target; and

(d) the clear target for capital injection on a year-by-year basis over the next three years?

Vacancies in RBI Board

2309. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 out of the 16 Board positions in the RBI are lying vacant;

(b) whether it impacts functioning of the RBI;

(c) since how long they are lying vacant and the steps taken by Government to fill the same; and

(d) the reasons for delay in filling up senior positions in Reserve Bank of India with a maximum number of women?

Irrecoverable loans by PSBs

†2310. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given as loans by various Public Sector Banks during the last three years and the current year which the banks consider as irrecoverable;

(b) the extent of loss that the said irrecoverable amount is likely to cause to the Country's economy;

(c) the amount which the banks have written off upon considering them as bad loans during the same period; and

(d) the amount of loans provided to the farmers across the Country during the said period and the loan amount which was waived, and the details thereof?

Financial burden on implementation of Seventh CPC

†2311. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received that employees have been overpaid *vis-à-vis* the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission (CPC);

(b) the steps taken by Government to overcome financial burden on account of implementation of recommendation made by Seventh CPC; and

(c) whether there has been an increase in loss of revenue on account of the implementation of recommendations of Seventh CPC?

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Impact of demonetisation on economy

†2312. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the worth of old notes which have been exchanged with new currency notes in the Country as on date, and technical details of their colours-shape and sizes;

(b) the likely short-term and long-term impact of this move on the Country's economy; and

(c) the effective measures taken to ban parallel currencies in the Country?

Cases involving Government agencies as litigant

2313. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that official agencies like Income Tax, Excise and Customs departments are the biggest litigants before the Courts;

(b) whether Government will direct its agencies to desist from appealing against the verdicts of Tribunals and High Courts as a matter of routine; and

(c) if so, whether the appeals from such verdicts be limited to rarest of rare cases?

Implementation of recommendations of Expenditure Management Commission on autonomous bodies

2314. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Management Commission recommended

the number of autonomous bodies under various Ministries should be reduced, if so, the details of the recommendation;

(b) whether Government has accepted the recommendation, whether it is working to implement it; and

(c) if so, how much expenditure is likely to be slashed?

Proportion of counterfeit notes in circulation

†2315. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision to replace the notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 has been taken mainly due to heavy circulation of counterfeit notes, if not, the manner in which the old notes had become a threat to the economy of the Country;

(b) if so, the proportion of counterfeit notes and its value out of nearly 16.5 lakh crore rupees of 500/1000 rupees notes which was in circulation; and

(c) whether Government has made any estimation regarding the amount of black money that can be eliminated by replacing currency?

Overseas Public Debt Management Body

2316. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up an interim Body to oversee Public Debt Management, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the functions of the new body in advising the Ministry regarding debt management status and, the details thereof?

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Bringing agricultural income under tax net

2317. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) after the recently concluded Income Disclosure Scheme, netting more than ₹ 65,000 crores, what other measures are being planned by Government to widen its tax base;

(b) whether Government is working on bringing agricultural income under the tax net, above a certain threshold; and

(c) whether Government is currently compiling date on agricultural income through spot verification done under Computer Aided Scrutiny Selection scheme?

Premium collected by General Insurance Public Sector companies

2318. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the premium collected by the General Insurance Public Sector companies for accident claims and the amount disbursed for accident claims from 2014 to 2016;

(b) whether any anomaly has been detected in the amount collected and amount disbursed, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has utilized the ₹ 500 crore allocated for Road Safety in 2015-16 and 2016-17, if so, the details thereof?

Development of economic corridor

2319. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to develop 27,000 kilometres of Economic Corridor in the Country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of various stakeholders and how the economic corridor will be funded?

Status of PACSs in the country

2320. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSs) and District Central Cooperative Banks across the Country;

(b) the number of functional PACSs actively engaged in disbursal of agriculture loan;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to low number of active PACSs, a vacuum has been created where there are not enough agencies providing loans to the farmers; and

(d) the steps being taken to simplify the process of availing crop loans from Commercial banks?

Companies attaching impermissible and illegible documents during Annual Filing

2321. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has found any cases where companies put blank pages or any other impermissible and illegible

documents instead of Financial Statements and other required documents in Annual Filing;

(b) if so, the details of such cases in past three fiscal years, details year-wise; and

(c) the details of the action taken against these companies in past three fiscal years?

SC/ST and women entrepreneurs benefited under Mudra Yojana

†2322. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and female entrepreneurs benefited under Mudra Yojana so far, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the amount of loan provided to each of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes female entrepreneurs along with their numbers out of total female entrepreneurs under Mudra Yojana, State-wise details thereof?

Steps taken to check inflation

†2323. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inflation is unabatedly on a rise in the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government is going to take any action for putting a check on it; and

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

Investments received by various Ministries/Sectors

†2324. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of investments received by different Ministries/Sectors during the tenure of current Government, the details thereof; Ministry/Sector-wise;

(b) the amount of investment expected by Government, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposals for attracting investors that are under consideration of Government, the details thereof?

Impact of liberalisation of FDI policy for different sectors

2325. SHRI K. G. KENYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently liberalised the FDI policy for different sectors of the Country including Defence sector;

(b) if so, the details of FDI amendments made for foreign investments for over 51 per cent of shares therein; and

(c) the proposal received by Government on various projects including airports and shipping terminals?

Achievement of target of PSL lending to farmers in Maharashtra

2326. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Public Sector Banks in Maharashtra have achieved the targets of 18 per cent agricultural loans under Priority Sector Lending to Farmers during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and Bank-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to

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take to ensure that targets of agricultural loans under Priority Sector are achieved by each bank in the State?

Rise in NPAs of Banks

2327. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:
SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of the public and Private Sector Banks (PSBs) are on the rise and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) what is the number of defaulters who owe banks more than ₹ 100 crores along with the amount outstanding against each;

(c) the details of the NPAs recovered and written off by PSBs during the said period; and

(d) the other remedial measures taken by Government/Reserve Bank of India to control NPAs?

Bringing back black money stashed abroad

†2328. DR. SANJAY SINH:
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of black money brought back during the current year since implementation of Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets (Imposition of Tax) Bill, 2015;

(b) the measures taken by Government to bring back black money stashed abroad and the results thereof;

(c) whether Government has failed to bring back the black money stashed away in other Countries; and

(d) whether Government proposes to give one more chance to defaulters in view of poor response?

Use of taxi service for Government Departments/PSUs

2329. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to use App based taxi services in various Government Departments and PSUs to save its huge Government expenditure on taxi bills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the decision taken so far by Government, if not, the reasons therefor?

Investigation in Bahama Papers Leaks

2330. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has looked into the Indian offshore bank accounts in the Bahama Paper and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is facing resistance from any entities in the fair investigation of the same and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to curb the rise of illegal offshore accounts?

Uniform taxation for petroleum products on GST implementation

†2331. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether uniform tax would be

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applicable in every State on petroleum products after the enforcement of Goods and Services Tax Bill;

(b) if so, since when this uniform tax will be made applicable; and

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

Guidelines on Bank Loan waiver for small and marginal farmers

2332. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest guidelines formulated by Government for the waiver of loans for small and marginal farmers during the last two years;

(b) the number of small and marginal farmers who got the benefit from the loan waiver scheme, Category-wise, Bank-wise and State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is having any proposal for relaxing the guidelines so that more farmers may get the benefit of loan waiver schemes?

Village infrastructure development by NABARD

2333. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing to provide 60 per cent finance by NABARD, instead of the present 40 per cent of the ground level disbursement, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the NABARD is working on a pilot project for intra-village infrastructure development which may fill all missing links for a fully integrated rural infrastructure development; and if so, the

details thereof?

Interest rate of MTC loans for affected farmers

2334. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government is considering to provide interest rate and interest subvention as in the case of crop loans so that Multi-state Tax Commission (MTC) loans to the affected farmers can be provided at par with crop loans; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Poor response to capital formation and corporate investment in economy

2335. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data on mobilisation by way of initial public offers suggests that the trend did not signal a revival in capital formation and corporate investment in the broader economy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that of the ₹ 16,980 crore raised through public issues in the six months period ended September 30, 2016, only 23 per cent accounted for fresh capital raised by companies for future expansion; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the largest issues during this period did not see any fresh capital raised, if so details thereof?

Separate company for maintaining GST infrastructure and work

2336. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed an independent company to establish and

maintain the GST infrastructure and work and if so, the objective of the company;

(b) whether Government PSU is a majority stakeholder in the company; and

(c) if so, details of the shareholders in the company?

Startups by women entrepreneurs

2337. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the startups established by women entrepreneurs through the 'Stand-up India' scheme have been successful, if so, the number and the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether any efforts have been undertaken to ascertain the reasons for failures and if so, the details thereof?

Central funds released to Sikkim

2338. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Sikkim is a victim of wrong analysis and interpretation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total Central Funds released to Sikkim during 2015-16?

Stand-up India programme under MSME sector

2339. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of Stand-up India Programme under MSME Sector; and

(b) the total number of entrepreneurs belonging to women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes benefited under Stand-up India under MSME sector?

Disbursement of outstanding amount to State Governments

2340. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has failed to disburse thousands of crores of rupees to different State Governments;

(b) if so, details thereof for last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the plan proposals of Government therefor?

Strategic timing for demonetisation

2341. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the demonetisation process like preparing new currency notes to replace the withdrawn ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 rupee notes started;

(b) how was 8th November decided as a strategic timing for demonetisation; and

(c) whether Government plans to supplement the demonetisation with back up measures to attain a more effective economic reform in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Operational guidelines for managing stroke patients

2342. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government formulated Operational Guidelines for care and management of stroke patients, under National Programme for Prevention and

Control of Diseases (NPCDCS), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether World Stroke Organisation in its global conference at Hyderabad recently updated these guidelines for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of stroke services, if so, whether Government would update those guidelines; and

(c) details of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) clinics which specialized in stroke care and management in the country, State/UT-wise, in the last two years?

Amending of Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act

2343. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether there is a move to amend Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act to recognize the right to safe and legal abortion to all women, irrespective of married or not, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether homoeopaths, and midwives would also be allowed to carry out non-invasive abortion procedures, under the amending Bill;

(c) if so, who will handle the complications in case of emergency; and

(d) whether mandatory clause of seeking second opinion for abortion is done away with, if so, the details thereof?

Diabetic adult population in Delhi

†2344. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly more than 25 per cent adult population of Delhi is suffering from diabetes and nearly more than 47 per cent of adult population has been found to be pre-diabetic in a study;

(b) whether excessive consumption of junk food is being cited as one of the reasons for it by the experts; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to prevent increasing cases of diabetes and the details thereof?

National Medical Commission

2345. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government is planning to establish National Medical Commission (NMC) in place of Medical Council of India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Governments have requested the Centre to increase their representation in the new NMC, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the matter and the details thereof?

Emergence of Chemical Pneumonia

2346. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some parts of the country a new disease, namely

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Chemical Pneumonia has surfaced, if so, how many such cases of Chemical Pneumonia have been registered till date; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to contain the disease and sensitize the masses about the same?

Ban on Gelatin capsules

2347. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the non-vegetable capsules available in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has banned Gelatin capsules, if so, what is the reason; and

(c) what are the other bans Government has imposed on the pharmaceutical industry?

Deaths of under-five children

2348. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent report suggests that deaths of children under five years have gone down by half worldwide while India has had the highest number of such deaths at 1.3 million in 2015, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what corrective measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

New AIIMS like institutions

2349. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of AIIMS-like institutions functional or under construction across the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether Government has received proposals from various States/UTs to set up AIIMS-like institutions in their respective States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the cities where AIIMS-like institutions are proposed to be set up?

Conditions of infrastructural facilities in hospitals

2350. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructural facilities in government hospitals are shockingly dissatisfactory;

(b) whether important diagnostic equipment remain out of order and patients are asked to get tests done from private diagnostic centres; and

(c) what measures are being considered by Government to bring the standard of treatment of government hospitals at par with private hospitals?

Regulating marketing of fortified food items

2351. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no fortification standards in place for packaged food items in the Country;

(b) whether it is a fact that fortified food items are openly being sold and marketed in the Country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to regulate the same?

Opening of AIIMS Hospital in Tamil Nadu

2352. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when and where AIIMS Hospital is likely to be opened in Tamil Nadu;

(b) how much is the Central investment and the amount sanctioned so far; and

(c) what are the steps taken so far in the infrastructural and developmental advancement and the details thereof?

Increase in cases of TB incidents

2353. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of people affected by Tuberculosis (TB) has increased in recent years in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, during last three years;

(c) the number of deaths of TB patients in the Country during the said period; and

(d) the roadmap of Government to eradicate TB completely and the time-limit set for it?

Prohibitions on FDCs

2354. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether the Central Drugs Standard

Control Organisation has issued a notification prohibiting the manufacture, sale and distribution of Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) of Drugs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken cognisance of FDCs entering the Indian market illegally, if so, the details thereof and the action taken, if any, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to strengthen the legal and regulatory framework on pharmaceutical regulations, if so, details thereof, if not the reasons therefor?

Approval for psychotherapy and other courses

2355. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many UGC approved Universities in India offer courses in psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, counselling and counselling psychology;

(b) whether these courses are different from psychiatry and clinical psychology, if so, how;

(c) whether it is a fact that Rehabilitation Council of India only approves courses in clinical psychology and psychiatry and not psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, counselling and counselling psychology courses, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether in the Mental Healthcare Bill, 2016 only clinical psychologists and psychiatrists have been recognized and not other mental health professionals, if so, the reasons therefor?

Increase in the number of heart transplants

2356. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of heart transplants have increased in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to make artificial heart to save the life of people in future, if so, details thereof?

(a) what steps Government has taken to act on the reports that 75 per cent of milk in market is chemical milk with a view to ensure that people get non-adulterated milk;

(b) the steps taken to avoid use of chemical milk which is harmful to the health and is still distributed by small vendors; and

(c) whether there are any simple tests, which can be done by household person to detect the adulteration, if so, the details thereof?

Poor quality of medicines

2359. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several pharmaceutical companies are manufacturing and marketing many medicines which failed quality tests conducted by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against pharmaceutical companies by Government thereto;

(c) how many medicines have been banned/stopped during the current year; and

(d) how many pharmaceutical companies have been stopped by Government during the current year?

Ill effects of sugar-mixed soft drinks on dental health

†2357. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards a report of AIIMS Dental Research Centre citing therein that owing to growing use of sugar-mixed soft drinks and junk food, dental problems are rising in India with 80 to 90 per cent population of the Country suffering from Gingivitis, a gum related disease and 60 per cent of this population are victims of medium level Gingivitis;

(b) whether it is a fact that 10 thousand deaths are caused by sugar-mixed drinks in the Country; and

(c) if so, steps being taken by Government to prevent it, if not, reasons therefor?

Household test for detecting adulterated milk

2358. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

Advances made in cancer research

†2360. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the advances made in the field of

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Indian Cancer Research in view of the increasing number of cancer patients in the country day-by-day, so as to cure this disease;

(b) the type of cancer cases out of various types increasing rapidly in respect of number, the State-wise/UT-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sought co-operation from any other country of the world in the field of cancer research to get rid of the disease; and

(d) whether Government has provisioned any separate annual budget for research to get permanently rid of deadly disease like cancer, if so, the details thereof?

Establishing Chest Pain Clinics

2361. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical research in the field of Cardiology has brought immense improvement in dealing with heart related diseases resulting in noticeable reduction in the mortality rate and heart operation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that establishing the Chest Pain Clinics (CPCs) at various places will be able to provide initial care and save precious human lives; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider establishing Chest Pain Clinics in the pattern of the Public Health Centres in order to bring down the mortality rate due to heart problems and save human lives?

Plans to meet shortage of blood and blood banks

2362. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year during May-July period, there has been a peak demand of blood for the patients in the country;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to meet the demand of life saving issues/components therefor; and

(c) the details of action proposal and plans to set up blood-bank in all the primary health centres of the country, if any, therein?

Delay in paying dues of empanelled hospitals by CGHS

2363. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private hospitals in the panel of CGHS are agitated over inordinate delay in getting their dues from CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind the delayed payments;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is adversely affecting the CGHS beneficiaries going to empanelled CGHS hospitals for treatment; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in this regard?

Availability of generic medicines

2364. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the generic medicines are not available in the States when compared to branded medicines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plans to establish generic medicine stores in all cities and towns of the country; and

(c) whether Government has any frame-work to check the quality of the generic medicines, if so, the details thereof?

Late delivery of indented homoeopathy medicines

†2365. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that homoeopathy medicines are received from dispensaries after 15 to 20 days from the date of indent;

(b) while Government has a policy of publicizing and encouraging Indian system of medicines, the reasons why it cannot ensure availability of Homoeopathy medicines on the second day itself as happens with Allopathic medicines;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all important medicines like Arnika oil etc. are to be indented because these are not available in dispensaries; and

(d) if so, the urgent steps Government would take to improve the situation?

Spurious drugs and expired medicines in the market

2366. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines and norms chalked out by Government to check, monitor and curb the distribution and sale of spurious drugs and expired medicines in the country;

(b) the total quantity and value of spurious drugs and expired medicines found detected from the pharmaceutical market across the country in the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether the pharmaceutical sector is suffering due to too much counter sale of spurious and expired drugs and medicines by drug stores and medical shops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to curb and punish such culprits and to initiate pharmacies and medical shops throughout the country?

Health insurance scheme for BPL families

2367. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government is preparing a new Health Insurance Scheme in the country particularly for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the poor persons are likely to get the facility of free treatment in private hospitals under the said scheme on the lines

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of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and, if so, the details of the said scheme?

Demographic changes

2368. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the demographic change in various States due to difference of fertility rates between different religions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is contemplating two-child policy so that the existing ratio between different religions does not change to large extent; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage population control in certain religions and communities which show a higher population growth rate in the last couple of decades?

Country's ranking in health indicators

2369. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR:
SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH
DHINDSA:
SARDAR BALWINDER
SINGH BHUNDER:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India on the first global analysis of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in terms of health indicators, has been ranked at 143rd place in a list of 188 countries, far behind Sri Lanka and China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that countries

like Sri Lanka, Iraq, Syria, Libya and others that have eliminated malaria scored 100 on that health indicator while India registered only 10 points;

(c) whether there is any roadmap being proposed to improve the position of India in the medium term; and

(d) if so, the details of the roadmap to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals?

Law for punishing food adulteration

2370. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN:
SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA
KUMAR:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to stop completely the large scale adulteration like spraying pesticides in food and vegetables;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring stringent law to punish those who adulterate the food and vegetables; and

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

Assessing medical colleges and medical education quality

2371. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess the availability and shortage of medical colleges and the quality of medical education being imparted therein in Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed by Government to scale up the availability of medical colleges and quality of medical education therein across the Country?

Checking of foodgrains and vegetables quality

2372. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in our Country all the foodgrains, vegetables, chicken, fish and other food items which are required for human survival are poisonous;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism in place to ensure proper check up at the time of these food items' arrival in the market?

Guidelines on fire safety in hospitals

2373. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) following the fire at SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) which has taken the lives of 21 people and injured over a hundred others, whether Government is going to issue some guidelines to all States on fire safety so that such incidents do not recur; and

(b) whether Government would also be examining as to how more stringent provisions could be made in the Clinical Establishment Act by the State Governments and a detailed report thereon?

Sudden upsurge in Chikungunya cases

2374. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether health experts say the sudden upsurge of Chikungunya this year could be the result of the evolution of the viral strain;

(b) whether viral strain in patients diagnosed with Chikungunya at the hospital has shown different behaviour for the two tests; and

(c) if so, what further research has been done to find out a remedy for viral fever in the country?

Treatment costs of TB

2375. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the average amount of money spent by an individual on his treatment for tuberculosis (TB) in the Country, in private hospitals and that in Government hospitals and the details thereof?

Subsidizing expensive TB medicines

2376. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing any subsidy on highly expensive medicines for TB treatment in India; and

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

UK's suspension of marketing approval of Indian drug

2377. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that UK's Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has suspended marketing approval for a widely used antibiotics that had won clearance based clinical trials conducted by India's Quest Life Sciences, due to concern over the integrity of trial data;

(b) if so, whether Government has ascertained the standards of the Quality Management System of Quest and other Agencies permitted to undertake clinical trials and recommends the drugs for approval; and

(c) whether MHRA decision impact the sale of Indian antibiotics?

Shortcomings in National Medical Commission Bill

2378. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to bring out National Medical Commission (NMC) in place of Indian Medical Council, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has observed that there are some shortcomings in the proposed National Medical Commission Bill, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any representation regarding the noticed shortcomings and remedial measures for incorporation; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to revise the NMC Bill?

High MMR rate in the country

2379. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of launching of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) in 2005, the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) is still high *i.e.* 44,000 women die during delivery each year, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any effective scheme to curb this trend to achieve MMR as mentioned in Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs) *i.e.*, less than 70 per 1,00,000 live births, if so, the details thereof?

Under-reporting of TB cases in India

2380. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the WHO's Global TB report for 2016, which says that TB cases in India were under-reported;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken/considered to take any measures to identify and treat TB cases more effectively; and

(c) schemes/programmes to control TB in India and the budgetary allocation for each during the past three years?

Shortfall in funds for HIV prevention programme

2381. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial decentralisation of funding State AIDS Control Societies is the reason for delay

and shortfall in the funds for HIV prevention programme; and

(b) if so, what are the measures taken by Government to revive the HIV prevention programme?

Performance Audit of CIP, Ranchi

2382. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware of reports regarding the poor functioning of the Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi;

(b) what are the performance benchmarks fixed for the institute and the actual performance with reference to these targets;

(c) whether the CAG has undertaken a Performance Audit of the institutions; and

(d) if not, whether Ministry plans to seek a Performance Audit of this institution?

New standards on fortification of food

2383. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released certain new standards on fortification of food, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by Government to chalk out an effective strategy to meet the nutritional needs of large number of people across various sections of the society?

States with no cancer hospitals

2384. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where there is no cancer hospital at present;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up more cancer hospitals in the Country in near future; and

(c) the places identified for the purpose?

Spending on public health care

2385. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the spending on public health care as the percentage of GDP at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is worse than some of the poorest countries in the world;

(c) what is the budgetary allocation and expenditure under the National Rural Health Mission for the last three years;

(d) what is the doctor-patient ratio at present and how Government is planning to bridge the gap between the number of doctors per patient; and

(e) whether Government has made any study about the health model followed in Sri Lanka and its replicability in India?

Empowerment of minorities

2386. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Summit on the empowerment of minorities has recently been held to review the progress and prosperity of poor, weaker sections, minorities and dalits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds allocated to the activities for progress of minorities are being utilised fully or remain unspent, the details thereof;

(d) whether the funds allocated are sufficient or not, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has any plan of including weaker sections in the forward caste in the minority class; and

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

Subsidies given to Haj pilgrims

‡2387. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities and subsidies being given to Haj pilgrims by Government; and

(b) whether Government proposes to provide similar facilities to Kailash Mansarovar pilgrims like the Haj pilgrims, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Computerisation of Waqf records

2388. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned and released under computerisation of Waqf Record Scheme to each of the States;

(b) whether all the States have reported completion of computerisation of Waqf records; and

(c) if not, the names of each of the States where the work is in pendency along with

the details of funds remaining unutilised on this account?

Programme for development of minorities

‡2389. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare a comprehensive programme for educational and economic development of Minorities; and

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

Board of adjudication to deal with complaints regarding Waqf properties

2390. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a board of adjudication to deal with complaints regarding Waqf properties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to free the Waqf properties from the clutches of encroachers?

Support for new stars in various sports

2391. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and private sector pays a high degree of attention to the star-sports persons of the nation, whereas hardly any attention is paid for developing new stars in the field of various sports;

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(b) if so, the budgetary allocations of Government for the last three years, sports-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of major sponsorships by private sectors for developing the new stars in various sports, if any?

Development of stadia in Bihar and Jharkhand

‡2392. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:
SHRI PREM CHAND
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to develop the stadia situated in Bihar and Jharkhand and in other parts of the Country;

(b) if so, the extent of grants released and utilised during the last three years and in the current year, the details thereof State-wise including Bihar and Jharkhand; and

(c) the details of proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories for inclusion of additional programmes and the action taken by the Central Government on those proposals?

Promotion of sports among rural youths

2393. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced any policy or programme for the promotion of sports among the rural youth;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the outcome and achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and

whether Government proposes to introduce any such programme to increase the participation of rural youth in sports?

Education cess for sports promotion

2394. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal/demand to give 10 per cent of the Education Cess to Sports Authority of India (SAI) for promotion of sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would do so for promoting sports in the Country?

Sports infrastructure in Eastern States

2395. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to improve sports infrastructure in Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and especially in the State of West Bengal;

(b) the total amount of funds allocated to these States for building sports infrastructures in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether there is any new infrastructure project Government is planning to take up in these States, especially in the State of West Bengal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Task force for future Olympic games

2396. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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(a) what are the major recommendations of the task force set up to make an action plan for the effective participation of Indian athletes in the next three games;

(b) if not, by when will the task force give its recommendations;

(c) whether there is any special funds created to work on the recommendations of the task force; and

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

Availability of playground in urban and rural areas

†2397. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's plan to provide playground in urban and rural areas in ratio of children's population there;

(b) whether Government is making availability of playground in schools and colleges compulsory while providing recognition to such schools and colleges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Decentralisation of sports activities

†2398. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare a time bound programme to encourage talented

children to participate in sports at district level and decentralisation of sports activities;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for sports competitions under Khelo India Scheme

2399. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will sanction and release ₹16.62 crores for the financial year 2016-17 to organise sports competitions under the Khelo India Scheme, as proposed by the Government of Rajasthan; and

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

Improvement in quality of training and equipments in the country

2400. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the deficiency in training imparted to the participants in the recent Rio Olympic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of training and equipments in the country?

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