RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016/Phalguna 18, 1937 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions — 15

New airports in Uttarakhand

†*106. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the locations in Uttarakhand where the construction of new airports is proposed; and
- (b) by when Pant Nagar would be connected to Delhi and Mumbai by daily morning and evening flights?

Central assistance for Area Specific Development Programmes

- *107. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether steps have been taken to continue Central assistance for the Area Specific Development Programmes like special plan for Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput region (KBK) in Odisha and Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) and Integrated Action Plan (IAP) in the country;

- (b) if so, whether Government would continue to take steps; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Arrest of ISI spies in the Army

- †*108. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of persons apprehended in the Army, on the charge of spying for ISI;
- (b) whether spying had already existed in the past or it has come to the fore recently; and
- (c) what are the areas regarding which spying has come to light, so far, and the reasons therefor?

Advancement in reporting time for air travellers at airports

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

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of the recent security alert in the country after the Pathankot attack, air travellers will now have to report at airports much earlier;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Air India had asked its passengers to report three hours before their flights, scheduled departure time, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the enhanced security remained in place only up to the Republic Day?

Full immunisation under Mission Indradhanush

- *110. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that millions of children in the country remain either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated during routine immunisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the concrete steps taken by Government to achieve full immunisation under its Mission Indradhanush?

Release of Plan funds for Bihar

- †*111. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to release the amount deducted from the Plan funds earmarked for Bihar; and
- (b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Malpractices in sale of attached properties of loan defaulters

- *112. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is wary about rising Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in Public Sector Banks, if so, the action taken for speedy recovery thereof;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the attached properties with banks are being sold at very cheap rate due to prevalent malpractices and corruption; and
- (c) whether Government would take steps to have and appoint more reliable and responsible property valuers to assess property worth while granting loans and during disposing off of attached properties, the details thereof?

Increase in gross NPA ratio of PSBs

- *113. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that gross NPA ratio of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) has increased in the financial year 2015-16, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of gross NPA ratio of public sector banks during the last three years?

Incentives to insurance companies for health insurance

- †*114.SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the percentage of GDP being spent on health services at present and whether

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Government is moving towards increasing this expenditure;

- (b) whether Ministry proposes to give any incentives to the Insurance Companies for health insurance so that the benefit of health services could reach the ordinary citizens easily through insurance; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Ministry to make health services accessible and affordable during the last three years, and the status thereof?

Increase in AIDS and cancer patients

- *115. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of AIDS and cancer patients is increasing constantly in the country; and
- (b) if so, the measures Government is taking to create public awareness about these diseases and provide adequate latest facilities for their prevention, diagnosis and treatment and other effective steps, as required in this regard?

Mental well being of defence personnel

- *116. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken measures to ensure that defence personnel, especially war veterans, receive adequate mental healthcare, especially for warrelated issues such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); and

(b) if so, the details of the provisions and budgetary allocations made therefor, if not, the reasons therefor?

Mechanism to check corporate frauds

- *117. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether corporate frauds such as money laundering, tax evasion, window dressing, financial reporting fraud and bribery are on the rise in India;
- (b) if so, the details of the top category of corporate frauds happening in India;
- (c) the top 50 corporate frauds that happened during the last two years; and
- (d) whether Government is setting up any independent mechanism to check corporate frauds in India, and, if so, the details thereof?

Revival of economy

- *118. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the position of revival of our economy from the world-wide economic recession as on date; and
- (b) what are the steps initiated for reviving and pushing up Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of our economy and promoting industrial growth?

Children falling sick after taking deworming campaign

- †*119. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the medicine for deworming was administrated to children throughout the country under a campaign on 10 February, the National Deworming Day, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether cases of children falling sick immediately after taking deworming medicine have come to light from several States in the country, on that day and, if so, the details thereof?

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Government expenditure on advertisements

- †*120. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the total amount spent by Government on advertisements through print media, electronic media, advertisement boards and other forms of media and the details thereof, department-wise; and
- (b) whether any study or assessment has been carried out to ascertain the utility of these advertisements and the benefits accrued from them, if so, the details thereof?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF, Secretary-General.

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