

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Ayush treatment centres in the country

1120. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) the details of the hospitals/
dispensaries providing Ayush medical
treatment in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the sanctioned strength of doctors,
paramedical staff and others in Ayush
hospitals/dispensaries;

(c) whether a large number of posts of
doctors, paramedical staff and other
employees are lying vacant;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps
taken to fill up the vacant posts; and

(e) the measures taken by Government
to popularise and increase the number of
hospitals/dispensaries providing Ayush
medical treatment in the country?

Re-opening of Ayurvedic Medical college, Mayurbhanj

†1121. DR. BHUSHAN LAL
JANGDE: Will the Minister of
AYURVEDA, YOGA &
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the Ayurvedic medical
college Mayurbhanj, Odisha is old but not
operational;

(b) whether Government is considering
to reopen the Mayurbhanj Ayurvedic
college properly; and

(c) given the abundance of medicinal
herbs in Mayurbhanj Lok Sabha
Constituency, whether it is possible to
benefit the people of the region by setting
up an Ayurvedic college and starting an
Ayurvedic pharmacy there?

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Establishing Yoga Universities

1122. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided the rules for the Yoga teacher, and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to start any fund to start Yoga universities in India, if so, the details thereof?

Funding of Ayurvedic colleges in Chhattisgarh

†1123. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the amount of funds allocated to Ayurvedic Colleges and Pharmacies in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government is committed towards promoting Ayurvedic treatment;

(c) if so, whether steps are being taken to ensure maximum possible budgetary provision for Ayurvedic colleges, dispensaries and pharmacies so that Ayurveda could develop; and

(d) whether it is possible to utilize the services of the Ayurved officer of Chhattisgarh as Advisor for the development of Ayurveda at the Central level?

Joining of private airlines by AI pilots

†1124. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main reason for the Air India's pilots joining private airlines is better pay and promotions;

(b) if so, whether the Government has reviewed it, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action-plan made by the Air India to fill up the shortage of pilots required for flights services in the new routes?

Abolition of 5/20 Rule

1125. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is contemplating, abolition of 5/20 Rule for domestic airlines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the state run airlines Air India is also in favour of scrapping of this condition which is lying as a blockade to private airlines from entering into International business;

(c) the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of the Government in this regard?

Strike by ground staff at Chennai Airport

1126. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that strike by airport ground staff holds up international

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flights in Chennai Airport, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has sought any clarification from the service providers for the reason for the strike and any commitment has been obtained from them to prevent such strikes in future, if so, the details thereof?

Types of aircrafts used by Airlines operating in the country

1127. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and names of airlines that operate in the country;

(b) what types of aircrafts are used by these airlines, the details thereof, airline-wise;

(c) the number of types of aircrafts used by Air India; and

(d) whether a wide variety of aircrafts with a single airline leads to operational challenges, if so, the details thereof?

ARMS System Software of AI

1128. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cabin crew members of the Air India have been complaining for long, of over work including lack of sufficient leave from work;

(b) whether AI management had put in place a mechanism called ARMS System software at a cost of ₹5 crores three years ago to prepare duty rosters indicating weekly offs;

(c) whether the Arms System software has remained non-functional all through

with manual preparation of duty rosters having been discontinued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New aircraft to Kolkata base of Alliance Air

1129. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Alliance Air had not inducted any new aircraft to its Kolkata base for operation in the last few years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Affordable air travel

1130. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the high cost of operation for airlines from newly developed airports;

(b) whether present model of airport development is making air travel costlier and less affordable for the masses;

(c) if so, whether Government plans to develop low cost airports to make air travel affordable, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and how does the Government plans to make air travel affordable?

Impact of fall of rupee on civil aviation sector

1131. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the

air carriers are in financial distress due to fall of rupee; and

(b) how does it affect the aviation sector as per travel price rise?

Flight services from Dharamshala and Kullu

1132. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the airlines operating flights from various places of the country to Dharamshala and Kullu in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of flights of each of such airlines are being operated daily from Dharamshala and Kullu;

(c) whether Government would consider to increase flight services to Dharamshala and Kullu; and

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

Upgradation of airports for international operations

1133. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has accorded approval to construct new international airports in the country during the last three years including the current year;

(b) if so, the number of such airports location-wise; and

(c) the details of other airports which are to be considered for upgradation for international operation, State-wise?

Construction of new airports

1134. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects for construction of new airports taken up during the last three years;

(b) the number of these projects that have been completed;

(c) whether Indian airports are lagging behind international airports in terms of the existing infrastructure and facilities available therein;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the current status of the Kannur International Airport along with the details of domestic and International flights being operated/proposed to be operated from this airport?

Shifting of Alliance Air base from Kolkata

1135. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Alliance Air is planning to shift its base from Kolkata; and

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

Shortage of Air Traffic Controllers

1136. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of

Air Traffic Control Officers (ATCOs) the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government had engaged any consultancy firm to study the long term manpower in the country to manage air traffic;

(c) if so, requirements of ATCOs;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the study has been completed and report submitted;

(e) if so, the details of the report and the time by which the report is likely to be implemented; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to meet the manpower shortage of ATCOs in the country?

Development of regional airports

1137. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Civil Aviation Policy envisages emphasis on regional connectivity of airlines;

(b) if so, the details of States where Ministry is planning to develop airports, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of States which have provided land for developing regional airports and progress made by the Ministry to construct airports in such lands?

Time schedule of Air India

1138. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the changes in Time Schedule of Air

India and Air India Express flights, domestic and international for the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any private airlines, started services on or approximate time schedule of Air India or Air India Express Services for the last three years, and the details thereof?

Air connectivity to main cities/places of states

†1139. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new aviation policy has been implemented by Government the main target of which is to connect the main cities/places of the states through aviation service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are many such airports in the states which are not being used and can be used to increase regional connectivity and the goal of connecting the main cities/places of the states through air service can be achieved in less time and cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of new airport at Chakulia in Jharkhand

1140. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airport Authority of India (AAI) is proposing to develop a new Airport at Chakulia (situated in Purbi Singhbhum District in Jharkhand State) which is not an appropriate place as it is 30 km. away from NH-33, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether AAI is aware that a big airstrip used in World War-II is available at Dhalbhumgarh which is very much suitable for establishment of an Airport and is near to NH-33 that connects Odisha; and

(c) considering the above reasons, why does not AAI change its proposal of establishment of a new Airport at Dhalbhumgarh instead of Chakulia?

Air connectivity in the country

1141. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many important places across the country are still not in the aviation or air map of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country has got only just three 42 seater aircrafts, if so, the details thereof?

Development of domestic and international airports in the country

1142. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any plans to develop and expand domestic and international airports in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has studied about the ratio of passenger traffic and the airlines availability in various sectors and to increase the flight services in various sectors;

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

(e) the concrete steps taken by the Union Government to provide adequate support for the Airports Authority of India, their employees and clients to execute the projects?

Private Chartered flights from abroad

1143. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private chartered flights from abroad that landed in India in each of last three years and current year, the details thereof;

(b) what is the time taken, on an average, by the authorities to give permission for entry of a private chartered plane in Indian territory, the details thereof along with comparative data from developed countries;

(c) whether delay in giving such permission leads to revenue loss, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether time taken to give permissions can be reduced; and

(e) whether Government is promoting use of private chartered planes for air travel, if so, details thereof?

Shortage of air traffic controllers in Mumbai airport

1144. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flights coming into and going out of Mumbai get delayed because of shortage of air traffic controllers; and

(b) whether Government is considering

to provide an additional good number of controllers which may help in curtailing the holding time for arrivals and departures?

Abolishing 5/20 Rule

1145. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that draft Civil Aviation policy has proposed to abolish the 5/20 Rule replacing with a credit-based system;

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

(c) whether views of full fare airlines Air India and Jet Airways have been taken for scrapping of 5/20 Rule; and

(d) if so, what are the views of these airlines?

Investment in start-ups

1146. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's position in the world rankings for the number of start-ups in the country and its potential for the near future;

(b) the estimated amount of investment in start-ups in India, year-wise since last three years including this year; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation across sectors?

Carry forward of unspent CSR funds

1147. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a flaw in the Companies Act, which does not provide for carry forward of unspent CSR obligations;

(b) whether Public Sector Undertakings are discriminated against by being compelled to carry forward of unspent commitments; and

(c) whether these anomalies would be corrected by suitable amendments to the Companies Act?

Irregularities in implementation of ECHS

1148. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that CAG audit has detected serious irregularities and deficiencies in implementation of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), if so, the details thereof?

Ship building capacity of Indian Navy

1149. SHRI K. C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current ship building capability of defence shipyards meets the requirements of the Indian Navy;

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

(c) whether Government has taken initiatives to modernise these shipyards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose during last two years?

Security audit of military installations

1150. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to conduct a time bound security audit for all vulnerable installations of military across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that no audit of military installations was conducted for many of the military installations for quite some time, if so, the reasons therefor?

Withdrawal by empanelled hospitals from ECHS

1151. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether empanelled hospitals in the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) are withdrawing from the scheme, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has received complaints from ex-servicemen regarding non-admission of patients by hospitals demanding advance payments; and

(c) if so, the action by Government against such hospitals?

Weapons imports by neighbouring countries

1152. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of increase in import of weapons by some of our neighbouring countries and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reviewed or proposes to review the implications of such imports on national security and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to augment the defence preparedness to meet the challenges in this regard?

Assessing country's maritime strength

1153. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently held International Fleet Review at Visakhapatnam with more than 50 countries participating gave India an opportunity to assess its present maritime strength and priorities its immediate expansion plans in terms of maritime capabilities;

(b) whether with more than 40 per cent of its current GDP linked to global trade, mostly sea-borne, India needs to modernize its poor maritime infrastructure on the lines of what US did at the turn of 20th Century and China at the dawn of 21st Century; and

(c) whether Indian Navy's budget has remained modest at well below 20 per cent and needs review?

Shooting down of unidentified object in Rajasthan

†1154. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ballon-like unidentified object was spotted flying in Barmer district of Rajasthan on 26 January, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an Indian Airforce aircraft shot it down which caused a huge explosion and developed cracks in many houses and craters in the land;

(c) if so, the material contained in that balloon and the place from where it had come; and

(d) the reason for delay in getting information about it by the Airforce?

Use of Coast Guard to warn fishermen

1155. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to seek the help of Indian Coast Guard to actively involve them in warning/preventing Indian fishermen from crossing the International Boundary in high seas and entering neighbouring water territory; and

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

Shortage of assault rifles

1156. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of assault rifles in the Indian Army, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for this shortage of rifles for the Indian jawan;

(c) how has this impacted our national security; and

(d) by when the Indian Army will be equipped with the rifles?

Accidents involving Dhruv helicopters

1157. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total accidents involving Dhruv helicopters in India and abroad since 2002 along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Ecuador has cancelled the Dhruv deal with HAL and, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Measures for reducing mental stress in soldiers

1158. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that mental stress and 'traditional Bhaiya System' is one of the major reasons for loss of interest by the soldiers in their jobs; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken measures for reducing stress and such practice among the Indian soldiers?

Space and cyber warfare

1159. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the People's Liberation Army of China has established a fifth wing of its armed forces, that is, Aerospace Force for the militarisation of

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outer space and is working towards the integration of its military capability in space and cyber warfare; and

(b) what is the position of Government regarding the international principle of peaceful uses of outer space?

Rehabilitation and rescue measures of Siachen Glacier

1160. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed any new rehabilitation and rescue measures in the Siachen Glacier after the sad incident of avalanche where nine jawans were martyred in the first week of February this year; and

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

Security at airbases

†1161. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airforce does not have sufficient means of safety for the safety of its airbase;

(b) the number of airbases where sensor and electronic fencing is available;

(c) whether the Airforce is not trained like the Army to tackle the situation such as terrorist attack; and

(d) the measures for safeguarding the items of strategic importance in the situation of terrorist?

Shortage of officers in the Army

1162. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned strength of officers in the Army and the number of officers currently in the Army;

(b) if there is a shortage of Army officers, then by which year does the Ministry expect to reach the full strength of sanctioned officers;

(c) the reasons for the shortage of Army officers; and

(d) the steps Government is taking to ensure that the Army reaches its sanctioned strength at the earliest?

Ensuring country's security

1163. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government can assure the nation for protection from China and Pakistan;

(b) whether the Indian Army is strong enough to protect the nation;

(c) whether the Indian Army is capable enough to protect our country in case of any war either individual or joint; and

(d) whether Indian Army is having enough ammunitions to meet the requirement during war?

FDI in defence sector

1164. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to allow 49 per cent and more foreign direct

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investment (FDI) in defence sector through automatic route, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it will not violate long stated India's policy about the security of defence procurement and production and nullify Cabinet Committee on Security's recommendations in this regard, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what areas of defence FDI has been received and the details thereof?

Soldiers martyred at Siachen avalanche

1165. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers martyred with details in the recent avalanche on Siachen glacier;

(b) whether all of them have been given full military honours at their respective home villages;

(c) the compensation being paid to the next of kith and kin of martyrs, including giving employment to their dependents;

(d) whether they would be given military award posthumously for the supreme sacrifice given by them; and

(e) whether Pakistan authorities sent any proposal for mutual pushback from Siachen sector, if so, the comments of Government thereto?

Increase in military activities in IOR

1166. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is rapidly building

up its under-sea capabilities but India's submarine fleet is not in robust condition;

(b) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether military cooperation between China and Pakistan has been increasing and China has agreed to supply submarines to Pakistan, if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Pakistan is increasing its strength in Indian Ocean with Chinese help if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to meet the country's defence requirement and enhance surveillance in Indian Ocean Region (IOR)?

Safety and survival measures for soldiers posted at difficult conditions

1167. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the effective measures taken by Government for the soldiers of the country for their safety and survival while discharging their duties in the adventure places such as Siachen Glacier etc.; and

(b) whether Government has proposed to carry out modernisation of our Defence forces keeping in view of present external as well as internal threat to the country, if so, the details thereof?

Achievements made by DRDO

†1168. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievements of DRDO to make the country self-reliant in defence sector; and
- (b) the percentage of foreign goods being imported and used to manufacture various devices by DRDO and the percentage of its domestic self-reliance?

Reviewing pay and allowances of Armed Forces personnel

1169. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) when Government had decided to entrust the task of reviewing the pay and allowances of the Armed Forces to a Pay Commission in place of departmental Committee;
- (b) what were the constraints for and circumstances before Government for such a decision;
- (c) whether the terms of references for the Armed Forces and Civilians were same and why the pensions of Armed Forces Personnel were clubbed with Civilians; and
- (d) whether mistake had been committed in 1973 by "Ex-parte Administrative Order" in the matter and why that cannot be corrected to treat Armed Forces Personnel a separate class?

Investigation of corporate frauds by SFIO

1170. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up a

Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) to investigate corporate frauds of serious and complex nature;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of investigations carried out by this office during last three years with nature of frauds detected and prosecutions made; and
- (d) the details of corrective measures taken to prevent such frauds in future?

High excise duty on 10 to 13 seater vehicles

1171. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that motor vehicles of more than 10 seats but upto 13 seats capacity which are serving particularly the rural poor have to pay 27 per cent excise duty whereas vehicles with more than 13 seats are charged 12.5 per cent excise duty;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind this anomaly; and
- (c) what remedial measures Government propose to take to remove this anomaly so as to provide relief to vehicles with more than 10 seats but 13 seat capacity?

Training for OBC aspirants in banks

1172. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether guidelines dated 6th November, 2013 have been issued to all Banks to extend pre-promotion training to OBC employees prior to promotion and pre-recruitment training to OBC aspirants prior to appearing for Bank Examinations;

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(b) if so, the details of the banks that have extended this pre-promotion facility to OBC Employees; and

(c) if not, the action taken for implementation of the Ministry's guidelines?

Seventh Pay Commission's recommendations

1173. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accepted the report of the Seventh Pay Commission;

(b) whether any part of the report has not been accepted by Government, if so, which are the parts which have not been accepted;

(c) whether the Government proposes to give any financial assistance to the State Governments for implementing the proposals, they desire to implement; and

(d) if so, give details?

Vacancy of MD & CEOs in PSBs

1174. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies for the posts of MD & CEO and non-executive chairman in PSBs to be filled up;

(b) since when these positions are vacant;

(c) whether the Government proposes to fill up such vacancies; and

(d) if so, the time by when the said vacancies are likely to be filled up, and if not, reasons thereof?

Convictions under NDPS Act

1175. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases under Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 investigated in Goa in the last four years ;

(b) the number of cases in which prosecutions were filed;

(c) the number of cases in which convictions have taken during the period;

(d) the number of cases in which trials are pending; and

(e) the names of villages/towns in which the offences were detected and all related details thereof?

Cheating by a Ponzi Scheme

1176. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 5.5 lakh investors in the country were cheated by a ₹ 45,000 crore ponzi scheme launched by Pearls Group of companies and CBI investigation is going on in this case; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what measures are being taken to ensure the refund of the money invested by lakhs of innocent small investors?

Targets for tax realisation

1177. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for realisation of both direct and indirect taxes during 2015-16;

(b) how far these have been achieved by the end of December, 2015;

(c) whether there is likely to be a shortfall in both direct and indirect tax realisation;

(d) if so, reasons therefor; and

(e) how Government proposes to meet the targets by the end of the financial year 2015-16?

SDR scheme for banks

1178. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the loss incurred or to be incurred by the banks as a result of Corporate Debt Restructuring;

(b) the loss incurred or to be incurred by the banks as a result of Strategic Debt Restructuring (SDR);

(c) whether any assessment study has been done regarding the disinvestment of the companies at the end of 18 month period as per SDR scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilisation of education cess

1179. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds collected through education cesses, State-wise and year-wise since 2000;

(b) the intended beneficiary projects of this cess;

(c) the amount and proportion of these funds that were utilised, year-wise since 2000;

(d) the reason why the funds collected through dedicated cesses remain unutilised; and

(e) the steps taken to immediately allocate and disburse funds for development of education in India?

Budgetary support for NHM

1180. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cognisance has been taken of growing difference between 'Budget Requested' and 'Revised Approved Budget' (RNTCP 2015 report), if so, the details thereof and measures undertaken to bridge the gap, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether cognisance has been taken of slowdown in implementation of National Health Mission (NHM) due to transfer of funds to State treasuries instead of State health societies, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether State treasuries released funds to health societies within stipulated 15 day period, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, if not, reasons therefor?

Loan to micro enterprises by Mudra Bank

1181. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mudra Bank has set before it an ambitious target of advancing loans to the micro enterprises;

(b) if so, details of loans advanced by Mudra Bank to micro enterprises since April, 2015; and

(c) how could it disburse impressive loans to the micro enterprises?

Opening of bank branches in villages

1182. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for opening of bank branch in a village in the country;

(b) whether as per the RBI, many villages do not have bank branches till date;

(c) if so, the details of such villages, State-wise;

(d) whether there is a proposal to open a bank branch in every village with a population of 5,000 and above; and

(e) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Tax incentives for sugar industry

1183. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar industries in the country are in a pitiable condition; and

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing any time bound action plan for tax incentives for the development of sugar industry in the country?

Decline in recovery rate in PSBs

1184. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the recovery rate (the amount recovered as a percentage of additional write-off) for the top five Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the last three years;

(b) is it a fact that average recovery rate for PSBs has declined over the last three years;

(c) if so, reasons therefor and steps taken

by the Government to improve the recovery rate in PSBs; and

(d) details of the number of individual or business entities whose bad debts to the tune of ₹ 100 crore or more have been written off by the PSBs in the last three years, year-wise?

Functioning of overseas branches of PSBs

1185. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Nationalised Banks having branches abroad;

(b) the details of the Indian staffs posted in the branches established abroad, group-wise;

(c) the details of norms/guidelines for posting in overseas branches;

(d) the details of the salary, training, accommodation and facilities given to the officers during overseas posting;

(e) the details of the benefits accrued by banks by overseas branches;

(f) whether same procedure is adopted by overseas branches in opening an account, as being followed in India; and

(g) the details of loan lending procedure to local people followed by these overseas branches?

Decision taken in OECD meeting

1186. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any stand in G-20 Organisation for Economic Corporation Development (OECD) final plan for comprehensive, coherent and co-

ordinated reform of the International tax rules called Base Erosion and Profit Shifting; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to address the issue through institutional and legal mechanism in India?

Waiver of taxes for ports

1187. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to waive off commercial tax, sales tax, VAT, GST and all other taxes, till the ports start commercial activities in the country, particularly the ports in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken in this direction, so far?

Provisions for revenue deficit/ investment in AP State Reorganisation Act, 2014

1188. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are explicit provisions in the AP State Reorganisation Act, 2014 for financing revenue deficit and to invest on capital and infrastructure;

(b) whether post-bifurcation the State of Andhra Pradesh has sought specific and time bound Central assistance as provided in the said Act;

(c) the details of Central assistance released sector-wise;

(d) whether a road map has been drawn to fulfil the unfulfilled promises/provisions

under the AP State Reorganisation Act, 2014; and

(e) if so, specific details thereof to meet the legitimate entitlements of the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Action on recommendations of the Tax Administration Reform Commission

1189. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has set up a Tax Policy Research Unit and Tax Policy Council;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision follows recommendation of Tax Administration Reform Commission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of MUDRA into a Bank

1190. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MUDRA has been converted into a bank, from a Non-Banking Financial company;

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

(c) what additional benefits will people get on conversion of it into a bank;

(d) details of Shishu, Kishore and Tarun schemes being implemented under MUDRA; and

(e) status of the above schemes since MUDRA came into being?

Action plan to settle tax disputes

1191. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up an action plan to bring down pending tax disputes drastically; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the time-frame therefor?

Investment in Amaravati

1192. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of the funds invested in Amaravati, new Capital of Andhra Pradesh by each investor/domestic and international, project-wise;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to ease the business rules and give tax waivers to attract the investments for the construction of new capital of Andhra Pradesh-Amaravati in future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to give ₹4000 crore per annum for the construction of Amaravati, if so, the details thereof and amount released so far?

Action taken on report on stressed assets in India

1193. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the report on total stressed assets in India which states that it surged fivefold to \$133 billion USD in financial year 2015 \$27 billion in financial year 2011; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by the institutions and regulating bodies to reduce the incidence and quick remedy to shareholders and investors by simplifying bankruptcy law?

Outstanding credit to large borrowers

1194. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit to top 100 large borrowers in terms of funded amount outstanding, constituted 27.6 per cent of the credit to all large borrowers and 17.8 per cent of the credit to all commercial banks;

(b) the share of gross Non-Performing Assets of these 100 borrowers in total gross NPAs of all commercial banks increased sharply from 0.7 per cent in March, 2015 to 3.1 per cent in September, 2015; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the industrial sector accounts for major share of overall credit and stressed loans?

Mechanism for a check on call money rackets

1195. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider making a central law or strengthening the enforcement machinery to check the incidents like call money racket and agriculture based money ventures that have rocked Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the time-frame for the proposed actions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

IT rebate for cashless transactions

1196. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering granting IT rebate for cashless transactions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this move is aimed to encourage people to move away from cash transactions and curb black money flows; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that this move may eventually use cashless transaction records to build a credit history for the poor and help them access loans?

Constitution of TPC and TPRU

#1197. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has introduced two new bodies—The Tax Policy Council (TPC) and Tax Policy Research Unit (TPRU) to make a coherent tax policy;

(b) whether there was a justified need to constitute new bodies; and

(c) the respective roles and jurisdiction under the new body?

Investment awareness programmes in the country

†1198. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is organising an investment awareness programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its objectives and main features;

(c) whether Government has organised such programmes in rural areas of the country in the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for the selection of rural areas for above purpose; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and used for this purpose during the last three years and current year?

Commercial bank facilities in NE States

1199. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the outreach of commercial bank facilities and ATMs in N.E. States;

(b) whether the desired level of above facilities is not available due to poor digital connectivity; and

(c) whether in the alternative the Government proposes to facilitate the post offices in the NE region as payment banks?

Disinvestment of PSUs

1200. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of disinvestment of PSUs during the last three years viz. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) the names of PSUs disinvested and amount earned through disinvestment;

(c) whether there is any plan for disinvestment of remaining PSUs in the future; and

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(d) in what ways the efficiency of PSUs improved after disinvestment?

Faulty currency notes

1201. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has committed a mistake in printing of 1000 rupee currency notes worth ₹30,000 crore;

(b) if so, whether these currency notes were printed without silver security thread;

(c) if so, when this incident took place and at what point of time Reserve Bank of India realised its mistake;

(d) the number of wrongly printed currency notes circulated in the market by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(e) the steps taken by Reserve Bank of India to withdraw these faulty currency notes?

NPAs of PSBs, Private and Co-operative Banks

1202. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
DR. SANJAY SINH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bad loans/NPAs of public sector banks in the country, bank-wise;

(b) the details of bad loans/NPAs of private sector and cooperative banks in the country, bank-wise;

(c) how banks are planning to reduce bad loans;

(d) to what extent the seven point Indradhanush reforms would help to clean up their balance-sheets; and

(e) the amount so far infused into public sector banks to address the issue of NPAs?

Additional share to States under GST

1203. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state Goods and Services Tax (GST) being a consumption based tax, whether it is permissible to provide an additional share of one per cent to manufacturing States or those providing IT services or contributing foodgrains to the Central pool?

Foreign borrowings by Indian firms

#1204. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign borrowings of the Indian firms have registered significant increase in recent months;

(b) if so, the details of the debt borrowed on foreign and Indian currencies on 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(c) whether RBI has framed guidelines for rupee denomination bonds by Indian corporate to raise funds abroad and the value cap on the issuance of such bonds?

NPAs of individual borrowers

1205. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of NPAs of nationalised banks during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) how much amount of NPAs of Individual borrowers exceeding ₹ 500 crore; and

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(c) what measures does the Government propose to adopt to recover these NPAs?

Tax relaxation for corporates

1206. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount of tax relaxation given to corporates for the last three years, year-wise?

RBI guidelines on PCR for PSBs

1207. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the RBI guidelines, 70 per cent Provisioning Coverage Ratio (PCR) is mandatory for all public sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the details of public sector banks which have maintained PCR as per the RBI norms during last two years, year-wise and bank-wise;

(c) the details of public sector banks which have failed to maintain PCR during last two years and the current year, bank-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the action Government would take in this regard?

Foreign investment in India

†1208. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign investment has not been as per expectations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the amount of foreign investment in various sectors in last one year, details thereof?

Resolution of cases through MAP

1209. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of cases resolved by Central Board of Direct Taxes through Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP) and the amount involved, in the last two years and the current year;

(b) how long would this help to encourage foreign investment in the country;

(c) whether notice has been sent to a popular mobile service provider demanding crores of rupees as tax arrears, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of tax disputes under litigation in various courts in the last three years, including current year, year-wise, with details thereof?

Policy measures for controlling inflation

1210. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inflation has touched its highest level since the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of achievements made under policy measures taken by Government to control the inflation during last one year?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Loss to banks due to big defaulters

†1211. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and details of big defaulters of banks in respect of NPAs;

(b) the percentage of NPAs reflected as of loss to banks in the quarterly profit report of these Banks;

(c) whether it is a fact that the experts are of the opinion that the banks are adopting double standards in dealing with the big defaulters;

(d) the number of big defaulters who have repaid the loans after the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to make the names of big defaulters public; and

(e) the status thereof?

Legal framework against wilful defaulters

1212. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gross non-performing assets of public sector banks as on date, Bank wise;

(b) whether the Government has made any effort to effectively deal with wilful defaulters and check soaring bad loans;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to plug loopholes in the central legal framework of debt recovery and harsh penal provisions for wilful defaulters?

Foreign investments for 'Make in India' programme

1213. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of investors have come forward to invest in India under 'Make in India' programme;

(b) how much investment has already been made;

(c) how much is in the pipeline; and

(d) during the current financial year how much money has been withdrawn by foreign investors?

Check on flow of black money

1214. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that black money is still going out of the country;

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

(c) the reasons for which Government is not able to check the black money fully?

Government Investments on construction and maintenance works

1215. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state details of sector-wise investments made by Government of India for construction and maintenance works (civil) during 2014-15 and 2015-16?

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SIT investigations on black money

1216. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Apex Court had asked the Special Investigation Team on black money to ask the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) to verify whether US \$505 billion had flown out of the country during 2004-13;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the instruction to DRI comes on the heels of US-based think-tank Global Finance Integrity stating in a report that India has fourth largest outflow of black money in the world with a whopping US \$51 billion being siphoned out every year between 2004 and 2013; and

(d) what are the other recommendations that the SIT had made to recover black money?

Strategy to control Zika virus in Gujarat

1217. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any strategy to control the Zika virus in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government has sent any expert team to Gujarat for Zika virus disease; and

(c) what are the steps taken for Zika virus after the visit of the expert team to Gujarat and the details thereof?

Urban centres under NUHM

†1218. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Cabinet had granted its approval for National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) on 1st May, 2013;

(b) if so, the number of urban centres started in Bihar under National Urban Health Mission;

(c) the details of procedure/ methodology to bring rickshaw pullers, vendors, workers etc. under National Urban Health Mission; and

(d) the details of State-wise and city-wise centres under National Urban Health Mission in the country?

Rise in dengue cases

†1219. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been rise in dengue cases in 2015 in comparison to last few years;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of cases registered during last two years and current year in the country and the number of cases wherein patients had died;

(c) whether Government is aware that due to non-admission in hospitals of Delhi, many dengue patients have died during the year; and

(d) whether Government has any effective scheme to deal with dengue and, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishing AIIMS, in Tamil Nadu

1220. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

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letter from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to announce and expedite the formation of AIIMS in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has instructed the concerned authorities of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to give all necessary accordance and funds for the speedy implementation of above said project in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to provide adequate financial and medical logistic support to Tamil Nadu?

Avian flu in the country

1221. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Avian flu in the country;

(b) the number of people who had died out of this during the current year; and

(c) whether Government has issued some kind of advisory to the States to control this menace and if so, the details thereof?

Rural internship for medical students

1222. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider introducing mandatory criteria for those seeking admission in the Government Medical Colleges, to serve at least for one year during their internship, in the rural and remote areas where there is no medical professional;

(b) if so, by when it would consider introducing such criteria in the Government Medical Colleges; and

(c) if not, how Government proposes to reach medical professional to the rural and the remote areas where no Doctor is willing to go?

Status of UHC

1223. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current status of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) programme announced in 2014;

(b) what is percentage of people already covered under it;

(c) what percentage of SCs and STs and other vulnerable sections are covered by now; and

(d) in what way it is different from what was offered under NRHM and RSBY?

Mission Indradhanush in West Bengal

1224. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized for Mission Indradhanush along with district-wise details of West Bengal during last two years;

(b) the district-wise details of activities conducted along with beneficiaries reached under Mission Indradhanush in West Bengal;

(c) the details of expansion of coverage of the Mission, if any; and

(d) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized along with beneficiaries reached under various schemes and programmes for immunization of women and children except Mission Indradhanush along with district-wise details of the same for West Bengal?

Panel for promoting organ donation

1225. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any panel to promote organ donation to accelerate the organ transplant programme;

(b) whether Government has also decided to launch a programme to 'recognise and honour' families of persons who donate their organs; and

(c) whether Government is going to give more autonomy to National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) by making it a registered society and if so, a detailed factual report thereon?

Assessing impact on healthcare arising from customs duty hike

1226. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hike in customs duty on bulk drugs including life-saving drugs will hamper Government's attempt to provide low-cost and effective healthcare; and

(b) whether Government has initiated any measures to assess the impact of customs duty hike on bulk drugs, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in cases of life-style diseases

1227. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in life-style diseases like obesity, diabetes, hypertension etc.;

(b) the details thereof State-wise/UT-wise for the last three years;

(c) what is the cause for the increase of such diseases in India; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent the prevalence of these diseases?

Unwarranted caesarean births in private hospitals

1228. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disproportionately high number of babies are delivered by Caesarean section in the private hospitals for earning more profit fraudulently;

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

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the private hospital attitude towards unwarranted Caesarean deliveries which pose serious health problems to both mother and child?

Telemedicines centres at pilgrimage sites

1229. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up telemedicines centres at certain places of pilgrimage in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to strengthen E-health initiative to improve primary health services in rural and under-served areas of the country?

Malpractices in running of medical college

1230. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognisance of large scale malpractices like fake faculty, inadequate infrastructure and patient load etc. in running of medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases along with the type of malpractices come into light in the country along with the action taken by Government against the defaulting colleges during the last three years; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to promote medical education on one hand and weed out wide spread corruption in granting recognition to medical colleges and also strengthen the inspection mechanism on the other?

Abduction of babies from Government hospitals

1231. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that abduction of babies is a prevalent problem faced by the patients in all Government hospitals;

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

(c) the details of action taken against the staff/personnel of Government hospitals in this regard;

(d) the details of incidents of abduction of babies reported in Government hospitals in last three years; and

(e) the measures recommended by the

Ministry to Government hospitals to curb this menace?

Platform for redressal of medical negligence cases

1232. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of complaints of medical negligence cases are reported and not redressed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no proper platform or grievance redressal forum for the patients medical negligence cases in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is planning to set up a mechanism in this regard and, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Type-2 diabetes in women

1233. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Type-2 diabetes among women in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that AIIMS teamed up with Georgia Institute for Global Health with regard to Type-2 diabetes among women;

(c) to what extent this help in reducing or delaying Type-2 diabetes in the country; and

(d) the money that the Ministry is spending to prevent Type-2 diabetes in the country in the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise?

Poor state of primary healthcare centres

1234. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor quality or absence of instruments in primary healthcare centres across the country; and

(b) whether Government plans to provide modern instruments and machinery in all primary healthcare centres in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Super-speciality blocks in Rajasthan medical colleges

†1235. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal to Government to open super-speciality blocks in the medical colleges situated in divisional headquarters of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Ajmer keeping in view demand and necessity of the public; and

(b) if so, whether Government intends to sanction the aforesaid proposal in the interest of the common man, if so, by when and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Tackling problem of sub-standard drugs

1236. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the survey conducted by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), about five per cent of the drugs in the Indian market are substandard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these sub-standard drugs are mainly sold in the rural areas and they work less effectively causing disease to run a longer course; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to tackle the problem of sub-standard drugs?

Compulsory gender testing

1237. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make gender testing by ultrasound compulsory, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the precautionary methods being taken or to be taken by Government against female foeticide?

Starting of medical college at Kalahandi, Odisha

1238. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of funds sanctioned for Odisha for the medical colleges and by when Government will give its share to the State;

(b) whether the Ministry would consider to start one medical college fully funded by Central Government in Kalahandi district of Odisha which is one of the KBK districts, as a special case; and

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

Eradication of Japanese Encephalitis

1239. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deaths from Japanese Encephalitis is spreading rapidly all over the State of Jharkhand;

(b) how many people have fallen prey to the water borne diseases like encephalitis in Jharkhand since August, 2014 and how many of them died; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to eradicate this menace?

Import of stents

1240. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the different varieties of stents being used in the country;

(b) what is the estimated annual requirement of stents in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the country, is also importing stents;

(d) if so, what is the import price of cardiac stent and at what price the same are being sold to patients in the country, variety-wise; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to bring it under essential medicines list and, if so, the details thereof?

Holding of dual post by AIIMS Director

1241. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in blatant violation of the orders of 2007 by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, Director of AIIMS is holding simultaneously the post of Chief of Jai Prakash Narayan Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of other violations of the above judgement of Hon'ble High Court and the reasons therefor, case-wise; and

(c) whether Government has received any representation from MPs in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Opening of AIIMS, Himachal Pradesh

†1242. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced opening of AIIMS in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when the decision on funding will be taken as the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has nearly completed all formalities; and

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

Deaths from arsenic contamination

1243. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of health problems

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and deaths on account of consumption of contaminated water, particularly arsenic contaminated water have been reported from various parts of the country, particularly Jharkhand;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to check such deaths?

Preventive measures against Zika virus

1244. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent outbreak of Zika disease has affected people in parts of India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that as many as 4 million people could be affected by the latest outbreak of Zika across the world and has declared Global Medical Emergency therefor; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures Government has taken in short term and long term and the details thereof?

Practice of taking commission for prescribing medicines

†1245. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malpractice of taking commission by prescribing expensive medicines to patients in hospitals of the country is flourishing rampantly as

a result of which the common man is facing problems;

(b) if so, the details of strict steps being taken by Government to curb the practice of commission taking;

(c) whether it is also a fact that malpractice of taking commission is going on for a long time in Himachal Pradesh also but the State Government is silent upon it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and details of strict steps being taken by Government?

Initiatives for healthy living

1246. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry to fulfill needs—"Prevention is better than cure", good food habits, daily life habits bring good life—and what is the impact?

High incidence of anti-microbial resistance

1247. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that easy availability and higher consumption of medicines have led to disproportionately higher incidence of inappropriate use of antibiotics in the country as compared to developed countries;

(b) considering the disease burden of the Indian population, what is the percentage of disease burden caused by infectious diseases;

(c) whether it is a fact that several diseases including TB are increasingly becoming resistant to drugs;

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(d) whether Government has data on the kind of pathogens which are increasingly showing anti-microbial resistance; and

(e) what steps Government has taken or proposes to take to reduce/eliminate anti-microbial resistance?

Setting up of district-level food testing laboratories

1248. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred on food testing laboratories during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the further steps taken or being taken by Government to set up food testing laboratories equipped with modern facilities in every district in the country in order to check food adulteration without loss of time?

Rise in deaths of new borns

†1249. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that the main causes of rise in infant death rate are due to shortage of special new born care units, new born stabilization units and new born care corners thereof; and

(b) the number of such functional units and their bed capacities and the number of units opened during last two years, the details thereof for rural and urban areas, separately?

Need for increasing healthcare spending

1250. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the need to increase Government spending on healthcare as reflected in National Health Policy 2015, has been considered by the Centre; and

(b) whether increase in allocation has been sought for the next financial year?

Data on adverse drug reaction cases

1251. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any data is available regarding adverse drug reaction among patients during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rate of adverse drug reaction has doubled in the past ten years;

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to increase the reporting of adverse drug reactions among patients and the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to monitor and regulate safety of drugs being marketed in the country?

New cancer cases in the country

1252. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over 80 lakh cancer patients in the world and about 29 lakh in India;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that 11 lakh new patients are detected every year in India; and

(c) whether with a view to prevent and cure cancer, Government has decided to set up institutes for advance research, if so, the details thereof?

New medical colleges

1253. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up 58 new medical colleges attached with the existing districts and referral hospitals, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether adequate infrastructure exists in all these hospitals like labs, equipments and faculty etc.;

(c) how many hospitals in Maharashtra, particularly in Vidarbha region have been identified for the purpose; and

(d) what will be funding pattern of this scheme and how it will be implemented?

Improving the healthcare facilities in rural and tribal areas

1254. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is lack of adequate healthcare facilities in rural backward and tribal areas of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the necessary steps that Government is taking to improve the medical and healthcare facilities in rural India and tribal areas of the country?

Action against spurious drugs rackets

1255. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government has drawn its attention towards flourishing business of spurious medicines in various parts of the country, if so, the action taken in this regard?

Expensive medicines for cardiac diseases

†1256. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA
SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it has been stated in a study report conducted by World Health Organisation that the medicines of cardiac diseases are getting out of reach of common man in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is targeted to handover health sector to private sector gradually; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an acute shortage of doctors and other staff in newly opened AIIMS and there is delay in setting up new proposed AIIMS in country and the details thereof?

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Free healthcare insurance scheme for the poor

1257. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch free healthcare insurance scheme for the poorest section in the country including Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, what measures Government proposes to take to ensure free healthcare to the poorest section in the country including Maharashtra?

Increase in patient loads at AIIMS, Delhi

†1258. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients in AIIMS, Delhi is constantly increasing, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the name of the States from where the highest number of patients comes to AIIMS, State-wise details thereof?

Children taken ill after taking deworming pills

1259. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 100 students in Odisha and Rajasthan were taken ill after taking deworming pills;

(b) whether the characters of illness reported by the children (nausea, dizziness, stomach ache) are the general symptoms after consuming deworming pills; and

(c) whether there is a drug regulation body for monitoring the medicine provided to children *via* institutions, if so, the details thereof?

AIIMS-like hospitals in Odisha

1260. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many AIIMS-like hospitals have been established throughout the country;

(b) how many more such hospitals are proposed to be set up in the near future;

(c) what is the criteria adopted by Government to select a place for setting up an AIIMS-like hospitals;

(d) whether Odisha is also covered under the proposal for setting up the AIIMS like hospital; and

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

Cardiovascular diseases in the country

1261. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware about non-availability of immaculate data regarding cardiovascular disease patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons and expected period of data availability and if not, the State-wise details for last three years;

(c) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilised along with beneficiaries reached through schemes for cardiovascular diseases during last three

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years along with district-wise details for West Bengal; and

(d) whether Ministry is intending to initiate programme to tackle rising menace of heart diseases among children, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Pass percentage of foreign medical degree holders

1262. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pass percentage of foreign medical degree holders in the screening test for recognition of their degrees in India is steadily declining from 28.3 per cent in 2012-13 to 10.4 per cent in 2015-16, if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is due to the tough questions deliberately set to discriminate against students from foreign universities as being alleged by the students or because of the low standard of the foreign universities?

Funds allocated for ICMR

1263. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds demanded by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to ICMR for the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) the reason for discrepancy in the

amount needed and the amount allocated; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the research potential of ICMR including financial capacity, managerial ability, availability of equipment and reagents etc.?

Strengthening primary healthcare network

1264. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken measures/plans to undertake measures to strengthen the primary healthcare network, if so, the details thereof and timeline for introduction of the same, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is planning on introducing universal health insurance policies, if so, the details thereof and introduction of the same; and

(c) if not, the measures taken by Government to resolve the problem of high hospitalization expenses particularly in metros?

Daily submission of programmes to be broadcast

1265. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has mandated the Community Radio Stations for daily submission of programmes to be broadcast;

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

(c) whether certain stakeholders have

opposed to the move of the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Regional News Units at Doordarshan in Uttarakhand

†1266. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Regional News Units of Doordarshan are yet to be started and the names of the States where more than one News Units have been setup;

(b) whether the Ministry is not in a position to start Regional News Units of Doordarshan in Uttarakhand; and

(c) if not, the places where Regional News Units are being run in rented buildings and since when, the details thereof?

Misleading advertisements by companies

1267. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) pulled up some of the companies for misleading advertisements of their product;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against these companies, product-wise and company-wise; and

(c) what are the names of companies and their products which are still under investigation of ASCI?

Regional films on Doordarshan

1268. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various complaints received by Government regarding broadcasting of regional films on Doordarshan during the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether any norms have been fixed for broadcasting of regional films on Doordarshan under Indian Panorama;

(c) if so, the details thereof including names of such films broadcasted on Doordarshan during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any remuneration is provided for films selected under Indian Panorama; and

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

Misuse of time lag between live cricket match and broadcasting of the match

1269. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a time lag between the live match and broadcasting of a cricket match;

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

(c) whether Government has received complaints regarding bookies taking

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advantage of such time lag and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to direct the channels to reduce the time lag?

Use of community radio for communication campaign

1270. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is using community radio for communication campaigns in the country, particularly in relation to health, education, women rights, protection of environment, consumer rights, etc.;

(b) whether the Ministry is coordinating with other nodal Ministries and agencies to make community radio a popular one; and

(c) whether there are any plans to tie up with FM radio channels to give wide publicity of community radios?

Adverse impact of TV serials on youths

1271. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in programmes or serials on several TV channels having obscene, criminal, violent content and dialogues with double meaning in the name of entertainment;

(b) whether such serials mislead our society or young generation and deform this immature heart and mind;

(c) whether Government has defined

any policy like censorship to make such programme decent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Science and Technology Research based DD Channel

1272. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to launch an exclusive Science and Technology Research based DD Channel in the country for the benefit of various communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Piracy of films

1273. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the piracy of films and other entertainment content in India;

(b) what is the amount of loss occurred to film industry due to piracy in India during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

Employees on deemed deputation to Prasar Bharati

1274. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had sent any proposal to Seventh Central Pay

Commission for all those employees on deemed deputation to Prasar Bharati;

(b) the status of proposal received from Prasar Bharati as stated in reply to USQ No. 312 answered on 1 December, 2015 regarding grant of upgraded pay scale for all employees;

(c) the details of employees belonging to Subordinate Engineering Cadre and Programme Cadre of Prasar Bharati joined after 25 February, 1999, who have been extended the benefits of Ministry's communication dated 25 February, 1999; and

(d) the status of implementation of pay anomalies of Prasar Bharati employees?

Cable digitisation programme

1275. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cable digitisation programme of the Government has hit a road-block after various cable services provider association have moved to courts against this programme;

(b) if so, what is the achievement of cable digitisation programme till date; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

Recommendations of Kundu Committee Report on status of Muslims

1276. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of the Amitabh

Kundu Committee Report on the status of Muslims in the country;

(b) if so, specifications of the recommendations accepted by it and the details of their implementation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unspent MSDP funds

1277. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nothing has been spent by Government of Telangana of the funds released by the Ministry under Multi-Sectoral Development Plan (MSDP) in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) if so, the details of funds released and the reasons for not utilizing the same;

(c) does it not mean that funds under MSDP are mainly for infrastructure development in areas like health, education, etc.; and

(d) if so, how Ministry looks at the pathetic performance of Telangana and how is it going to ensure that funds meant for minorities are utilized early?

Job opportunities for minority youths

1278. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch new schemes to create job opportunities amongst the youth belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the funds

allocated for the same during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether Government proposes to carry out quarterly and annual employment surveys based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey to track the number of youths belonging to the minority sections having employment; and

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

Sub-plan for minorities

1279. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-plan for minorities has been utilized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the Sub-plan and its implementation, State-wise?

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