

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 8, 2015/Agrahayana 17, 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

Exemption of Mumbai flats from service tax

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to exempt the sale of flats that do not have completion certificates, from service tax;

(b) if so, whether this will put to rest a long-standing contentious issue in Mumbai where most flats do not have a completion certificate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Extension of overdraft facility to Jan Dhan account holders

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

(a) whether Government proposes to extend overdraft facility to Jan Dhan account holders in the country; and

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

Expansion and security at Mumbai and Kolkata airports

*93. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major constraints relating to expansion as well as security at the Mumbai and Kolkata airports;

(b) whether there are some encroachments at the land originally earmarked for the Mumbai airport; and

(c) if so, efforts made to remove them and what has been the result thereof?

US Air bases in Indian Ocean and South China Sea

*94. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of US Air bases in the Indian Ocean and South China Sea;

(b) whether such bases pose a danger to the security of the country; and

(c) whether India has taken up this issue with the US authorities, if so, the details thereof?

Opening AMRIT outlet in Kerala

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the increase in the number of cases of cancer and cardiovascular diseases in Kerala;

(b) whether the AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) outlet, which provides drugs for cancer and cardiovascular diseases on affordable rates, is being opened in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the timeline for opening AMRIT outlet in Kerala?

Adulteration in food products

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that incidents such as food adulteration of Nestle Maggi Noodles have been detected across the country;

(b) if so, the measures taken to prevent such adulteration;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that there has been a gross error in detection of adulteration in various food items including Maggi which has led to tremendous losses for the producing company and brought disrepute for the country; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such actions in future?

Rules for use and distribution of CSR money

*97. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any rules for the use and distribution of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) money; and

(b) whether the CSR money can be used for political activities like campaigning, distribution etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Unani hospital for CGHS beneficiaries

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

(a) the details of hospitals of various systems for CGHS beneficiaries in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no Unani hospital for CGHS beneficiaries in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to establish a Unani hospital for CGHS beneficiaries?

Opening of AMRIT outlets

*99. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) outlets providing discounted cancer and heart disease medication opened by Government;

(b) the number of outlets proposed to be opened, State-wise, and the projected completion time;

(c) the rate of discount offered at AMRIT outlets;

(d) the details of any eligibility criteria for the patients to meet to purchase discounted medication at these outlets; and

(e) whether Government plans to provide discounted medication for other serious diseases in these outlets, if so, the details thereof?

Efficient fuel management by airlines

*100. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked all airlines to stop allowing excessive duty free material and extra crew baggage on board;

(b) whether this is being done with a view to ensure efficient fuel management during flight;

(c) whether the DGCA has also asked the airlines to avoid unwanted extra weight in order to curb additional fuel burden; and

(d) whether the latest directive of the aviation regulator is part of a detailed circular on climate change initiatives and local air quality monitoring in civil aviation sector?

Treatment of mental health patients

*101. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population suffering from mental health disease and schizophrenia separately;

(b) the facilities available for treating mental health patients including schizophrenia in the country;

(c) the steps taken by Government to create awareness about mental health disease; and

(d) the allocation made and the amount spent in last three years on mental health hospitals in the country by Government?

Raising overseas investment limit in private banks

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

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to raise the overseas investment limit in private banking sector to 100 per cent from the present 74 per cent, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) which are the banks which have applied for increasing the FDI limit to 100 per cent?

Status of implementation of Sachar Committee's recommendations

*103. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the implementation of the Sachar Committee's recommendations;

(b) how much expenditure has been incurred in this regard during 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(c) how much of this amount is specifically spent on education during the aforementioned period?

Non-release of funds due to non-receipt of Utilization Certificates

*104. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many projects pertaining to Assam, in which balance amount is pending due to non-receipt of Utilization Certificates, in various Central Ministries;

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

(c) the number of Utilization Certificates which are pending, project-wise, Ministry-wise and the details thereof?

Disbanding of random scrutiny of IT cases

*105. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has rolled out a pilot project to conduct scrutiny and assessment in an e-environment by sending queries through e-mails;

(b) if so, the details of the pilot project of IT Department; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to disband random scrutiny of cases, so as to avoid harassment to IT payers and if not, the reasons therefor?

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(Ministry-wise)

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