

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

#### Promotion of AYUSH

961. SHRI MD. NADIMUL  
HAQUE: Will the Minister of  
AYURVEDA, YOGA &  
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government has taken  
steps to publicise AYUSH methods of  
treatment in the country, if so, the details  
thereof;

(b) how many institutes in the country  
are for AYUSH education specifically, and  
the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) State-wise details of the amount  
disbursed to State Governments for the  
promotion of AYUSH?

#### Prescribing of allopathic medicines by AYUSH practitioners

962. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will  
the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &  
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government had taken any  
categorical decision in the issue pertaining  
to qualified practioners of Ayurveda, Unani,  
Siddha and Homoeopathy systems  
prescribing allopathic medicines; and

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

#### Provision for AYUSH facility in hospitals and dispensaries

963. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY:  
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA  
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the  
Government hospitals and dispensaries are  
without any section where the treatment is  
provided according to all the streams of  
AYUSH;

(b) whether Government has any action  
plan to provide such AYUSH facility to  
every Government dispensary and  
hospital; and

(c) if so, what is the time-line; if not, the reasons therefor?

**New yoga centres in the remote areas**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to develop and establish new yoga centres in the remote areas of the States like Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) presently how many yoga institutes, like the Morarji Desai National Yoga Institute, Delhi are running in India?

**Yoga centres in Bihar**

†965. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will treat people through Yoga and Naturopathy, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of Yoga treatment centres opened in the country and the number of such Yoga centres opened in Bihar, the details thereof and the funds released to Bihar for this purpose?

**Objectives for Conducting International Yoga Day**

966. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on promoting and conducting the International Yoga Day with a detailed breakup of the cost;

(b) whether the Ministry had any objectives outlined for conducting this event; and

(c) if so, whether they were successfully met?

**All India Institute of Ayurveda**

967. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in 2008 had decided to set up an All India Institute of Ayurveda;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal along with the reasons for delay in its implementation along with the details of cost escalation; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for early operationalisation of the Institute?

**Rescheduling of AI, Delhi to Goa flight**

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

(a) whether Air India has made changes in the operations of their flight in Delhi-Goa sector;

(b) the reasons, as to why, these changes were made;

(c) whether the earlier schedule or frequency of flight on this sector is proposed to be restored;

(d) the number of employees, and their

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categories, suspended or removed from service; and

(e) the reasons as to why these actions were taken and the details thereof?

**Fine on airlines for acting like a cartel**

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

(a) whether three private airlines have been fined for acting like a cartel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government has taken to protect the interests of consumers and traders?

**Injectable contraceptive for women**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to introduce injectable contraceptive for women in the public health system and family welfare programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to allay the safety concern of women about this contraceptive including menstrual irregularity, demineralisation of bones etc.?

**Financial crunch of Air India**

971. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of finances of Air India;

(b) whether it is also fact that still it is facing financial crunch, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that economically viable routes are being given to private airlines and only non-viable routes are taken by the Air India, leading to losses, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to bring Air India out from the financial crunch that it is facing?

**Over burdened aviation sector**

972. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI PAUL MANOJ  
PANDIAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to experts a telecom like revolution in Indian aviation sector can enable everyone to fly and it can happen with pragmatic approach by the Government and all stakeholders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the root cause behind India's struggling aviation sector is its wrong perception as an elitist service rather than a time saving tool;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at present the aviation sector in India is over taxed, over regulated, over protected and suffers from high structural costs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Incidents of tyre burst of aircrafts**

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

(a) whether any instances of tyre-burst involving aircrafts of various airlines have been reported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of such instances reported during the said period, airport and airline-wise including Air India;

(c) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has investigated these incidents;

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by DGCA to avert such incident in future?

**Expansion and modernisation of non-metro airports**

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

(a) the number of non-metro airports in the country and the number of them that are operational till date;

(b) whether Government has undertaken or proposes to undertake expansion/modernisation of metro and non-metro airports under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure completion of non-metro airports without any further cost escalation?

**Seat occupancy ratio in flights**

975. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many airlines are functioning in this country;

(b) how many of them were in the red last year;

(c) whether occupancy of seats in all the flights are full always, if not, what is the average unutilised capacity; and

(d) how Government intends to make them fully utilised?

**Delay in Haj flights**

976. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of flights meant for Haj pilgrims were delayed for hours together and the Haj pilgrims faced a lot of difficulties in Saudi Arabia on the way back to India;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that such problems occur year after year and the same have not been solved, so far?

**Inadequate flight operations inspectors at international airports**

977. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had downgraded civil aviation sector for want of adequate flight operations inspectors at international airports of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has also placed adequate flight operations inspections as per the norms of FAA; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

#### **New airports in Bihar**

†978. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to build new airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of airports proposed to be built in the country and the names of places in Bihar where airports are proposed, the details thereof?

#### **Improvement in financial efficiency of Air India**

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

(a) whether Air India have improved in the area of financial efficiency during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which international segment provides for highest profit/revenue for Air India?

#### **MoU with Korea for better air connectivity**

980. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has

signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Republic of Korea to enhance the existing air service cooperation between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of cities proposed to be connected with Republic of Korea; and

(d) the extent to which the air connectivity will be enhanced after signing of aforesaid MoU?

#### **Avoidance of delay in Modernisation and upgradation of airports and helipads**

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

(a) whether Government has received any request from the States for modernisation of the airports and helipads and if so, the details thereof, State/UT and airport-wise;

(b) whether Government has directed the airport regulator to put in place an effective monitoring mechanism to avoid delays in upgradation/modernisation plans of the airports/helipads and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps being taken to ensure completion of upgradation of non-metro airports without any further cost escalation?

#### **Operation and management of Kolkata and Chennai airports**

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

(a) whether a decision has been taken to allow Airports Authority of India (AAI)

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to continue to operate and manage airports at Kolkata;

(b) if so, whether the decision to do it under Public Private Partnership (PPP) has been dropped; and

(c) what is the position of Chennai airport in this regard?

#### **Increase in Passenger service fee**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Passenger Service Fee (PSF) is charged as part of passenger fare of air travel;

(b) how much amount was collected as PSF during each of the last three years and current year;

(c) what was the expenditure during each of the last three years and current year under separate heads, year-wise, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the PSF; and

(e) how many services are provided to the passengers, the details thereof, and whether these services have been put on hold?

#### **Second airport in the NCR**

984. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had planned to set up a second airport in the National Capital Region in the State of Haryana keeping in view of increasing air traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also identified the location for the purpose of second airport in the National Capital Region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the actions proposed by Government in this regard?

#### **Guidelines for cleaning aircrafts as per IATA standards**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that aircrafts in India often remain dirty as cleaners don't have time to clean the aircrafts due to quick turnaround time demanded by them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-cleaning of aircrafts, flights exposes travellers to high levels of germs and bacteria causing diseases like influenza, E-Coli and listeric etc.; and

(c) if so, what are the guidelines for cleaning aircrafts as per IATA standards and what steps Government proposes to take to ensure that all airlines in India are given sufficient time to clean the aircrafts?

#### **Permission to airlines to carry ground handling at airports**

986. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intends to allow airlines to carry out ground handling at the airports in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Home Affairs has opposed this move;

(c) if so, the details thereof with reasons cited by the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(d) whether final decision has been taken in this regard; and

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

#### **SC/ST employed as ATCs**

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

(a) the details of the total number of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) employed in various airports across the country; and

(b) the details of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who are employed as Air Traffic Controller (ATCs) out of this total number?

#### **Improving the process of e-filing of documents**

988. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that several difficulties are being faced by companies and professionals in electronic filing of forms and documents;

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to improve the process of electronic filing of documents including the steps taken to implement the suggestions given by stakeholders;

(c) whether the Ministry is intending to relax the existing set of stringent regulations pertaining to electronic-filing of documents to provide relief to the assessee; and

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

#### **SFIO probe on illicit money remittance case**

989. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) has started probing 10 companies in connection with ₹ 6000 crore illicit money remittance case involving public lender Bank of Baroda;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether SFIO has started investigation into the alleged wrong doing and violation by these firms under the Companies Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **High Level Committee on CSR**

990. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has set up a High Level Committee to suggest measures for implementation of CSR policies;

(b) if so, when the Committee was constituted and what are the terms of reference given to it;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the details of recommendations made and action so far taken by the Ministry on the same?

#### **Deliberations between ICAI, ICSI and ICAI on MDP firms**

991. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress of deliberations

between ICAI, ICSI and ICoAI on the issue of Multi-Disciplinary Partnership (MDP) firms are as per targets set in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the matter;

(c) the time by which such deliberations are proposed to be finalised;

(d) what measures are taken to popularise the concept of MDP firms and Limited Liability Partnerships in India; and

(e) whether MDP firms initiatives are limited to three professional bodies (ICAI, ICSI and ICoAI) and whether the coverage is not being extended to MBAs, Engineers etc.?

#### **Indigenisation in defence sector**

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

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry of Defence so far to promote indigenisation in defence production;

(b) the details of foreign and domestic companies which have shown interest in this regard; and

(c) the outcome of this campaign so far?

#### **Production capacities of ordnance factories**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of ordnance factories is inadequate;

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

(c) if not, the annual production of ordnance factories; and

(d) the proportion of production of arms and their import from foreign countries in accordance with the total need?

#### **Army personnel killed in ceasefire violations**

994. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ceasefire violations that have been taken place in J&K in the recent months;

(b) the number of army personnel killed during these ceasefire violations; and

(c) the compensation given to the families of the army personnel died in the said incidents?

#### **Def Expo 2016**

995. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to organise Def Expo 2016 in the State of Goa;

(b) if so, the village or town area identified for the purpose;

(c) the quantum of area proposed to be made available for the purpose;

(d) who has allotted the land, in whose favour the land has been allotted, nature of deed executed or proposed to be executed;

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(e) whether it is a fact that the Def Expo was organised in Delhi earlier; and

(f) what were the terms and conditions of the allotment of land to Def Expo in Delhi and the details thereof?

India in this field of defence production despite so large workforces; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for betterment of the situation?

#### **Shortage of army hospitals**

†996. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is dearth of army hospitals in the country;

(b) the number of army men admitted to the private hospitals due to infectious diseases in the last one year and the details of the total expenditure incurred on them;

(c) whether it is a fact that in view of infectious diseases, health camps have been organized for the soldiers by the Army; and

(d) the places where said camps were organized during last one year along with details thereof?

#### **Foreign deals in defence sector under Make in India policy**

998. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed deals with foreign vendors/entities for projects in defence sector under Make in India policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the type of projects and amount of investment;

(c) how many Indians will get employment in the said projects; and

(d) the time target for the projects to make them operational?

#### **Role of MSME in defence sector**

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

(a) whether 80 per cent of the weapons and aircrafts are made in MSME sector on world level;

(b) whether there are six thousand MSMEs in India related to defence sector and two lakhs of people are working in them, this number being equivalent to people working in defence sector companies of Britain and France which are at the top in the field of defence production;

(c) the reasons for lagging behind by

#### **Indigenous entrepreneurs in aviation equipment field**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of indigenous procurement of aviation equipment for Indian Army has increased over the years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any policy to promote the entry of more entrepreneurs in the field of aviation equipment; and

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

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**Shortage of fighter planes in the Air Force**

†1000. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has quite less fighter planes in comparison to its requirement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it is not likely to affect the capability of the Air Force in adverse situations;

(c) the points focused upon in the Conference of Commanders of the Air Force in October and steps being taken to fulfil them; and

(d) the steps taken to build indigenous fighter planes and the details thereof?

**Foolproof coastal and marine security**

1001. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made to ensure coastal and marine security foolproof, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what efforts are being made to plug security loopholes in the coastal security, especially off Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(c) in view of long coastline running to over 7500 kms., whether security and monitoring system will be strengthened to guard strategic installations and important cities and the details thereof?

**Army personnel killed in terrorists encounters**

1002. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the casualties that have taken place during the fight against terrorists during the last six months;

(b) the compensation given to the families of the army personnel died during the encounters against terrorists; and

(c) the number of army personnel killed during the fight against terrorists during the last one year?

**Shortage of weapons and helicopters with the Armed Forces**

1003. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) leaving aside the new-generation military hardware like assault rifles, light machine guns and close quarter battle carbines, whether Government has even shelved a proposal cleared in 2009 for acquiring more than 1,90,000 bullet-proof jackets for the infantry soldiers;

(b) whether there is shortage of ammunition which currently is not enough to sustain even 20 days intense warfare when 40 days is the norm; and

(c) whether huge deficiencies are reported in the inventory of 150 mm artillery guns, helicopters, and 3rd generation anti-tank guided missiles?

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**Purchasing of new aircrafts for the Air Force**

†1004. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircraft requisitioned from Government by the Air Force;

(b) the number of aircrafts for which Government has made a deal so far for the Air Force and until when they would be made available to the Air Force;

(c) whether Government is not purchasing the required number of aircrafts for the Indian Air Force remaining complacent about China and Pakistan, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) until when the aircrafts would be made available to Indian Air Force as per its requirement; and

(e) until when fighter aircrafts from France would be procured?

**Taking over of Hindustan Cables**

1005. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry is considering a proposal to take over the sick Hindustan Cables; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and at what stage is the proposal?

**Women pilots commanding fighter planes**

†1006. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to give command of fighter planes to women pilots;

(b) if so, whether any initiative has been taken by Government in this direction; and

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

**Profit or loss to commercial banks in foreign exchange dealings**

1007. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there in any way to assess separately the profit or loss made by commercial banks in foreign exchange dealings, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has come across any instance of banks incurring losses due to their foreign exchange transactions like forward, option etc. if so, the details thereof?

**Involvement of banks in sending black money abroad**

†1008. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of black money sent abroad that have come to the notice of Government and the amount of money sent abroad in each case;

(b) the name of banks involved in sending black money abroad and the amount of money sent abroad by them; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the persons responsible for sending black money abroad and against the banks which are cooperating in it?

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**Assistance of whistleblower in HSBC black money case**

1009. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether HSBC whistleblower who has leaked the details of Indians who have stashed black money in foreign accounts have twice written to Government offering his assistance in the black money probe, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has accepted his assistance in black money probe, if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Recapitalisation of PSBs**

1010. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of Public Sector Banks are inadequately capitalised due to increase in the NPAs;

(b) will the PSBs be regulating infusion of more funds to meet Basel III and RBI norms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the proposal of the Government for recapitalisation of PSBs?

**Benefits of MUDRA scheme to Government employees**

†1011. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of MUDRA scheme;

(b) total number of persons benefited so far under this scheme; and

(c) whether the persons working in the Government service sector will get its benefit and if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of Recommendations of Seventh Pay Commission**

1012. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Seventh Pay Commission has submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has finalised the implementation of the Seventh pay Commission recommendations; and

(d) the details of the amendments Government is planning to do in the Seventh Pay commission recommendations?

**Municipal bonds for infrastructure projects**

1013. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Municipal bonds are currently being used to generate finance for municipalities;

(b) what is the amount of money currently invested in Municipal bonds across India, State-wise details may be given;

(c) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to promote investment in long term Municipal bonds for infrastructure projects like Smart City Mission; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the Ministry, including amending relevant laws, to enable municipalities across the country

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to obtain credit rating for raising funds from the market?

**Recommendations of Fourteenth Finance Commission on release of grants to States**

1014. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for evolution of a new institutional arrangement, as recommended by the Fourteenth Finance Commission, for identifying the sectors in the States that should be eligible for grants from the Union and identifying and providing area specific grants etc.; and

(b) if not, will the Minister take immediate steps on this score, as it would facilitate early release of specific-purpose grants (as visualised by the commission) in favour of the State?

**Raising of funds by Indian entrepreneurs**

1015. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian entrepreneurs struggle four to five times more to raise money as compared to their American and European counterparts and the difficulty increases manifold if the entrepreneur is from the deprived sections or women; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by the Government to create level playing ground for Indian entrepreneurs, the details thereof?

**Legal norms for NBFCs**

1016. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the fact that many non-banking finance companies and urban cooperative banks are offering attractive interest rate to common people and collecting huge amount from them and many of these NBFCs and urban cooperative banks are winding up their business resulting in the hard money of common people going down the drain; and

(b) whether due to lack of strict legal norms, culprits are escaping from legal net and with very slow liquidation process of these NBFCs and UCBs, its difficult to recover money and if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

**Prosecutions launched for black money cases**

1017. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any FIR have been filed in the black money cases, if so, details thereof;

(b) the details of the prosecutions launched till now;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with the current status of investigation; and

(d) if not, the corrective measures being contemplated to speed up the investigation to bring it to finality?

**Action against persons for non-disclosure of black money in foreign accounts**

†1018. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has still not got hold of such person who have not disclosed their black money kept in foreign countries;

(b) if so, by when the Government would take strict action against the persons keeping black money in foreign countries; and

(c) if not, the number of people detained till now and the action taken on them?

**Role of ARC in reducing NPAs**

1019. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any special arrangements to recover the loan amounts from the NPA accounts and willful defaulters, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the composition, role and responsibility of Assets Reconstruction Company (ARC) registered with Reserve Bank of India;

(c) the total value of NPA accounts/bad loans bought by ARCs in the last five years and the total value of security receipts received by nationalised banks; and

(d) the foreign Investment in ARCs and the modalities for recovery procedures adopted by the ARCs with foreign investments?

**Progress on tracking black money**

1020. POF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has heeded to Supreme Court's directive to make a quick decision on what it will do with the recommendations of the SIT on black money;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has made any progress on tracking or recovering the traceable "black money" on which the SIT's 15th May, 2015 report gave details and recommendations; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**Taxes on online shopping**

†1021. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Central Government and State Governments are not getting amounts collected through tax owing to online sale of products by companies;

(b) if so, whether Government has framed any rules to recover tax on online shopping;

(c) if not, whether Government will impose a ban on online sale of products; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to compensate for the financial loss being incurred by State Governments and Central Government owing to online sale of products by companies?

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**Assessment of savings incurred due to PAHAL scheme**

1022. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any study to assess the savings, due to a shift toward Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for LPG called PAHAL;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of savings made during the financial year 2014-15 and expected for 2015-16;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a study by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) stating that the actual savings cannot exceed 143 crore; and

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

**RBI direction on rise in cyber fraud**

1023. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the credit/debit/ATM fraud cases/cyber frauds have increased manifold in the country during each of the last few years and the current years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed all banks to add security features on the said cards in view of the rise in cyber frauds and if so, the details thereof?

**Smuggling of gold**

1024. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rise in

smuggling and seizures was primarily on account of the Government raising customs duty on gold from 8 per cent to 10 per cent in 2013 to discourage high imports;

(b) what are the various *modus-operandi* adopted to illicitly bring in gold in the country;

(c) what concrete steps have been taken to check the *modus-operandi* by the smugglers to bring gold in the country; and

(d) a detailed report thereon?

**Stake sales in PSUs**

1025. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) target fixed for strategic stake sales and minority stake sales in Public Sector Undertakings in the financial year 2015-16, PSU-wise;

(b) the target likely to be achieved in the year;

(c) whether various Ministries have been asked to identify more PSUs for majority stake divestment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Roadmap for transformation of banking sector**

1026. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn a roadmap for the transformation of banking sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Inclusion of ATF under GST**

1027. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is proposing to include Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) under GST;

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

(c) to what extent this would help the aviation sector; and

(d) why Government wants to bring in ATF under GST when petroleum prices are outside the purview of GST?

#### **Opening of banks in the country**

†1028. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of banks opened in the country during the last two years or proposed to be opened in the current year;

(b) the district-wise number and names of the banks planned to be opened in the current year and in the year 2016-17 in Assam and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) what is the criteria for opening banks in the rural areas of the country?

#### **Impact of reduction in interest rates by PSBs**

1029. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reduced interest rates on various schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with

the objective laid down by the Government for reduction in the interest rates; and

(c) whether the reduction in the interest rate might impact the banks ability to manage NPAs and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Plan to reduce expenditure, subsidies through disinvestment**

1030. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to reduce expenditure, subsidies and raise money through disinvestment; and

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

#### **Irregularities in distribution of KCC cards to farmers**

1031. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by the Government to provide the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to the farmers;

(b) the details of the agencies involved in this process;

(c) details of the State-wise number of beneficiaries;

(d) whether the Government is aware of the mass irregularity in the distribution of KCC; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the same?

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**Guidelines for transfer of pension accounts**

1032. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the bankers generally discourage the pensioners not to transfer their pension/family pension accounts, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to formulate regulations/guidelines with regard to the transfer of pension account within a specified time period to the bank near to residence of the pensioner and ensure that in case of failure of bankers to do so, the concerned bank responsible for delay/failure shall compensate the pensioner?

**Mandate of NIIF**

1033. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether the Government is setting up a National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and if so, the details thereof and the priorities and the mandate of the NIIF?

**Waiving off of PSB loans to industrialists**

1034. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount being waived off by the nationalised banks given as loans to industrialists during last three years and name of such industries;

(b) the official level which approved to give loan of more than one crore rupees and to remit the loan by the banks; and

(c) the reasons for non-recovery of loans by the banks?

**Status of SIT investigation on black money**

1035. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount of black money stashed in foreign banks;

(b) what is the current status of investigation being conducted by SIT; and

(c) what are the details of findings of SIT, if any?

**PSB credit for minority communities**

1036. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked public sector banks to focus on meeting lending targets towards minority communities by opening more branches in minority dominated areas;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to monitor the performance of these bank closely to ensure that proportionate credit is given to minority communities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of branches opened by these banks during 2014 and the targets fixed in this regard for 2015, bank-wise?

**Distress sale by farmers through NWRs**

1037. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued notice to financial institutions to curb

distress sale by the farmers through NWRs (Negotiable Warehouse Receipts);

(b) if so, details of loans sanctioned by the Government for the current year in this regard; and

(c) the details of last three years loans advances and recovery?

#### **Roll back of funding model for NE States**

1038. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reactions of the North eastern States on the recently roll back of the existing 50:50 model of funding to the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to roll back the remaining 50:50 model of central funding for all the remaining developmental Ministries for the North-east States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Liability of Andhra Pradesh to financial institutions and banks**

1039. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any details of the loans to be repaid by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to Centre, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, NABARD, other financial institutions and banks and re-payment made/to be made during the last three years and the current

year, particularly after the implementation of the A.P. State Re-organisation Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, institution-wise and the purpose thereof, work-wise?

#### **Survey for opening of bank branches in Uttarakhand**

†1040. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is considering to conduct survey in respect of opening of bank branches at various places of Uttarakhand;

(b) if not, whether Ministry has given permission to open bank branches at various places on the basis of applications received from the State;

(c) if so, the names of those places; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Welfare schemes funded by PSBs under CSR**

1041. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of development/welfare schemes funded by various nationalised banks under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) with details, bank-wise, year-wise; and

(b) the type of schemes funded, names of beneficiaries, places where such activities have been carried out and the funds allocated therefor during each of the last two years and the current year, bank-wise?

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**Shifting of Andhra Bank  
Headquarters**

1042. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to shift Andhra Bank headquarters from Hyderabad to the residuary State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the business generated by Andhra Bank between Telangana State and State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government or the RBI will lead in starting the Telangana Bank in public sector, if Andhra Bank shifts its headquarters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Benefits to industrial and agricultural  
sector**

1043. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the benefits extended to industrial sector by way of subsidies, reduction or withdrawal or holiday or exemption on tax collection during last financial year and in rupee terms, what will all these benefits add up to;

(b) whether any new burden has been imposed on them; and

(c) what are the benefits extended to farmers and agricultural sector as a whole, during the period and to what amount all these benefits add up to?

**Steps for reducing fiscal deficit**

1044. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present fiscal deficit and target;

(b) whether the Government has taken any step to reduce the fiscal deficit;

(c) if so, kindly provide details of the steps taken;

(d) whether the Government has reduced funding of various Central Government assistance and schemes to meet the fiscal deficit targets; and

(e) if so, kindly provide details?

**Default in debt repayment to PSBs**

1045. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) names of companies de-faulting the repayment of debt above ₹ 50 crore to the public sector banks in the year 2014-15; and

(b) names of the banks lending above ₹ 100 crore to private companies in the year 2014-15?

**Changes in Agricultural Debt Waiver  
and Relief Schemes**

1046. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently made any changes under Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said scheme has benefited farmers in the country;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether banks have subsequently restricted credit flow to waiver schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Pool of domestic institutional funds to counter volatility**

1047. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has started investing 5 per cent of its incremental inflows or about ₹ 400 cr per month in stocks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government now wants to create a large pool of domestic institutional funds to counter volatility due to sudden spike in inflows and withdrawal by foreign investors;

(c) whether Government has allowed smaller pension funds to seek SEBI help for investing in stocks; and

(d) a detailed report thereon?

**Study on inflationary trend of essential commodities**

1048. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to find out the reasons for inflationary trend in prices of essential commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what monetary and other measures are being proposed by the Government to curtail inflation?

**Impact of FPI slow down on economy**

1049. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) has slowed down in the financial year 2015-16;

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

(c) the likely impact of the same on the economy?

**Payment of taxes by sellers and buyers**

†1050. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether taxes are being paid by all sellers and buyers in each States of the country, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such cases brought before Government during the last two years and in the current financial year and action taken thereon?

**Tax exemption for foreign companies**

1051. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to exempt foreign companies with no permanent establishments (PE) in India from payment of tax *w.e.f.* 2001-02 assessment year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has also decided to give relief to companies with 'no place of doing business' in India from 18.5

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per cent MAT demands issued to them, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relief will be available to companies irrespective of whether they are from a country with a tax treaty with India or not; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **NABH accredited Government hospitals**

1052. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government hospitals accredited by the NABH;

(b) whether there are any incentives to attract more hospitals - Government and private;

(c) whether any public or private hospitals have ISO certification;

(d) the details of any Government scheme incentivising Government hospitals to get ISO certification to improve efficiency; and

(e) if no such scheme exists, the reason for the same?

#### **Side effects of dengue fogging drive**

1053. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the fogging drive in Delhi is not effective in containing dengue and is having harmful effect on the health of the people, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that diesel fogging continued with other deadly insecticides in the fogging drive can exacerbate asthma, bronchitis and respiratory ailments; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has taken against officials of civic agencies for such deadly fogging drive in Delhi?

#### **Study on utilization capacity of AIIMS, Delhi**

1054. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted about the current utilization of capacity of various departments by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to enhance the capacity of the AIIMS, New Delhi in accordance with the current and future requirements?

#### **Selling of blood by blood banks**

1055. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the CAG report showing instances where blood banks have sold blood to pharma companies for crores, and of HIV patients being overcharged;

(b) why has the price of blood not been controlled and standardised; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider making a national network of blood banks to ensure the timely and easy availability of blood in case of emergencies?

**Deaths from water-borne diseases**

1056. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have died due to water-borne diseases in India;

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

(c) whether Government believes that climate change has a role in the increase in water-borne and vector-borne diseases and the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to control the spread of these diseases?

**Monitoring mechanism over FSSAI**

1057. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have any monitoring mechanism over the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), if so, the details thereof;

(b) how such huge quantity of noodles were allowed to be sold overlooking the safety aspect prescribed in the FSSAI Act;

(c) whether the Ministry found any negligence on the part of officials of FSSAI for this huge haul of noodles; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken on the officials?

**National Health Profile —2015**

1058. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released

the National Health Profile —2015, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per the said report, the cases of diabetics and Acute Respiratory Infection are on the rise;

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

(d) the steps being taken by Government to curb the rise of these diseases?

**Curbing violence against medical fraternity**

1059. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Medical Association (IMA) has been concerned with five community oriented demands, which include reducing violence against the medical fraternity;

(b) if so, whether IMA has submitted a demands letter to Government;

(c) if so, whether Government has decided to set up a special time bound working committee to evaluate demands put forth by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) about the increased cases of violence against doctors and hostile work environment, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the aforesaid committee will submit its report?

**Starting of new course in healthcare study**

†1060. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government wants to start three year Bachelor of Science in Community Health course in State Universities;

(b) whether before formulating this scheme, consultations with experts and related institutions have been done;

(c) whether adequate number of teachers capable to teach this course are available in universities of States;

(d) whether Government propose to raise the number of medical colleges to meet the shortage of doctors in the country; and

(e) the steps Government is taking to provide modern medical services to people in rural areas?

#### **Funding under PMSSY of medical colleges in Telangana**

1061. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kakatiya Medical College, RIMS in Adilabad in Telangana and some other hospitals in Andhra Pradesh were selected under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) but funds/grant were not adequately released; and

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

#### **Indian doctors settling for practice in US and EU**

1062. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has become top supplier of Doctors to US and EU countries now, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any study has been done to assess the loss in term of resources in their education etc. and impact on our health delivery systems and, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of surgeons with CHS**

1063. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is facing a shortage of surgeons in Central Health Services (CHS) across India, if so, the details thereof and corrective action, if any, taken;

(b) whether there are States in the country which do not have any surgeons in their CHS, if so, the details thereof and corrective action, if any, taken by Government; and

(c) the measures Government has taken to ensure that citizens, particularly in rural India are not burdened by costly healthcare provided by the private sector due to a shortage of surgeons in CHS?

#### **Issuing of blood from blood banks**

1064. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drugs Controller General of India has issued a notification saying that the blood banks can issue blood to patients only on MBBS doctors prescription, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that blood banks cannot issue blood and its components on prescriptions written by ayurveda, homoeopathy and unani doctors, if so, the details thereof?

**Upgradation of hospitals with foreign aid**

†1065. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of State Governments from which Central Government have received the proposals regarding upgradation of hospitals in the States along with the names of countries offering financial support for the purpose; and

(b) the State-wise and proposal-wise current status thereof?

**Bifurcating of Health and Family Welfare Ministry**

1066. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) considering that Health and Family Welfare are two areas that although similar, are integrally different aspects of the society, whether Government has considered further bifurcating these two into two separate ministries, or atleast two different departments within the Ministry; and

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

**Deaths during surgery in hospitals and health camps**

1067. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the death of women during surgery due to poor facilities in Government hospitals and health camps;

(b) what are the reasons for these deaths and lack of quality facility; and

(c) how Government plans to improve the quality of health services in Government hospitals and primary health care centres to avoid such tragedies and the details thereof?

**Reviewing of National Population Policy, 2000**

†1068. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government is planning to review or amend the National Population Policy, 2000 and, if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of Human Albumin Serum**

1069. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients suffering from liver diseases are reeling under the acute shortage of the life saving drug, Human Albumin Serum, across the country, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the producers of this particular drug to flood with stock through their retail network, if so, the details thereof?

**Increased surveillance on adulterated food items**

1070. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FSSAI has put the milk, water and edible oil packs under its scanners

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and has asked the State Governments to increase surveillance on these items to find out whether these items are not adulterated or contain misleading information, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State food regulators have reported any adulteration/misleading information on packaged food items, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against manufacturers of these products and steps taken or being taken to strengthen food regulation in the country?

**Inadequate facilities in hospitals to treat poor and pregnant women**

1071. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing facilities available in Government hospitals for the poor, destitute and pregnant women are not adequate;

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

(c) whether pregnant women, poor and helpless patients are facing lot of problems in getting admissions and proper treatment in these hospitals; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide adequate facilities in Government hospitals?

**Guidelines on e-cigarettes**

1072. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that there is a widespread use of e-cigarettes

even in the no smoking areas in the country;

(b) the details of number of e-cigarettes sold, revenue generated through sale of e-cigarettes in the country along with details of population affected in last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of e-cigarettes imported in the country in last three years;

(d) the details of guidelines, if any, which have been issued pertaining to e-cigarettes in the country; and

(e) the steps which are being taken to stop such misuse of e-cigarettes in the country?

**Funding for improving services in hospitals**

†1073. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the amount allocated by the Central Government for improving the services of hospitals in the various States including Rajasthan during the last two years and in the current year, and the details of heads and the scheme under which that amount has been utilized?

**Special healthcare services for the SC/ST farmers in UP**

†1074. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to provide benefit of health care services to scheduled castes/tribes and the poor farmers of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of new health centres

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established by Government in rural and tribal areas alongwith the expansion of existing health centres and the funds released and utilized for them?

**Measures for detection of early stage cancer**

†1075. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to take any steps for the early detection of cancer in cancer patients;

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

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

**Increase in cancer prevalency rate**

1076. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study/survey to ascertain the prevalence of cancer in various States/Union Territories, if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the cancer prevalence and mortality rates have been gradually increasing in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a number of cancer care centres/institutes/hospitals and maintain and upgrade the existing ones and if so, the

details thereof indicating the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during last two years, State/Union Territory-wise?

**Stopping menace of beedis**

1077. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether beedis is a bigger killer than cigarettes;

(b) whether beedis enjoy less tax than cigarettes, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has devised some action plan to save the lives of the people from this menace of beedis, if so, the details thereof?

**Unfilled medical seats in medical colleges**

1078. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many medical seats in medical colleges across the country remain unfilled due to non-availability of suitable candidates belonging to certain category of students;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unfilled seats cannot be carried forwarded to the subsequent academic year; and

(c) if so, the number of medical college seats that remain unfilled and the category to which these seats fall during the last three years?

**Shortage of doctors in rural India**

1079. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that availability of doctors in rural India is a big issue;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the effective steps taken regarding the same;

(c) whether AYUSH doctors appointed under NRHM at PHCs and sub centres are found to be prescribing allopathic drugs to patients as they are not provided with AYUSH drugs and pharmacists;

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

(e) the steps taken by Government to stop siphoning off the funds provided to the panchayats to transport patients to Primary Health Centres (PHCs) under the NRHM?

#### **Replacing of NNMB**

1080. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB);

(b) whether Government has decided to replace the NNMB with some other organization; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

#### **Cut in budget to control HIV/AIDS**

1081. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how much has Government allocated for combating HIV/AIDS in India and the year-wise details for last three years;

(b) whether reports that three AIDS prevention units in States with high rates of HIV have ordered that up to 25 per cent of prevention workers be laid off are true, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for the cut in the budget to combat HIV/AIDS in India?

#### **Adulteration in food items**

1082. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that water and starch is added to milk, green colour is added to sweet and aluminum foil is used instead of silver foil;

(b) if so, how many such cases have come to the light of Government so far;

(c) what action has been taken against such vendors using such items;

(d) how many such samples have been picked up from Delhi; and

(e) the details of action taken thereon?

#### **Promoting usage of generic medicines**

†1083. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any plan to encourage the use of generic medicines to increase availability of medicines for the common man, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is running a special drive to popularise the use of generic medicines; and

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(c) the obstacles in the way of its implementation?

#### **Shortage of staff in FSSAI**

1084. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is running short of staff and they do not have scientists and technicians in adequate number to pick up samples and analyse them so that culprits can be prosecuted;

(b) if so, the requirement of FSSAI and staff position so far;

(c) whether there are required number of labs and technicians in the country, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how many samples have so far been picked up by the Authority in various parts of the country including Delhi and action taken thereon?

#### **University of Drug Regulation for Medicines**

1085. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up a University of Drug Regulation for Medicines, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to train manpower to regulate the fast growing pharma sector in the country?

#### **Report on sale of medicine for sex determination**

1086. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether report of the Committee constituted to investigate sale of a medicine of Baba Ram Dev for sex determination has been submitted by State Government of Uttarakhand to the Central Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government on the recommendation of the report?

#### **Lifestyle diseases among school children**

1087. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prevalence of lifestyle diseases including obesity, diabetes and blood pressure among children including school going children is on the rise in the country and, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study/survey in this regard, and, if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the programmes being implemented by Government for the healthcare of school-going children along with the funds allocated/released/utilized thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

#### **Report of FSSAI on seized items**

1088. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's Annual Public Laboratory Testing Report for 2014-2015 revealed that out of 492590 items it tested during the year, one fifth of the items were found to be adulterated and/or misbranded;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether license of any such manufacturers or seller of adulterated food and drink products have been cancelled and/or any one of them arrested?

**Identification of districts with poor health services**

†1089. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified the districts having poor health services;

(b) the number of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes dominated districts out of the above districts where health services are poor and the details thereof; and

(c) the resources employed to improve the condition of these areas, the name of focused activities initiated and the outcome of the initiated activities including the details thereof?

**Skill development training for paramedics**

1090. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether Government has undertaken measures for skill

development training of paramedical staff, if so, the details thereof and number of individuals inducted into training in the last year, if not, why not;

(c) whether Government aims to establish an apex accreditation body and regulator to maintain the quality of paramedical workforce in the country, if so, the details thereof and timeline for the same, if not, why not; and

(d) whether Government plans the introduction of a PPP model to train and skill allied health professionals, if so, the details thereof, if not, why not?

**Trauma Centre at Jashpur, Chhattisgarh**

1091. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state by when the work relating to construction of Trauma Centre, a project already sanctioned for Jashpur in Chhattisgarh and for which rupees 80 lakhs have already been dispersed, will be completed?

**Funds allocated under malaria and polio control programme**

†1092. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated and spent under malaria and polio control programme in Maharashtra and other States during the last three years till date; and

(b) the State-wise details of the funds sought by State Governments under these programmes during the said period?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Proper monitoring of dengue control initiative**

1093. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the Health Department to collect data on the number of patients, who have been taking advantage of the new initiatives rolled out by Government to tackle dengue in Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was part of a review meeting on the decision taken by Government on the management of dengue in the country, if so, the details thereof?

**Expansion of healthcare services**

†1094. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the special measures taken for the expansion of health services after May, 2014; and

(b) the special facilities for the effective treatment of women and children in the rural areas with respect to the above?

**Online sale of medicines**

1095. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering allowing online sale of medicines;

(b) whether the All India Organization of Chemists and Druggists have expressed their opposition to such decision; and

(c) whether Government has clarified to the said association that no decision has been taken by Government with regard to the sale of medicine online, if so, the details thereof?

**Deaths of prematurely born infants**

1096. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest number of infant deaths due to premature births; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to prevent large number of infant deaths?

**Checking rise in TB cases**

1097. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of TB cases are on rise all across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of patients who give up the treatment in between is also on the rise; and

(c) if so, the action Government is planning to check and stem the rise in TB cases?

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**Regulation of paid news by political parties**

1098. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has formulated a legislation to tackle the incidents of paid news as an electoral malpractice;

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

(c) whether in the absence of a legislation, the Ministry has issued any directions to print and electronic media for the purpose of regulation of paid news by political parties during elections;

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

(e) whether the Ministry has formulated a procedure for registration of complaints of paid news against political parties; and

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

**Repackaging of Kisan Channel**

1099. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the response to the new Kisan Channel or Prasar Bharati;

(b) how does this channel fare when compared to the farm and home broadcasts of All India Radio; and

(c) whether Government considers repackaging the Kisan Channel also as an infotainment channel?

**Use of state of art technology to increase efficiency**

1100. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has adopted any new strategies using state-of-art technologies to increase the efficiency of various departments under the Ministry such as PIB, Directorate of Field Publicity and other such departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and funds earmarked and disbursed, so far, during the Twelfth Plan;

(c) the details of effective steps taken by Government to include all kinds of social media networking facilities and video conferencing facilities to reach the people living in the length and breadth of the country; and

(d) the composition, roles and responsibilities of various committees constituted under the I&B Ministry?

**FM radio channels for hilly and border areas**

1101. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved new FM radio channels for the hilly and border States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any control on the channels' programmes and broadcasting and if so, the details thereof?

**Earnings from auction of FM radio**

1102. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount that Government has got from first and second phase of FM auctions, phase-wise and city-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is working on third phase of FM auctions; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Crisil has estimated ₹ 5,000 crores through third phase of auctions, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Complaints with Broadcasting Content Complaints Council**

1103. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Broadcasting Content Complaints Council has found that the highest number of complaints has to do with a category called harm and offence which accounted for 39 per cent of the total complaints covering a swathe of issues like portrayal of persons with disabilities, ill treatment of animals and stereotyping of women, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that complaints on religion and community came second with 28 per cent; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the religion is a touchy issue among TV viewers?

#### **Quick visual response to wrong report on news television channels**

1104. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is working on a proposal that will enable it to make a quick visual response to wrong reports that appear on news television, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plan, if successfully implemented, will see the Government's video response on the same channel refuting the report that was presented minutes ago, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal community radio operators**

1105. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 100 community radio operators in the country, out of 187 radio stations, are currently operating illegally, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a majority of them do not have the licence to operate and as for the rest, they do not have valid agreements with Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government against them?

#### **Bidding of FM radio channels phase-III**

1106. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four more rounds of bidding took place for the first batch of 135 channels in 69 cities as part of the private FM radio phase III expansion, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that at the close of second day of bidding, 79 channels in 55 cities became provisionally winning



channels with cumulative provisional winning price of around ₹ 479 crore against their aggregate reserve price of about ₹ 377 crore, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **FM news channels**

1107. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to allow FM channels for news on the lines of TV news channels; and

(b) if not, whether Government will allow news broadcasts on existing FM channels or allow them to relay the news bulletins of All India Radio?

#### **Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women**

1108. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women is under implementation;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) how the scheme is being implemented in the States, especially in Delhi?

#### **Streamlining of schemes meant for minorities**

1109. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) who are considered as minority by the Central Government and by the States, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the benefit of various schemes of the Ministry are not reaching the minorities in full measure, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the system and to ensure that the benefits reach the minorities in full measure; and

(d) the details of the Central sector and Centrally sponsored schemes meant for minorities being run in the country, State-wise?

#### **Restructuring of National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd.**

1110. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd.;

(b) the efforts being made to develop/restructure National Waqf Development Corporation Limited to make Waqf properties profitable;

(c) what are the recommendations made by Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Waqf relating to Waqf properties; and

(d) the action taken by the Ministry on the recommendations made by the JPC?

#### **Initiatives for betterment of minorities**

1111. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiative which have been taken for the betterment of minorities in the country in 2014-15; and

(b) the details of achievements and amount of money that have been spent so far?

**Nai Roshni programme for minority women**

1112. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women belonging to each of the different minority communities who have been trained under the Nai Roshni programme, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the training and post-training support provided under this programme;

(c) the details of eligibility and procedures to select beneficiaries under Nai Roshni; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the introduction of an online application will not exclude those women who do not have internet access?

**Financial assistance to minority dominated districts**

1113. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:  
SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minority dominated districts are socially, economically and educationally backward in comparison to national average;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made or being made by Government to bring them at par with national average;

(c) whether Government is providing financial assistance to minority dominated areas for development of basic amenities;

(d) if so, the names of cities/towns of various States including Jharkhand and Gujarat which have been provided with such financial assistance; and

(e) the norms being adopted to identify minority dominated cities/towns in various States including Jharkhand and Gujarat?

**Uniform application of welfare measures for minorities**

1114. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the groups that have been defined and listed under the Minority category;

(b) whether the welfare measures uniformly applied on all the groups; and

(c) which are the Minority groups which have benefited the most from the welfare measures during the last three years ending 31 July, 2015?

**Population of Muslims in Sikkim**

1115. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Muslims in Sikkim;

(b) the schemes being run for them;

(c) the number of those who have availed those schemes; and

(d) whether all of them are aware of the schemes, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Regularisation of e-pharmacies**

1116. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering regularizing the sale of medicines through e-pharmacies if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the current laws will be amended to include the provisions for e-pharmacies;

(c) if not, the details of the alternatives, if any, as envisaged by Government; and

(d) whether Government has plans to consult the various stakeholders across the nation for the same?

**Government advertisements in newspapers in West Bengal**

1117. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing advertisements in weekly and fortnightly newspapers in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of newspapers and the details of criterion of providing advertisements; and

(c) the number of advertisements provided in a year?

**Overhauling of MAEF**

1118. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is in the process of overhauling Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS) has been entrusted with the work and asked to submit a Report;

(c) whether TISS has submitted the Report; and

(d) if so, what roadmap it has given to overhaul MAEF?

**Student scholarship schemes for minorities**

1119. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that the benefits of minority welfare schemes, especially scholarship schemes actually reaches the minority communities;

(b) the total number of students who have received benefits of scholarship schemes of the Central Government during the last three years and the State-wise break-up thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to make any scholarship schemes available to minority communities for vocational training programmes and skill development?

**MSDP programme for minorities**

1120. SHRI K.C.TYAGI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) for minorities has been launched by Government during last two years;

(b) whether the benefits of this programme have reached only to a small percentage of minority population in targeted areas;

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

(d) the concrete measures taken by Government to improve the condition of minorities in the country?

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