

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, August 9, 2016/Sravana 18, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Use of plastic in food packaging industry

*241. SHRIDILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
widespread use of plastics in food
packaging industry is very harmful for
human health; and

(b) if so, whether any study has been
done by the Ministry in this regard, if so,
the details thereof?

Engaging young boys and girls in various sports

*242. KUMARI SELJA: Will the
Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND
SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme/programme initiated for
development of structured system at the
grass-root level to engage young boys and
girls in the age group of 10-14 in various
sports;

(b) whether measures are being taken
for ensuring availability of sporting
equipments and wholesome nourishment
to identified sports persons; and

(c) whether measures are being taken to
set up Sports Science and Sports Medicine
centres to support the sports fraternity, if
so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to NE States

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

(a) what is the pattern of financial
assistance given to the North-Eastern States
from the year 2014;

(b) what was the formula adopted prior
to 2014;

(c) the reasons for change in the pattern
of assistance made, including the assistance
given under Central Schemes;

(d) whether any notification has been
issued in this regard; and

(e) if so, text of the notification?

**Seventh Pay Commission Committee
for allowances**

†*244. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government for implementing the recommendations of Seventh Pay Commission;

(b) the details of the Committee constituted regarding allowances and minimum pay, domain and time-limit thereof;

(c) by when the recommendations of the Commission regarding pay and allowances will be actually implemented; and

(d) the reasons for delay in this regard?

**Waiver/restructuring of company
loans above ₹100 crores**

*245. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the companies whose loans of over ₹100 crore have been restructured in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) the details of the amount due and the amount waived and the terms for restructuring along with the names of the directors of each company?

Facilities offered by AI to passengers

†*246. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to ensure punctuality of services of Air India;

(b) the arrangements made for passenger waiting rooms and facilities for flights running late for more than one hour;

(c) the details of the punctuality of flights of Air India during 1st June to 30th June, 2016 operating from Delhi to Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the measures taken to provide quality refreshments and meals by AI?

One Time Settlement by PSBs

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

(a) what were the total Non Performing Assets (NPAs) of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) on 31st March, 2016; and

(b) the quantum of One Time Settlement made by PSU banks during the last three financial years, the bank-wise details thereof?

**Fatalities from water-borne
diseases**

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

(a) the number of people who have contracted water-borne diseases over the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of such cases that have been fatal;

(c) the steps Government has taken to provide safe potable water in rural and urban areas; and

(d) the funds allocated and disbursed for these efforts in the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Credit-deposit ratio for Nationalised banks

†*249. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criterion has been fixed regarding credit-deposit ratio of Nationalised banks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Nationalised banks in Jharkhand are not complying with this ratio; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken in this regard?

Status of Mahila Banks in Odisha

*250. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of Mahila Banks presently being run in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Mahila Banks functioning in Odisha, District-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering to spread the network of Mahila Banks in rural areas of Odisha particularly in Jagatpuri district; and

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

Death of children due to preventable diseases

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

(a) whether India is one of the five countries where highest number of children under five die of preventable diseases, if so,

the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the interventions to improve this?

Cheap airfares under new aviation policy

†*252. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under new aviation policy all passengers will be able to fly just for ₹ 2500/- for a period of one hour;

(b) if so, the air routes on which this facility would be extended and duration of applicability of such a scheme; and

(c) if not, by when it is proposed to provide economic air travel to the passengers?

Revival of dormant airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has put the onus on States to secure commitments from airlines to start operations before dormant airports can be revived;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the first mover to bring a proposal for revival of airports will have advantage as they will have priority in the limited Central funds under the Regional Connectivity Scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to provide subsidy to airlines to set airfares on regional routes at ₹ 2,500 for an hour, 80 per cent of

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which will be shared by Centre and 20 per cent by the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Target on containing inflation set by RBI

*254. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons due to which retail inflation has gone up to nearly 6 per cent recently;

(b) whether higher retail inflation has been impacted by the rate cut by RBI;

(c) how the Ministry is planning to maintain the target of 5 per cent inflation set by the RBI for 2016-17; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to contain inflation in the country?

Mandatory bar-coding of drugs

*255. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make bar-coding mandatory for all drugs sold at retail shops in India to ensure patients' safety and curb flow of fake drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline given to the drug companies to comply with it;

(c) whether the technology would help curb trade of spurious drugs into the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the progress made to check genuine medicines by way of texting unique number; and

(e) the number of companies which have followed this procedure and why it did not take off and the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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