

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 140

Preserving medicinal herbs in Chhattisgarh

2462. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH
JUDEV: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be
pleased to state what steps Government
is taking to secure herbs in jungles against
fire and mining specially in Jashpur district
in Sanna and Pandrapath area and also in
Manopa, Bagicha, Duldula, Farsabahar,
Kasabel, Palhalgaon and Jashpur blocks of
Jashpur district in Chhattisgarh?

Establishing AYUSH University in Kerala

2463. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will
the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the Ministry will help
Kerala Government to establish a separate
University for Ayush to promote various
disciplines in Ayush and ensure that high
research is encouraged in these areas; and

(b) whether Ministry in the process will
help Ayush disciplines to discard outdated
notions and practices that are still present
in these disciplines?

Universities on AYUSH system of medicines

2464. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the
Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) whether there is any established
university in the country on the AYUSH
system of medicines if so, the details
thereof;

(b) whether Government has received
any request from the West Bengal
Government for the establishment of such
university there;

(c) whether Government is planning to
come up with such universities in various
other parts of the country; and

(d) the steps that Government has taken
for the promotion of education on the
AYUSH system of medicines?

AYUSH hospitals in Goa

2465. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals proposed to be established in Goa providing for Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy treatment;

(b) if so, which parts of Goa these hospitals are going to be established;

(c) whether land has been acquired for the purpose; and

(d) the total amount proposed to be spent on each of the hospitals, if Government proposes to establish more than one hospital?

New guidelines on clinical trails for new Ayurvedic drugs

2466. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to revise the guidelines on clinical trials for new Ayurvedic drugs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New AYUSH hospitals

2467. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH hospitals set

up by Government during the last two years, the details thereof State-wise; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up multi-speciality AYUSH hospitals in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in UDF and other charges for cheap air travel

†2468. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to abolish or reduce User Development Fees (UDF) and a number of other surcharges levied by Ministry of Civil Aviation, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government to provide cheap air travel; and

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to compensate increasing losses of Government and private air lines, if so, the details thereof?

Reaction of Civil Aviation Industry towards new Civil Aviation Policy

2469. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 142 and 144 dated 19th July, 2016 given in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) how it differs from the earlier policy; and

(b) what is the reaction of the Civil Aviation Industry towards the new policy?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Action against pilots for non-adherence to flying rule

2470. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued warnings to pilots for taking selfies in cockpit when the aircraft was airborne, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DGCA has been taking action against pilots who were not adhering to the rules of flying; and

(c) if so, the action taken by DGCA against pilots during the last two years?

Strengthening of airport infrastructure

2471. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been huge growth in air traffic at Indian Airports recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has put pressure on the airport infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to strengthen airport infrastructure especially in Maharashtra?

Termination of Kolkata-Thiruvananthapuram flight by Air India

2472. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is not operating Kolkata-

Thiruvananthapuram flights though private operators are doing it; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Subsidised fare for local Ladakhi people

2473. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has come up with a draft Civil Aviation Policy to enhance regional connectivity through fiscal support like fare cap of ₹ 2500 for distance between 500-600 km. and infrastructure development, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has included places like Dharmshala, Leh, etc. in the scheme of subsidised fare of ₹ 2500 in the draft policy, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any alternate plan for providing subsidised fare to local Ladakhi, who are disconnected for half of the year from rest of the country, as being provided to islanders of Andamans, if so, the details thereof?

Impact of change in prices of ATF on passengers

2474. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) in the total operating cost of an airline;

(b) the trends in the price of ATF during June 2015 to June 2016;

(c) the components of taxes of the ATF per kilometre;

(d) whether increase in ATF prices will be passed on by the Airlines to the passengers; and

(e) if so, whether reduction in ATF prices were passed on by the airlines to the passengers; and if so, the details thereof?

Deputing of air marshals in aircrafts

†2475. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the time when the decision to depute air marshal in aircrafts was taken and the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of incidents of aircraft hijacking that occurred in the country since then;

(c) the reasons for not deputing air marshals in aircrafts;

(d) whether Government would install full body scanner to strengthen the security at airports; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ATR on safety violations by pilots of an airline

2476. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) observed serious safety violations by five pilots of a particular airline during its audit this April, 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the mandatory flights operations quality assurance monitoring was not conducted properly by the said airlines' flight safety chief;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the action taken report has been submitted by the airlines to the DGCA on the above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Achievements and targets of the Ministry

2477. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether presentation has been made before the Prime Minister about the Ministries' last two years' achievements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled;

(d) what are the targets set for the coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;

(e) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(f) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years?

Fine tuning of Civil Aviation Rule-2008

2478. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to fine tune the Civil Aviation Rule, 2008, in pursuance of the recent Directions of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure that no disabled person is

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offloaded/deboarded from a flight owing to her/his disability?

Status of international airports to Ranchi, Raipur and Jharsuguda

2479. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government is planning to make Ranchi, Raipur and Jharsuguda airports International Airports?

Compensation to passengers for denied boarding

2480. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General, Civil Aviation (DGCA) have announced a new rule to pay up to ₹ 20,000 as compensation to passengers for being denied boarding;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cases of overbooking by airlines came to the notice of DGCA recently;

(d) if so, the action taken against such Airlines for overbooking and cancelling the confirmed tickets of some passengers; and

(e) if not, whether Government would frame rules for booking of exact number of passengers?

Fare equivalent of Rajdhani AC II fares for unsold tickets of AI

2481. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India will

charge Rajdhani second AC fares on flights between various metros in the country for the unsold tickets, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an unsold seat on a flight is a dead loss for airline and managing to sell them at AC II fares may be a better option than taking off with empty seats; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the people may also take advantage of the scheme and may opt for buying the ticket at the last moment which may invite loss to the airlines?

Revival dormant airports

2482. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to revive 50 dormant airport for around ₹ 100 crores each in the next three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are 304 unserved airports and 16 underserved airports in the country at present;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are 30 airports where flight services can start immediately; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Air connectivity to Shimla

2483. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shimla, the capital of Himachal Pradesh and a popular tourist destination, is lacking air connectivity on Delhi-Chandigarh-Shimla route;

(b) if it is so, because of the fact that the route has proved to be economically unviable;

(c) what efforts Government has been making to make this air route viable; and

(d) a detailed report on the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Operationalisation of Jalgaon airport in Maharashtra

2484. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jalgaon (Maharashtra) airport exists in the map of Aviation industry since 2012;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this airport is lying deserted as not a single commercial flight has landed there;

(c) how much money has been spent on acquiring the land for it and its construction; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to bring Jalgaon airport in operation and by what time the process is likely to be completed?

Action against airline crews for late arrival

2485. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:
SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tardiness and late arrival of crews is one of the main reasons that triggers flight delays of airlines;

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

(c) whether some airlines have paid crores of rupees in compensation over the past one year to passengers stranded at various airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what steps Government is contemplating in order to take action against crews for disciplining them and curbing their late arrival and ensure punctuality of air services?

Incidents of thefts at various airports in the country

2486. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of theft registered at the airport of Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Chennai during the last three years and the current year, airport/year-wise;

(b) the total loss suffered by passengers due to the theft, airport-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check recurrences of incidents of thefts at the airports?

Excess baggage charges by private airlines

2487. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the private airlines are charging ₹ 400 to 500 per kg. of excess baggage;

(b) if so, the complete details of baggage rules and reasons for charging exorbitant prices on excess baggage; and

(c) what steps Government is contemplating to take to cut the excess baggage charge to minimum ₹ 50/-per kg.?

(b) the timeline for creation of these critical commands to fight the wars of the future?

Expenditure guidelines in CSR initiatives

2488. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring expenditure guidelines in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives undertaken by the companies; and

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

Defence agreements with foreign countries

2489. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed any agreements with foreign countries like the United States, France, Russia, Israel, etc. to get access of the defence technologies, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the benefits likely to be accrued to Indian Armed Forces through such accessibility?

Critical commands to fight future warfares

2490. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of cyber warfare command, space command and special operations command as mentioned in the Prime Minister's address to the combined commanders in 2014 and 2015; and

Procuring amphibious aircraft from Japan

2491. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether considerable delay has occurred in procurement of Whin Maywa US-2 amphibious aircraft for \$1.3 billion;

(b) whether the issue figured in the talks between India and Japan during its Defence Minister's visit to India recently; and

(c) if so, by when India will obtain the amphibious aircraft in view of turbulent atmosphere prevailing in the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea?

Firings from Pakistan at the borders

2492. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that firing from Pakistan at the borders have increased in the last one year; and

(b) if so, the number of defence and civilian casualties?

Deviation from set specifications of uniforms

2493. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the outer layer (windproof and waterproof trouser wind cheater) is being supplied since 2002;

(b) the extenuating circumstances to justify deviation in this specification of

trousers approved in August, 2014 for use in extreme cold climate by Controller of Quality Assurance; and

(c) the officials involved in it and the action taken on the guilty officials found?

Foreign defence companies to set up domestic units

2494. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed foreign companies to set up industry for manufacturing defence equipment in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the places identified in the country for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Haryana and Maharashtra?

Defence preparedness along Indo-Pak border

†2495. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the situation at India-Pakistan border is tense at presents if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether adequate military preparations have been made to deal with any eventuality and if so, the details thereof?

Defence sector clusters in Madurai-Tuticorin corridor

2496. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is setting up

defence sector clusters in Madurai-Tuticorin corridor; and

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

Permanent commission for women in the IAF

2497. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women are not given permanent commission in the Indian Air Force;

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

(c) the total number of officers given permanent commission in the Indian Air Force;

(d) the total number of women officers given permanent commission in the Indian Air Force; and

(e) the criteria for allotting permanent commission with the Indian Air Force?

Bio-toilets developed by DRDO

†2498. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bacteria from Antarctica are being used in the bio-toilets developed by DRDO, which convert human faeces into water and gas with the help of certain bacteria while the fact is that cow dung is being used instead;

(b) if so, whether the use of cow dung in these bio-toilets is causing unpleasant smell and endangering flies and cockroaches; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by DRDO to prevent them?

Establishment of offices under the Ministry in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

2499. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Ministry has initiated for setting up of the offices/departments/institutions that comes under the Defence Ministry like Indian Armed Forces, Inter-Services Organisations, Indian Air Force, Army Public Schools, Sainik School, etc. in Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any issues relating to procurement of land and infrastructure needed for this purpose have been requested to the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Landing of Air Force planes on highways

†2500. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering allowing small aircrafts of the Air Force to land on National Highways;

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

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

Opening of more Military and Sainik Schools

2501. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more National Military Schools and Sainik Schools in the Country, particularly in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the laid down criteria/guidelines for the opening of more Military and Sainik Schools in the Country; and

(c) the details of financial assistance provided to Military and Sainik Schools during the last three years, year-wise?

Defence equipment returned for rectification

2502. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of defence equipment Returned For Rectification (RFR) in the last three years;

(b) the value of the equipments and the rate of RFR observed and whether the rate of rectification has declined in the last three years;

(c) what steps the Ministry has taken to ensure better quality control of products and reduce the rate of RFR; and

(d) what steps have been taken subsequent to a CAG report three years ago citing inadequate internal quality control in Ordnance Factories?

Allotting surplus defence land to private parties

2503. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased

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to state:

(a) whether surplus/unused defence land is being allotted to the private parties for commercial purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted and the rules framed in this regard;

(c) whether private parties are misusing the land allotted to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government therein?

Income-Tax avoidance by business community

2504. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that business community can easily avoid payment of income tax as compared to salaried people;

(b) whether there is laxness on the part of IT authorities which resulted in a huge number of income tax evaders among trader and business community, which has grown over the years to 58.96 lakh in 2015 if so, the details and reasons thereof; and

(c) whether this is a conservative figure considering the number of millionaires spawned by the new economy?

Macro-economic stability of Indian economy

2505. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian economy has continued to consolidate the gains achieved in restoring macro-economical stability;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to manage the economy in the backdrop of uncertain and fragile outlook of the world economy?

Recovery of bank loan from defaulters

2506. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount borrowed by top 100 borrowers;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of loan defaulters in the country have risen in last three years;

(c) if so, whether the financial institutions have made a survey on the lenders;

(d) whether it is also a fact that about 40 per cent of loan defaulters are wilful defaulters; and

(e) if so, details thereof and action taken by the Government including the action plan for loan recovery from top 100 borrowers?

Revealing names of bank defaulters

2507. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current bank secrecy laws in the country prohibit banks to name large bank defaulters because of whom banks are saddled with huge NPAs;

(b) whether Government proposes to amend the relevant bank secrecy laws to allow banks to do so; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in that direction, if not, reasons therefor?

income of honest tax payers to harass them without any proof and substance?

Impact of withdrawal of customs duty exemptions on drugs

2508. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of at least 74 medicines, including life-saving ones, are likely to go up by 22 to 35 per cent as Government has withdrawn customs duty exemption on their imports;

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

(c) to what extent withdrawal of concessional customs duty for these drugs will adversely impact on patients' interest; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to keep its commitment to provide life-saving medicines to the patients on a reasonable prices?

Coercive measures against tax payers in IDS, 2016

2509. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have made declaration under the Income Declaration Scheme, 2016 (IDS) till 20th July, 2016, city-wise;

(b) the total amount declared and taxes proposed to be realised thereof, city-wise;

(c) coercive measures and other initiatives being taken by CBDT to pressurise people to make declarations under the scheme; and

(d) whether any penalty is proposed on officers who have done add back of

Sharing of proceeds of Swachh Bharat Cess with States

2510. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount estimated to be received under Swachh Bharat Cess in the current year;

(b) whether the proceeds under Swachh Bharat Cess would form part of the divisible pool, if it continues for a long period, if so, what would be the share for the States; and

(c) what is the present share of such divisible pool of taxes shared with the States in GDP, and in total gross revenue receipts of the Union Government for the last three years, the details thereof?

Capital infusion in banks

2511. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has released ₹ 22,915 crore as the first installment towards capital infusion in 13 State-owned banks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise?

Anomaly in pension drawn by PSB bank retirees

2512. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether basic pension of Public Sector Bank retirees is fixed at the time of retirement and remains unchanged

throughout life unlike the Central/State Government pensioners whose basic pension is revised at time of wage revision by Pay Commission from time to time;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to remove this anomaly;

(c) whether family pension of deceased bank pensioner is fixed at 15 per cent of last pay drawn by employee whereas in case of Central/State Government and RBI pensioners it is fixed at 30 per cent of last pay drawn; and

(d) whether Government is thinking of amending pension rules of PSB employees?

Revival of Banking Services Recruitment Board

2513. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that recruitment through the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) is a total failure and has created regional imbalances besides staff shortages; and

(b) if so, will Government consider revival of Banking Services Recruitment Board or undertake campus recruitment?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2514. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised the list of Public Sector Units (PSUs) for disinvestment in the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the estimated income to Government from the disinvestment of the above PSUs?

Current status of PPP projects

2515. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public private partnership projects that have reached financial closure in last three years;

(b) the current status of PPP projects in the infrastructure sectors; and

(c) the reasons for delays in implementation?

Short-term agriculture loans to farmers

†2516. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides loans at 4 per cent under short-term agriculture loan to those farmers who repay their first loan within the scheduled time and provide loans to other farmers at the rate 7 per cent rate of interest;

(b) if so, the number of farmers who have been benefited under the said scheme in Gujarat in the last five years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to allot requisite funds to the State Government in time under the above said scheme?

Exploitation of provisions of tax arbitration by gold smugglers

2517. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the problem of gold smugglers exploiting the provision of tax arbitration;

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- (b) has Government planned any step to tackle the gold smugglers; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-payment of claims under
Janshree Insurance Scheme**

†2518. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Janshree Insurance Scheme was launched in year 2000 by Government and is being run by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC);

(b) whether payment of 30,000 rupees on natural death, 75,000 rupees in death in accident and 37,000 rupees in case of disability is made without any delay;

(c) whether in Chhattisgarh, particularly in Durg district, the families of victims have not been paid the revised amount of insurance from 2006 to 2011 by LIC; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide justice to victims and to penalise the culprits?

**Data on Swiss account holders of
Indian origin**

2519. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop a mechanism with Government of Switzerland to provide data on bank account holders of Indian origin;

(b) the amount of money belonging to people of Indian origin held in Swiss Banks at the end of 2015 and 2016; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with

achievement, till date, to bring back the aforesaid money?

**Transparency in investigations on
black money cases by SIT**

2520. SHRI M.D. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the information pertaining to the investigation and development of cases in black money by the SIT constituted by the Supreme Court is not in public domain;

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

(c) whether Government will propose to include the information in public domain on the progress made in black money cases which does not hamper fair trial and investigation; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure transparency and accountability in investigation of cases by SIT?

**Target for opening of PSB and private
banks**

2521. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved its sanctioned target of opening nationalized and private banks during the current financial year, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor and corrective action, if any, taken; and

(b) the list of banks, both nationalized and private banks sanctioned, to be opened in Odisha and Uttar Pradesh during the financial year (2015-2016), district-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Interest free agricultural loan to farmers

2522. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to extend interest free agricultural loan to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; and

(c) the details of recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission in this regard on "agri-cooperative system"?

Impact of consolidation of PSBs on BASEL-III requirements

2523. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a specific programme for the consolidation of PSU banks into five to eight banks;

(b) the proposed schedule of such consolidation;

(c) what would be the impact of such consolidation on the BASEL-III requirements in terms of fulfilling all the conditions required; and

(d) steps proposed to calibrate and fine-tune the mergers and consolidation keeping in view BASEL-III requirements?

Policies for revival of PSBs

2524. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government faces a major challenge to evolve a strategy to improve overall performance of State-run banks and reviving stalled projects;

(b) whether there is co-ordination between Government and RBI to fine-tune and calibrate policies and strategies so that both are on the same page on PSU-Banks revival; and

(c) the details of targets set by Government to reduce NPAs and improve performance of banks?

RBI guidelines on defaulters

2525. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the RBI guidelines, banks cannot extend finance to borrowers who have committed frauds, for five years from the date of full payment of defrauded amount with certain exceptions, under corrective action plan;

(b) if so, the penal action provided against lenders and borrowers, separately, in case of violation of above guidelines;

(c) the details of exceptions in the guidelines; and

(d) the details of losses suffered by Public Sector Banks due to fraud during each of last three years, year-wise and bank-wise?

Detection of fresh bad loans in PSBs

2526. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ₹ 2,41,000 crore of fresh bad loans have been detected during the last six months of 2015-16, if so, the details thereof, bank-wise;

(b) the reasons for the detection of fresh bad loans in PSBs;

(c) the details of bad loans in industrial sector and agriculture sector in terms of rupee, bank-wise; and

(d) the details of technical write offs of loans by PSBs during 2015-16 and 2016-17, as on date, bank-wise?

Funds released under Thirteenth and Fourteenth FCs to urban local bodies

2527. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds recommended by the Thirteenth Finance Commission to urban local bodies (ULBs), local body-wise;

(b) whether all the funds have been released to ULBs under the Thirteenth Finance Commission;

(c) the details of funds recommended by the Fourteenth Finance Commission to various urban local bodies, local body-wise; and

(d) the details of funds so far released under Fourteenth Finance Commission in the first two years of its award period, local body-wise, with a particular reference to Telangana?

Constitution of Committee regarding re-employment of ex-servicemen in PSBs

2528. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a Committee consisting of three Members regarding the matters pertaining to re-employment of ex-servicemen in SBI and its associate banks;

(b) if so, its legal status and terms of reference thereof and whether it was

empowered to interpret the policies enacted by the DoPT/MoD in regard to ex-servicemen;

(c) the validity of its recommendations, which are contrary/violating the existing orders of DoPT/MoD without obtaining ratification of proper authorities in the matter; and

(d) what action Government contemplates for this extra-jurisdictional act?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2529. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified loss making Central Public Sector Undertakings for strategic disinvestment during current fiscal year, if so, the details of these PSUs;

(b) what is the approximate revenue Government will generate from these strategic sale; and

(c) which are the private undertakings who have shown keen interest to invest in these undertakings and the details thereof?

Revenue under-invoicing by telecom companies

2530. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether massive under-invoicing of revenue by certain telecom companies during 2006-2012 have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the total loss of taxes to the exchequer due to such tax evasion; and

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

Subscriptions to insurance schemes launched by Government

2531. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons who have subscribed to the accident insurance scheme and life insurance scheme launched by Government to provide social security to the people; and

(b) the total number of claims which have been settled under the aforesaid schemes, till date?

Profits earned by Peerless General Finance and Investment Co. Ltd., Kolkata

2532. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of profit earned during last three years through alternative business of Financial Product Distribution of Peerless, General Finance and Investment Company (PGFICL), Kolkata year-wise; and

(b) the quantum of dividend paid to the Members of Board of Directors of PGFICL during last five years, year-wise?

Indian Companies involved in foreign exchange fraud

2533. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that some Indian companies are involved in some recent foreign exchange frauds recently;

(b) whether Government will enquire into black money parked in Foreign Banks by people of Indian origin and some of the loans from Public Sector Banks (PSBs) which later turned into NPAs are involved in such frauds; and

(c) whether Government will ensure that PSBs deposits do not reach money laundering markets?

Central loans due from Punjab

2534. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much loan Punjab Government has to pay to Central Government as on date;

(b) how much loan Punjab Government is paying to the Central Government, annually; and

(c) whether Central Government is considering any proposal to waive/write off the entire loans in view of huge amount being spent by Punjab Government in dealing with terrorist activities especially on borders?

Status of interest subvention scheme

2535. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approved any interest subvention scheme for farmers who borrowed short-term crop loan during 2016-17, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of loan up to which, the scheme is available; and

(c) what is the total amount that would be spent under the scheme and estimated number of farmers to be benefited during the year, in the country, particularly in Punjab?

Measures to relieve debt ridden farmers

†2536. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite waiver of loans majority of farmers in the country are debt ridden as of now;

(b) the total amount of loan due on farmers of the country and the position of Bihar in this regard and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to relieve farmers from the burden of debt, so that they do not commit suicide?

Non-remittance of Service Tax by Indian Railways

2537. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways are collecting Service Tax from commuters on Tatkal, Ticket cancellation and Bed roll charges;

(b) if so, whether levying of Service Tax by the Railways are in consonance with the existing laws relating to Service Tax;

(c) how much amount of Service Tax levied by the Railways has not yet been remitted to the Revenue Department and since when; and

(d) what action initiated by the

Government to realise the Service Tax, so levied upon the passengers by the railways?

Limiting GST rate below 18 per cent

2538. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great ambiguity and confusion in the proposed GST Bill with regard to indirect tax laws, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Price Water House Coopers (PWC) have suggested limiting GST rate to below 18 per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the other recommendations proposed by the IAMAI and PWC suggested in their report, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to address the issues raised by the e-commerce Companies;

Outstanding student loans

2539. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount of student loans disbursed by Public Sector banks for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total amount of student loans disbursed by Private Sector banks for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) total amount of outstanding students loans until now, State-wise; and

(d) the percentage of bad loans out of the total amount of outstanding student loans?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cash transfers among currency chests

2540. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum limit of cash that could be transferred from one currency chest to another currency chest, both within the State and, inter-State transfers; and

(b) what are the documents that need to be carried by the officials involved in transferring cash from one currency chest to another?

Status of ATM machines in the country

2541. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ATM machines available and operational in the country, State-wise, village-wise; and

(b) the details thereof?

Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) with US

2542. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and US have decided to speed up the pending Bilateral Investment Treaty, (BIT) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the US is pushing India to wrap up the talks during second round of annual Strategic and Commercial Dialogue (S&CD) or the next round of Trade Policy Forum;

(c) whether the US has been

pressurising India to accede to a treaty similar to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) India signed with Japan and Korea; and

(d) if so, what precautionary steps Government is taking to protect indigenous industries in the country and the Government's proposals/offers to conclude the BIT?

Short and long term loans for farmers

2543. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to farmers for tilling land and purchasing agricultural equipments and the agencies through which these assistance are provided to them;

(b) the current rate of interest charged on short term and long term loans given to farmers; and

(c) whether Government proposes to waive off the interest on the loans given to farmers, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Agricultural loans by private and foreign banks

†2544. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private and foreign banks are reluctant to disburse loans to agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the loan, disbursed by the private and foreign banks to agriculture sector as compared to those given by them to other sectors during the last three years year-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Delay in remittance of revised pension by PNB

2545. SARDAR BALWINDER
SINGH BHUNDER:
SHRI CHUNIBHAI
KANJIBHAI GOHEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has done away with the provision of having 33 years service for earning full pension;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all pre-2006 pensioners will be entitled to a hike in pension in addition to arrears;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that inspite of instructions issued by Government, Punjab National Bank (PNB) have neither given increase, nor arrears so far to the pensioners having account with PNB branches; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that all pensioners get increased pension and arrears without any further delay on the part of PNB?

Dispute Resolution Scheme for tax payers

2546. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has written/decided to write letters to a large number of taxpayers to avail benefits under the Dispute Resolution Scheme for settling their tax related disputes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response, if any, so far received by Government;

(c) the details of benefits that will accrue to taxpayers in case they settle their tax related disputes under the said Scheme; and

(d) the time by which this task is likely to be completed and the time period to be given to the taxpayers to settle their disputes?

RBI guidelines on ATMs

2547. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a study of RBI, about 33 per cent of banks ATMs remain out of order, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that banks do not follow the guidelines of RBI in this regard;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of guidelines issued by RBI regarding ATMs; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that all ATMs function properly for the use and benefit of masses?

Report of Chief Advisor Cost

2548. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2619 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2015 and state:

(a) the reasons as to why a copy of the report submitted by the Chief Advisor Cost cannot be laid on the Table of the House; and

(b) whether the information in respect to rate difference between purchase of stationaries from Kendriya Bhandar and private traders have since been collected, if so, details thereof and action taken thereon?

Waiver of bank loans to farmers in Rajasthan

‡2549. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average monthly income of farmers in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) average loan of each farmer in the State of Rajasthan;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to waive off the loans of farmers; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce loans of farmers of desert districts of western Rajasthan and to enhance their income?

Steps to increase the number of tax payers

‡2550. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of taxpayers in the Country at present;

(b) whether Central Government is taking necessary steps to enhance the number of tax payer and to cover more and more people under it, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stringent steps taken by Government to discourage black money and to control it, details thereof?

PSB loan targets for Micro and Small Industries

2551. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed by Government for granting loans to Micro and Small Industries in the country have

not been met by most of the Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, the reasons for these Public Sector Banks for not achieving the target; and

(c) whether Government intends to revise the target in view of performance of Public Sector Banks?

RBI guidelines for auto financial services

2552. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to obtain prior approval of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to commence auto financial services including Non--Banking Financial Services;

(b) if so, what are the details of approvals granted by RBI to a Financial Services Company in Chennai;

(c) whether the said Company is also operating in debit cards, leasing insurance services, banking, etc. in a large scale without the prior approval of RBI; and

(d) if so, details thereof and action taken against the company for violation of RBI guidelines?

Revival of stalled projects in key infrastructure sectors

2553. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stressed assets of power, steel and mining sectors have resulted in a spike of NPAs and loan defaults;

(b) if so, the number of stalled major infrastructure projects and the amount of outstanding loans to the banks; and

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(c) the steps taken by Government and RBI to revive stalled projects in key infrastructure sectors?

Loss of original papers of loanee by Banks

2554. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some banks are reported to have lost original property papers submitted by a loanee as guarantee;

(b) is there any policy/guideline to be followed by the banks in this regard;

(c) if so, what action were taken against erring banks; and

(d) what is the duty of banks to reimburse the clients consequent upon settlement of a loan?

Proposal for fixing of Professional Tax ceilings by States

2555. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to transfer Central Governments' power to fix Professional Tax ceilings to the States, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) would it require a Constitution amendment; and

(c) if so, what would be its implications for the proposed GST?

Technical problems faced in subsidy transfers

2556. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that states like

Rajasthan which have implemented Aadhaar for subsidy transfers are facing numerous number of technical glitches like failure of fingerprint authentication etc.;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to improve the infrastructure required for implementation of Aadhaar Bill at the State level and details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated for the same; and

(d) what are the alternatives that are being considered for the implementation in areas where there are connectivity problem and details thereof?

Micro-credit scheme in West Bengal

2557. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the State Government of West Bengal has achieved excellent results in the scheme of providing term loans and micro-credit for 2014-15;

(b) the details of the physical and financial achievements made in the scheme of providing term loans and micro-credit for minorities in the country for the year 2014-15, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken steps to implement best practices learnt from West Bengal in disbursement of loans and micro-credit to the beneficiaries of minority communities?

Trauma Centres along National Highways

2558. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trauma centres opened during 2014-15 on National Highways, Delhi-Chandigarh and Delhi-Amritsar; and

(b) the number of Trauma Centres proposed on these Highways in the year 2015-16?

Action against medical negligence cases

‡2559. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no national policy has been formulated for taking action against the hospitals and doctors who are involved in carelessness and criminal acts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what action has been taken against the Apollo Hospital, Delhi, which is involved in Kidney racket and against the Fortis Hospital, Delhi, which has operated the wrong leg?

Mandatory labelling of sodium content

2560. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Safety and Standard (Packaging and Labelling) Rules does not require to give information on the sodium contents on the labels fixed by the manufacturer on the product though a large number of population in the country is suffering from hypertension;

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

(c) whether Government intends to amend the Rules to make information relating to sodium in the label of the product mandatory?

ICMR's cancer report

2561. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the latest ICMR's cancer data report;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that average number of cancer possibility above age group of 60 years is 1 out of 9 persons, if so, details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to check the average mortality rate therefor?

Printing of expiry date on packaged food items

2562. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on most of the packaged food items date of expiry is printed in such a way that it is illegible; and

(b) if so, whether Government has issued any guidelines to the industry to follow a uniform norms in this regard?

PHCs in tribal areas lacking basic facilities

2563. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Primary Health Centres (PHCs) particularly in the tribal areas and other backward areas are lacking facilities, doctors and nurses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor particularly in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the funds allocated and spent for each PHCs in the Eleventh and Twelfth Plan periods?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Ban on FDC drugs

2564. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put a ban on Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) drugs, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is aware that ban on FDC drugs is hurting the growth of the pharma industry;

(c) whether Government has received any representation to lift the ban on FDC drugs as there are several benefits of them; and

(d) the details thereof along with the stand of Government in this regard ?

High percentage of adulterated food

†2565. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from fast foods, pulses, oil, milk and ghee are also proving unsafe since one out of five such edible items is adulterated and impure; and

(b) the number of cases of adulteration brought in food safety labs this year and quantum of penalty imposed on them and number of cases in which sentence has been awarded to culprits, and the State-wise details thereof?

Medical facilities for Government employees

2566. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of medical facilities being provided to Central Government employees?

Safety of food preservatives

†2567. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether food preservatives added in ice-cream, chips, kurkure and biscuit etc. of various companies are safe for children and other people;

(b) under what rule relaxation has been given to preserve edible item, ice-cream for a long period and whether this is not affecting the health of children and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is working on a scheme to reduce period of preservation of said foodstuff and to lower the content of food preservatives from health point of view, if so, by when this scheme would be implemented and the details thereof?

Merging of Departments at Safdarjung Hospital

2568. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether arthroscopy and joint replacement are done in the Central

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Institute of Orthopaedics (CIO) and Sports Injury Centre (SIC) of Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) what other treatments are available in those Departments;

(c) the reasons for maintaining separate Departments for the same treatments;

(d) whether CIO and SIC have facilities of 200 and 35 beds, respectively; and

(e) whether Government would merge both the Departments in the same building so that patients may be benefited by enlarging the infrastructural facilities thereof?

Reviewing contributions of ASHAs

†2569. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the contribution of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) in the field of spreading health awareness and improving the situation of Institutional childbirth and in bringing down Child Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Rate; and

(b) if so, the details and the results thereof?

Blood Banks in the country

2570. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has conducted any study to estimate the number of Blood Banks required in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) how many blood storage facilities are operational at various First Referral Units, Community Health Centres, Public Health Centres, Secondary and Tertiary Health Centres, State-wise details thereof;

(c) how many whole blood and blood components have been issued by these Centres over the last three years, State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether these Blood Banks have helped in improving healthcare and reducing Maternal Mortality and Child Mortality Rates during last three years and details thereof?

TB cases in Assam's tea gardens

2571. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tuberculosis (TB) has become a major problem in Assam's tea gardens often leading to the death of workers;

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

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government and the details of facilities being provided to the patients?

Kidney rackets at dialysis centre

†2572. SHRI LAL SINH VODODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the business of selling kidneys is spreading rapidly at most of the dialysis centres in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is going to take any step to curb this; and

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

Funding of new medical colleges in Odisha

2573. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has been made for making adequate provision in the Union Budget 2016-17 towards non-recurring capital cost for establishment of five Medical Colleges in the districts of Bolangir, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Puri; and

(b) if not, whether Government will take immediate steps on this score for ruling out the possibility of any delay in the creation of infrastructure which may be caused in future due to paucity of fund?

High rate of Maternal Mortality Rate in Assam

2574. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Maternal Mortality Rate is highest in Assam;

(b) if so, details of Maternal Mortality rate in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the reasons for higher rate of Maternal Mortality and action taken to control it;

(d) whether lack of quality care and inequality based on caste, gender and age are the biggest problems of Maternal Mortality cases in some of the States including Karnataka; and

(e) if so, action taken or proposed to eliminate these problems among others?

Private diagnostic and imaging facilities at SIC, Safdarjung Hospital

2575. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 499 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30 April, 2013 and state:

(a) the reasons for establishing private diagnostic and imaging centres in Sports Injury Centre (SIC) established as a part of Central Institute of Orthopaedics of Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) the reasons for not utilising these facilities of Central Institute of Orthopaedics and thereby removing those Private Centres therefrom; and

(c) whether there is any preferential treatment in favour of 35 bedded Sports Injury Centre above the 2000 bedded Safdarjung Hospital, and, if so, the reasons therefor?

Disparity in calorie consumption

2576. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the disparity in consumption of food in calorie terms between urban and rural population in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of per capita consumption of food in terms of calories and proteins, rural and urban area-wise of the country, State/UT-wise?

Regulating use of salt and sugar in fast foods

2577. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fast food, high on salt and sugar content is fuelling the country's hypertension and obesity epidemic;

(b) if so, the corrective steps Government has taken thereon;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has also asked Government to regulate the use of salt and sugar in the fast food sector;

(d) if so, whether Government has negotiated with the fast food companies on cutting down salt and sugar use; and

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

Cancer treatment centres in Rajasthan

†2578. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has sent a proposal to the Centre for setting up a Tertiary Cancer Centre in Jhalawar and a State Cancer Centre in Jaipur, if so, by when approval will be accorded for the same; and

(b) whether Government proposes to sanction the project regarding Multi Disciplinary Research Laboratory for

medical colleges situated at Ajmer and Kota in Rajasthan and to release funds for the same, if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities to treat kidney ailments

2579. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a constant increase in the kidney related ailments including dialysis;

(b) how many District Hospitals of the States in the country are equipped with facility for treating kidney ailments, dialysis and kidney transplantation;

(c) the proportionate ratio of Nephrologists and kidney patients; and

(d) the manner in which Ministry proposes to bridge the gap of the doctor-patient ratio in this regard?

New Population Policy

2580. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to make any changes in the proposed Population Policy;

(b) whether Government has taken any review of the present population and whether Government has taken any feedback from the State Governments; and

(c) which are the new developments Government has noted in the matter of population management and details thereof?

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Increase in surrogate pregnancies in tribal areas

2581. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rampant increase in the surrogate pregnancies in tribal areas of the country has come to the notice of Ministry;

(b) whether Ministry is also aware that surrogacy has become a commercial activity by luring women with money;

(c) what has happened to the affidavit filed in the Supreme Court by Government that commercial surrogacy of non-Indians would not be permitted; and

(d) how Ministry is going to implement this assurance strictly?

Action against synthetic drugs manufacturer

2582. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturing of synthetic drugs is increasing not only in Mumbai but throughout the country, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether it could happen without the knowledge of drug authorities; and

(c) if so, the effective steps being taken by Government to identify all illegal drug units and to cancel their licenses?

Quality check of packaged drinking water

2583. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 70 per cent of packaged drinking water bottling units in the country are operating without proper licences such as FSSAI or BIS;

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

(c) whether Government has made any survey over quality and quantity of mineral packaged drinking water and its safety, if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Thalassemia patients

2584. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey about the Thalassemia patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to provide treatment particularly blood transfusion to the Thalassemia patients?

Rise in childhood cancer cases

2585. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of childhood cancer are on the rise in the National Capital and NCR, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether efforts have been made to find out the main reasons for these cancer cases, if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to provide best of treatment to children suffering from cancer?

Vanishing of life saving drugs from the market after price control

2586. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per media reports life-savings drugs disappear from the market after Government introduces price control, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made any enquiry in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government proposes to take to ensure that drugs are available in plenty after their prices are controlled by Government?

Curbing financial nexus between pharma companies and doctors

2587. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the growing financial relationship between the pharmaceutical companies and healthcare professionals despite the ban imposed by Government in 2009 to curb the practice of taking any allurements from pharma companies by the doctors; and

(b) whether Government has cancelled the licenses of such doctors during the last three years on account of the unethical practice, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Impanelling of Diagnostic Centre for Tilak Nagar, Delhi

2588. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a

large number of CGHS beneficiaries have been residing in and around Tilak Nagar area, New Delhi where there is no Diagnostic Centre on the panel of CGHS and as a result thereof these people have to go either to Janakpuri or Moti Nagar for their diagnostic test which are far away from Tilak Nagar area, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when any such Centre is likely to be empanelled on the CGHS and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prevalence of Anemia among children in urban areas

2589. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the growing anaemia among children in urban areas;

(b) if so what steps are being taken to prevent this problem so that childhood can be healthy and we can have healthy future citizens; and

(c) whether Government would introduce any nutrition schemes for urban India to deal with Anaemia among children?

Medical facilities under NHM for tea garden labourers

2590. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether healthcare facilities provided in tea garden areas are very poor, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any proposal for inclusion of all tea gardens in Assam under National Health Mission (NHM) as tea garden labourers of Assam

have a long pending demand for better healthcare and medical facilities which they are deprived for many years with no doctors and medicines within tea garden hospitals;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide hospital/health centre per tea garden in the State with minimum health and medical care facilities?

NAT facility for Amritsar Blood Bank

2591. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government proposes a NAT testing facility at Amritsar Blood Bank as there are a large number of people suffering from Thalassemia and Blood Cancer which require continuous treatment and blood transfusion and during blood transfusion, there are chances of Transfusion Transmitted diseases (TTDs) to the recipient and Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT), a molecular technique for screening blood donations to reduce the risk of TTDs in the recipients, thus providing an additional layer of blood safety?

Report on efficacy of Putra Jeevak Vati

2592. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a "Putra Jeevak Vati" is being produced and marketed by Patanjali;

(b) if so, whether it has been tested for its efficacy or for its content by any laboratory; and

(c) whether the State Government of Uttarakhand has submitted a report to Government in this regard?

WHO's report on healthcare workforce

2593. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of a WHO report that more than half of the practicing healthcare work force in the country do not have any medical qualification; and

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

Patients overload at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi

†2594. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients at the Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi has increased considerably as compared to the past, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no steps have been taken towards strengthening its capacity and infrastructure in the last three years and the institute has been facing shortage on many fronts; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Administration of SIC, Safdarjung Hospital

2595. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to

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refer to answer to Starred Question 363 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16 April, 1999 and state:

(a) whether an Arthroscopy and Sports Injury Clinic had been set up at Central Institute of Orthopaedics of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, how a separate Director has been appointed for Sports Injury Centre whereas it should have been under the Director of Central Institute of Orthopaedics;

(c) how the Deputy Director, Consultant and HR Manager have been appointed in Sports Injury Centre whereas they should be manpower for Central Institute of Orthopaedics; and

(d) whether a separate website for Sports Injury Centre (SIC) has been allowed by the Medical Superintendent of Safdarjung Hospital and if so, reasons therefor?

Beneficiaries of JSY

2596. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the number of pregnant women benefited under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) in the country, in the last two years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the concrete steps taken to ensure nutritional benefits under JSY reach all pregnant women in the country and to make this scheme popular; and

(c) whether complaints have been received about many pregnant women not being able to avail benefits under JSY due

to scheme not being extended, if so, the details thereof?

Permission to doctors with PG degree to practice in the country

2597. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is permitting only doctors who have pursued their PG only from certain countries to practice;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for not allowing doctors who have pursued their PG from other countries?

Screening test for foreign educated doctors

2598. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given an affidavit before the Bombay High Court that the country is grappling with severe doctors shortage;

(b) if so, the reasons for not permitting foreign educated medical doctors to practice in the country;

(c) whether Screening Test being conducted by MCI is becoming tougher and tougher for students and it is due to this that the results are coming down year after year; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry would do away with the Screening Test so that they can practice and reduce the severe shortage of doctors in the country?

Monitoring and surveillance of polio cases

2599. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO has declared India 'Polio Free Country' in March, 2014, if so, on what evidence and basis this declaration was made;

(b) whether it is a fact that since March, 2014 the Ministry or any other department/agency under the Ministry is not maintaining data on polio in the country;

(c) since when National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP) has collected data and figures on polio and displayed the same and present role of NPSP; and

(d) what kind of monitoring and surveillance are done by WHO to ensure polio is totally eradicated from India and what kind of co-ordination Ministry has with WHO?

Trading in kidneys of poor people

†2600. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the kidneys of poor people are being traded to save the lives of rich people; and

(b) the number of such cases surfaced in the country till date and the action taken thereon, so far and State-wise details thereof?

Awareness about organ donation

2601. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients in need of organ transplant in India and the number of successful organ transplants conducted;

(b) the policies put in place by Government to increase awareness of the need for organ donation and encourage donation; and

(c) the number of organ donors registered under National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, State-wise?

Increasing access to mental health support for all

2602. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mental healthcare institutions set up through Government support in the country, State-wise since 2013;

(b) the efforts taken by Government to increase access to mental health support for all especially economically weaker sections, through Central or State efforts; and

(c) whether Government is undertaking any steps to increase public awareness and understanding of mental health issues and of resources available, if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of mortuary facilities for post-mortem

†2603. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under National Health Mission, there is no scheme or arrangement for modernisation and upgradation of facility for conducting post-

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mortem in the mortuaries and keeping dead bodies; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the old process of conducting postmortem is inhuman and it also causes infection and serious threats for employees, if so, whether Government intends to modernise and upgrade the post-mortem facility under National Health Mission and details thereof?

Eradication of malaria

2604. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of deaths due to malaria in the past three years, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether there is any scheme being proposed to eradicate malaria by 2027;

(c) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated towards the same, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the details of schemes which are prevalent now especially in urban areas for the past three years?

Restructuring of MCI

2605. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has accepted the report of Department Related Standing Committee on Functioning of Medical Council of India (MCI);

(b) what measures will be taken by the Ministry to implement recommendation of the report to bifurcate the two major

functions of MCI viz. medical education and ensuring ethical conduct by medical professionals; and

(c) what measures will be taken on the recommendation to make the regulatory structure of MCI more participatory to include Public Health Experts, Social Scientists, NGOs and activists working on health rights, legal experts, patient advocacy groups etc. in the governance and executive structure of MCI?

Doctors shortage in CHS

2606. 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 that 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?

MCI's approval for private medical colleges

2607. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India (MCI) has given a second lifeline to 175 private medical colleges that were denied approval by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reason for Government not overruling it and if not, the reasons therefor?

Minority groups benefited from welfare measures

2608. 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 welfare measures are uniformly applied on all the groups; and

(c) which are the Minority groups which have benefited the most from the welfare measures in the last three years ending March 31, 2016?

Under-representation of Muslims in Government organisations

2609. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is under representation of Muslims in the Ministry, the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) and the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure adequate proportional representation of Muslims therein?

Value of land possessed by Waqf Board

2610. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much Waqf land is currently available in India and the details of monetary value of this land, State-wise;

(b) how much Waqf land is currently under encroachment in India and the details of monetary value of the encroached land, State-wise with special reference to the State of Maharashtra;

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent encroachment of Waqf land and to reclaim encroached land; and

(d) how much Waqf land has been sold in the open market since January, 2010 till present, the total amount of sale proceed in monetary terms etc., the State-wise?

Multi-Sectoral Development Programme

2611. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas identified for implementation of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme(MSDP) and the programmes/schemes undertaken since its inception along with the targets set/achieved during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) whether Government has restructured the programme to cover more Blocks/Districts in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the infrastructure created/funds allocated/spent under MSDP during the above period in the country as a whole and in respect of Jharkhand and Gujarat specifically?

Selection of athletes under TOP

2612. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of selected athletes under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme;

(b) whether there is any ongoing process to include more athletes;

(c) the allocation of funds for this scheme;

(d) whether there has been a review of the performance of the selected athletes as of now; and

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

BCCI under RTI Act

2613. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a long standing public demand of bringing BCCI under RTI ambit; and

(b) if so, what is the stand of the Ministry on this issue?

Non-participants going to Rio Olympics

†2614. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of participants expected to participate in the Olympic Games to be organised in Rio in August, 2016;

(b) the sports events in which these participants will participate primarily;

(c) the number of non-participating persons accompanying the Indian contingent to Rio; and

(d) the justification of sending non-sportspersons to Rio?

Involvement of corporate sector in promotion of specific games and players

†2615. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to formulate a long-term plan to involve the corporate houses to promote specific games and players, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the role of private sector in the development of sports in the country?

Utilisation of stadiums and sports grounds

2616. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan by the Ministry to increase the utilisation of stadiums and sports grounds across the country for public use when no sports event is being held;

(b) the number of such stadiums/facilities which can be utilised by the public, which are not available right now for public use and remain shut or locked; and

(c) whether a nominal fee-based approach can be considered for all such facilities for maintenance and security?

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Employment for ex-sportspersons

2617. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a mechanism with the Ministry to ensure employment for ex-sportspersons who have competed at the national and international levels for India as suggested by All India Council of Sports (AICS); and

(b) whether there is a mechanism to ensure employment for sportspersons who are differently abled and have competed for India at the national and international levels?

Youth hostels in Tamil Nadu

2618. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 4 youth hostels have been set up in Tamil Nadu, so far, by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up more youth hostels in the prominent cities including Viluppuram in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

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

Criteria fixed for selecting youths for IYE

2619. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND

SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is organising International Youth Exchange (IYE) with friendly countries to promote exchange of ideas, values and cultures among youths;

(b) if so, the details of criteria fixed for selecting youths for this programme; and

(c) the details of youths selected under this programme from the State of Tamil Nadu during last three years?

Discrimination between male and female sportspersons

2620. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some games like Cricket etc. female players get less remuneration as compared to male players;

(b) if so, the details of such games and amount paid to male and female players; and

(c) whether Government wish to pay equal amount to male and female players?

Development of stadium/playgrounds

2621. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stadium/playgrounds developed in last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of stadium/playgrounds to be developed, State-wise in next two years?

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