

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, May 10, 2016/Vaisakha 20, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Utility expansion in AYUSH systems of medicine

†*166. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expansion made in the States for the benefit of public at large in each of the Centrally sponsored genres of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH), annually during the period 2013-14 to 2015-16; and

(b) the measures to establish the reliability of certification of manufacturing and distribution of drugs in the said systems of treatment and the arrangements made to keep unauthenticated medicines out of circulation?

Suspension of licenses of pharma companies

*167. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert committee formed by Government has recommended that the licenses of at least 10 leading pharmaceutical companies to manufacture generic versions of the life saving drugs, be suspended, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of 10 manufacturers, seven have responded and *prima facie*, it has been found that their responses were not satisfactory to conclude that the products are safe and efficacious; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Strict enforcement of prohibiting sale of tobacco near schools

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

(a) whether the rule prohibiting advertisements/sale of tobacco products within 100 yards from schools etc. are being strictly enforced, if not, reasons therefor;

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(b) whether the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) also prohibits sale/advertisements of smokeless products; and

(c) if so, action initiated to punish the violators?

**Bridging the gap between
urban and rural
per capita income**

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

(a) details of per capita income in various States in last three years;

(b) the urban and rural per capita income differentials in the country during each of the last three years and the current financial year; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to bridge the gap during the current Five Year Plan?

**Cheap air tickets to the
labourers emigrating
to Gulf countries**

*170. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government used to sell tickets at cheaper rates to the labourers emigrating from different States of the country to the Gulf countries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this facility is still available to Indian labourers; and

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

Shortage of currency coins

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of currency coins;

(b) whether due to their requirement especially for various rituals, ceremonies in Indian culture, the general public is forced to procure the same from blackmarketeers at heavy price;

(c) the steps Government has taken or contemplates to ensure availability of coins and currency notes in open market to prevent blackmarketing; and

(d) whether Government is in the process of bringing stringent measures to rein in such blackmarketeers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps to check adulterated
packaged milk**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some top selling brands of packaged milk have been found to be adulterated;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check packaged milk adulteration?

Development of Ayurveda Clusters

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

(a) whether Government develops and assists in setting up of Ayurveda Clusters in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of Ayurveda Clusters set up so far, funds allocated and assistance provided to them; and

(c) whether there is any fresh proposal for setting up of such clusters in the country, pending for approval/consideration of the Ministry and if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for distribution of free essential drugs

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

(a) the present status of the implementation of the scheme for distributing free essential drugs and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the total number of medicines provided under the scheme so far, State/UT-wise, particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(c) whether Government proposes to reduce/increase the number of medicines being provided under the scheme; and

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

Utilisation of NRHM funds in Jharkhand

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

(a) the total amount allocated and released under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to Jharkhand during FY 2014-15;

(b) what checks and balances are in place in the Ministry to ensure that the money

has indeed been spent for the intended purpose; and

(c) whether Government has received complaints of misappropriation/diversion/frauds etc. with regard to utilisation of NRHM funds in Jharkhand?

Poor state of CGHS dispensary, Janakpuri, New Delhi

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

(a) whether Government is aware of bad state of functioning of CGHS Dispensary (61) in Janakpuri, New Delhi due to malfunctioning of server, absence of doctors and non-availability of medicines daily;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure proper functioning of the dispensary in order to avoid unavoidable inconvenience to the CGHS beneficiaries, most of whom are aged and retired from service?

Employment crisis among nursing students

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

(a) whether nursing students are facing employment crisis due to mushrooming private nursing colleges in the country including Maharashtra on a large scale;

(b) the total number of nursing students passing out every year in the country including Maharashtra;

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(c) whether these students are compelled to work in private hospitals and clinics on a very low pay scales;

(d) whether Government is considering to frame guidelines for pay and allowances, pension and other facilities for nursing staff of private hospitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Augmenting awareness drive on Zika virus

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

(a) the manner in which the Ministry intends to augment its methods of creating awareness and further monitoring the dissemination of information by the Central and State Governments about the Zika virus disease;

(b) what is Government's policy for creating long lasting and aggressive vector control management policies keeping in mind the number of mosquito borne diseases that India suffers from; and

(c) whether Government has issued instructions laying down a protocol for primary health centres as well as private clinics and hospitals to differentiate patients suffering from Zika virus disease and dengue since both have similar symptoms?

Pan Masala advertisement

†*179. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of

INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that now a days each TV channel of the country is advertising Pan Masala with religious spirit;

(b) if so, whether Pan Masala is good for health;

(c) if not, whether Government would consider imposition of a ban on such advertisement, if not the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has taken steps to deal with such advertisements, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Induction of foreign-made SAMs

*180. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army has decided to go for Israeli quick-reaction surface-to-air missile (QR-SAMs) to take on enemy fighters, helicopters and drones after firmly rejecting further induction of the much-touted indigenous Akash missile, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this would affect Make-in-India Policy, especially since the Navy is turning to France for similar requirements after dumping the Akash missiles for its warships due to stabilisation problems, if so, the details thereof?

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