

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 160

Ayurvedic durg for breast cancer

1761. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AIIMS has successfully tested a coded ayurvedic drug for improving quality of life of breast cancer patients, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that it does not have any role in curing the disease according to the said study, if so, the details thereof?

AYUSH-based facilities for treating cancer and life-style diseases

1762. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

concrete proposals to provide AYUSH based research and referral facilities to treat diseases such as cancer as well as life-style diseases; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Application of yoga in cancer cases

1763. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously considering to validate the application of yoga in improving quality of life of cancer patients, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also considering, a no. of research proposals received from many cancer institutes for the same; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposals, so far, received from such institutions?

Worldwide promotion of yoga

1764. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the promotion to yoga by the Hon' Prime Minister has been successful through launching it worldwide on World Yoga Day;

(b) whether there is any plan to train a large number of youth in yoga and send them to various countries in order to spread yoga;

(c) whether there is any proposal to encourage other countries to adopt yoga in their school curriculum; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure incurred on Ayush systems

1765. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred on Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Siddha and Naturopathy separately during the last two years and the current year, so far; and

(b) the details of proposals and plans for the future?

Re-naming of Saloni Bari (Tezpur) airport in Assam

1766. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal from Government of Assam for re-naming

the Saloni Bari (Tezpur) airport in the name of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika the famous singer and Dada Saheb Phalke award winner is lying in the Civil Aviation Ministry for consideration; and

(b) if so, when the Ministry will give its approval thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

Incidents of bomb scare at airports

1767. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increasing trend of incidents of bomb scare at the airports in the recent days, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of bomb scare incidents that took place in the last one year in various airports in the country; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to augment security arrangements at the airports and the investigations made in such incidents, and the details thereof?

Air connectivity with Africa

1768. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to restore and enhance air connectivity with Africa;

(b) the countries and destinations identified for Air India and other National Carriers;

(c) whether Government proposes to enter into revised MoUs with African countries to increase bilateral entitlements and capacity utilization for such countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of Swami Vivekanand airport, Raipur as an international airport

†1769. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any requests for declaring Swami Vivekanand airport, Raipur as an international airport;

(b) if so, the dates on which these requests were received;

(c) the hurdles in declaring Swami Vivekanand airport, Raipur as an international airport; and

(d) by when Swami Vivekanand airport, Raipur will be declared as an international airport?

Disinvestment of Air India

1770. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to disinvest Air India or to exit from it; and

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

Replacement of A 320 aircrafts of AI

1771. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the Air India flights have been departing very late particularly from Mumbai airport if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) what is the take off and landing capacity of Mumbai airport;

(c) whether Government is aware that fleet of A 320 aircrafts of Air India have been reporting snags frequently and have become very risky for fliers; and

(d) if so, the action taken to retire these aircrafts and replace them with new aircrafts?

Poor quality food in AI domestic flights

†1772. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of complaints regarding the quality of food served in domestic flights of Air India is on the rise;

(b) if so, number and details of complaints received during last year as well as the current year;

(c) whether Air India has received 292 complaints from passengers in the month of November out of which most of the complaints were related to food served to them; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken on these complaints along with the corrective measures taken in view of these complaints?

Study on financial and administrative problems faced by Civil Aviation Sector

1773. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

conducted regarding various financial and administrative problems faced by the Civil Aviation Sector in the country in general and Air India in particular during last three years;

(b) whether the reports of these studies have been studied and implemented;

(c) the details thereof including the financial performance of Air India and the amount so far infused for viability of the sector; and

(d) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to address the problems in Civil Aviation Sector especially Air India?

VT written on aircrafts

†1774. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the alphabets VT are written before the call sign on all the Government or private aircrafts flying in the country;

(b) since when the practice of writing VT is in vogue in the country and under which order; and

(c) the details of the word for which the abbreviation VT is used?

Regularisation of services of casual commercial and engineering helpers

1775. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of panel made in 1990 by Air India (erstwhile Indian Airlines) for appointment of commercial and engineering helpers;

(b) whether services of some of the empanelled candidates have been regularised in due course and rest have not been regularised till now, in violation of verdict of Hon'ble High Court in 1997;

(c) if so, under which rule, the service of above un-regularised employees being treated as casual and are being utilised continuously since 1991;

(d) whether these remaining un-regularised helpers will be made regular with all benefits; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Restructuring of loans of Air India

1776. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is seeking restructuring of their loans;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons for restructuring;

(c) what are the options available for the purpose of restructuring; and

(d) what is the response of Government to these options of restructuring?

Withdrawal of flight services on commercially unviable routes

1777. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received against private airlines regarding withdrawing services on unviable commercial routes, in view of rise in demand for domestic flights in summer rush, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) how many airlines violated Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) while commencing or withdrawing flight services, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) against such airlines; and

(d) the steps taken by DGCA to ensure passengers are not fleeced with exorbitant air fare during summer and festival rush, and the action against violators?

Differences in air fares

†1778. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there remains huge difference in air fares charged by different airlines due to absence of appropriate rule for fixing of air fare, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether implementation of a proper system is being considered to control the huge differences in air fares charged by different airlines and to bring uniformity in them and if so, the details thereof?

IT assessment of CSR spending

†1779. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government asks various companies to spend a certain per cent of their profits under CSR;

(b) whether it is a fact that profit making companies are not spending under CSR head because the assessing officer of Income Tax (IT) renders the expenses incurred under CSR invalid; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has asked the Ministry of Finance to declare the expenditure under CSR as valid and justified under Income Tax Act?

Adoption of suggestions of panel on review of Companies Act

1780. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to adopt the changes suggested by the high-level panel that was set-up to review the issues arising out of implementation of the Companies Act, 2013;

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

(c) whether Government has already formed a Committee to look into these suggestions; and

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

CSR funds for Clean India Campaign

1781. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to take a policy decision wherein 30 per cent of CSR funds from all public sector undertakings and private companies shall be compulsorily spent on Clean India Campaign; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the status of the proposed decision?

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Carry forward of unspent CSR obligations

1782. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a flaw in the Companies Act, which does not provide for carry forward of unspent CSR obligations;

(b) whether Public Sector Undertakings are obliged to carry forward of unspent commitments, while Private Sector has no such obligations; and

(c) whether these anomalies would be corrected by suitable amendments to the Companies Act?

Compliance of SEBI directive on women Director

1783. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all listed companies have complied with SEBI's directive to appoint at least one women Director on the Board;

(b) if so, the details of companies that have complied with it and the companies that have not;

(c) it is also a fact that more than half of companies have appointed wives or family members of promoters or top executives; and

(d) how SEBI justifies such appointments?

Action on 'Vanishing Companies'

1784. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise data on the number of companies that have been placed in the category of 'vanishing companies' over the past five years;

(b) whether any of these companies presently under the Government watch list;

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

(d) whether Government has initiated action against these companies; and

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

Audit of UB Group firms by global auditing firms

1785. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether long after Satyam financial misdemeanors, Government and its regulators have become inquisitive over the valuation, auditing and due diligence of the UB Group of companies over the last few years by global auditing firms like PwC, Grant Thornton, Deloitte LLP and Walker Chandiook & Co.;

(b) whether lapses by above auditing firms handling the UB Group audit have now been raised by lenders to Kingfisher/ UB Group and being probed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Rapid modernisation of Defence Forces

1786. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Defence Forces (Army, Air Force and

Navy) need modernisation at a rapid pace to match with forces of other countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is stressing on self-reliance on this issue, particularly in acquiring aircrafts and other equipments produced indigenously and, if so, the details thereof?

Signing of LEMOA by India and US

1787. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and United States of America have held any delegation-level talks recently to discuss issues of shared strategic interest and the bilateral defence relationship between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and areas so far identified by both the countries for enhanced cooperation in the future; and

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement *i.e.* Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) signed between the two countries?

Warning about terror attack on army

1788. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that army was warned recently of major terror attack plan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that based on the input received, the army has taken extra care to prevent any untoward incidents, if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of ammunitions from private industry

1789. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given approval to the private industry for the manufacturing of specialist ammunition;

(b) if so, the reasons for Government to shift procurement from the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) or imports to private players;

(c) whether the private companies in India are equipped with required technology or expertise to manufacture specialist ammunition; and

(d) which types of ammunition will be procured from private suppliers and what is the estimated cost of the same compared to existing cost of procuring the same?

Production work at Ordnance Factory, Kanpur

1790. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ordnance Factory in Kanpur is not producing required number of weapons yearly;

(b) the total number of required production yearly; and

(c) the present number of weapons produced yearly and reasons therefor?

Vacant posts of MSE in B&S Cadres

1791. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of vacancies exist in Barracks and Store (B & S) Cadres of Multi Skilled Employee (MSE);

(b) if so, reasons for posts remaining vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to large number of vacancies, Ministry is incurring loss of revenue, as it could not make timely recoveries; and

(d) if so, details of revenue loss incurred by Government due to non-filling up of vacancies in B & S Cadre?

Weapons trials for Light Combat Helicopters

1792. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Light Combat Helicopter is set for its combat qualifying weapons trials in May after its first armed version gave positive results in firing 70 mm rockets, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the trials conducted earlier gave confidence for carrying out certification firing trials planned during April-May, 2016, if so, the details thereof?

Inadequate repair facilities for Sukhoi fleet

1793. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our Sukhoi fleet suffers from high rate of AOG (Aircraft on Ground since not airworthy) ;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for lack of spares and non-availability of adequate repair facilities; and

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

Irregularities in allotment of quarters by Delhi Cantonment Board

1794. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1642 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4 August, 2015 and state:

(a) whether cancelled allotment of quarters in which irregularities had been reported has not been effected, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government has set up an inquiry into the alleged non-enforcement of cancellation of quarters;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the reasons for harassment and suspension of whistle blower of the alleged irregularity in allotment of quarters to juniors by Delhi Cantonment Board; and

(g) the action proposed/taken against the guilty?

Purchase of Russian S-400 Triumf missile

1795. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to purchase Russian S-400 Triumf missile to boost our Defence system;

(b) what are the other Defence deals that India entered into with Russia recently;

(c) how S-400 is different from S-300; and

(d) what would be the cost tagged to the deals and by when they are likely to be inducted into our Defence systems?

**Indo-US Defence Agreement on
accessing military bases**

1796. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that American aircraft and warships will soon be able to access Indian military bases and *vice versa* for refuelling, repair and other logistical purposes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that both India and US will ink the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement in a few months time and if so, the details thereof and draft of it?

Encroachment of Defence land

1797. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are gross irregularities and illegalities in the management of defence lands, resulting in huge losses to the public exchequer;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 14,539.38 acres of Defence land for which Defence Estate Officer (DEO) is custodian, is under encroachment; and

(c) if so, details of the steps taken and will be taken by Government to do away with irregularities and illegalities and retrieve the encroached Defence land?

**Psychological test for non-officer
positions**

1798. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army will begin trials from June on a selection system that will for the first time include

psychological test for candidates to non-officer positions, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the changes are partly aimed at reducing fratricide and suicide within the forces, if so, the details thereof?

**Depletion in fleet strength
of AAC**

1799. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army Aviation Corps (AAC) is plagued with 32 per cent deficiency in its authorised fleet strength, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for failure of Government to replace the 30 years old Chetak helicopter fleet;

(c) the number of military helicopters crashed during the last three years along with casualties; and

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

**Treatment of retiring animals
of the Army**

1800. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dogs, horses and mules are put to sleep by the Army after their retirement;

(b) whether Government has informed the Judiciary that it would come out with a policy on the matter at the earliest; and

(c) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

Ceasefire violation by Pakistan

1801. SHRI K@.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government for violation of continuous ceasefire by Pakistani troops in Jammu and Kashmir areas and the details thereof;

(b) whether any message has been given by Government to Pakistani Government about consequence of these ceasefire violations; and

(c) whether any assurance has been given by Pakistani Government to stop such activities along Indian Borders, if so, details thereof?

Indigenous production of defence equipments

†1802. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of defence equipments/ weapons purchased in view of defence requirements and quantity thereof manufactured indigenously during the last three years;

(b) the steps being taken for more indigenous production as per defence requirements of the country during the last three years; and

(c) the details of incentive Government proposes to offer to the skilled persons in the country to work in the defence sector and the details thereof?

Disappearance of gold from customs warehouses

1803. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 kg. gold seized at Indira Gandhi International Airport had been found replaced with yellow metal pieces when the packets were opened before a departmental committee for disposal;

(b) whether the disappearance of gold, valued at ₹3 crore, from the customs warehouse has raised concerns over the departmental credibility in handling expansive items seized daily; and

(c) what action has been taken to bring the culprit to book?

Loans for WSHGs in Maharashtra

1804. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra will provide interest free loans to Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) in the State to promote entrepreneurship among women;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to provide interest free loans to WSHGs throughout the country on the lines of Maharashtra; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Training postmen for improving financial literacy

1805. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to train postmen to improve financial literacy and involve them in financial tutoring;

(b) if so, the number of postmen to be trained in due course; and

(c) the estimated expenditure on such a programme?

Revenue generated through e-commerce

1806. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any statistics regarding revenue generated through e-commerce during the last two years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government has any plan to impose service charge on e-commerce; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter?

Revitalising the SFCs

1807. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan and programme to revive and revitalise the State Financial Corporations (SFCs), many of which are sick today, incapacitating them to carry out their mandated role;

(b) whether Government would jointly

fund with the State Governments for revival/restructuring of SFCs; and

(c) if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

AIIB funds for various projects

1808. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is requesting the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Beijing to fund some pet projects in agriculture, rural housing and railways;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what will be the interest on loan and in how many years repayment will be made?

Assessment regarding medical requirement of opium alkaloids

1809. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the assessment of total medical requirement of alkaloids such as Opium and Morphine; and

(b) domestic and export details thereof and the Indian share in the above requirement?

Release of funds for Assam under SDRF

1810. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam submitted a proposal regarding release of pending amount of ₹425.97 crores by Ministry of

Home Affairs as Central Share under State Disaster Respond Fund (SDRF);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereto; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for immediate release of pending amount to the Government of Assam?

Role of banks in women-centric programmes

1811. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first ever public sector all-women bank Bharatiya Mahila Bank, set up during the Nirbhaya agitation, is being considered for merger/amalgamation because of stunted growth;

(b) whether the Banking Board Bureau is in the process of choosing a foster bank for BMB; and

(c) considering BMBs emotional significance to Government's efforts at gender empowerment, whether Government would explore other options to keep afloat BMB, as a custodian bank for parking funds on women-centre programmes like Nirbhaya, Bharatiya Mahila Kosh and Sukanya Samridhi etc.?

Action taken to solve grievances of Jewellers

1812. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) since how many days Jewellers are on strike and what are their demands;

(b) whether their demands are genuine; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by

Government and the details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor?

Provision of banking services for Gram Panchayats and villages

1813. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Gram Panchayats and villages are there in the country and how many of them have banking services;

(b) roadmap, if any, for providing remaining villages with such facilities; and

(c) how are we going to effect DBT to household account?

Lowering of interest rates on small savings schemes

1814. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to lower the interest rates on small savings schemes;

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

(c) the likely impact on the annual return on the savings schemes after the implementation of the lower market rates?

Privatisation of IDBI

1815. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on privatising IDBI Bank, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any representation has been

received from IDBI requesting for non-privatisation of the IDBI; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Denial of health insurance cover to senior citizens

1816. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior citizens in the country are denied medical insurance by the public sector insurance companies and private insurance companies when they need such insurance cover the most;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind such practice;

(c) whether Government proposes to allow health insurance cover to all senior citizens irrespective of age; and

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

Declaration of Assets & Liabilities in the new ITR forms

1817. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) have released new income-tax return forms with mandatory provisions of declaring Assets & Liabilities (A&L) such as cars, jewellery yacht, aircrafts, shares, properties, etc.;

(b) if so, reasons for seeking such vast information from tax payers thereby harassing them;

(c) whether such declaration would not fail in painting a fair picture of the net worth

of an individual as the price of jewellery, etc. have multiplied; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to simplify the form by deleting A & L enclosure?

Safeguarding domestic producers from glut in global commodity market

1818. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of domestic producers in the current scenario of glut in global commodity market; and

(b) the steps Government is taking or has been to control the demand for gold and rein in its imports?

Reduction of country's external debt

1819. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to reduce external debt of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Release of funds to the State of Assam

1820. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam submitted a proposal regarding release of grants amounting to ₹75 crore to Assam under 13th Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereto?

Recommendation of TARC

1821. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of Tax Administration Reform Commission (TARC) in all the four Reports submitted to Government;

(b) whether two new bodies Tax Policy Council (TPC) and Tax Policy Research Unit (TPRU) have been set up for making recommendations on tax policies and other policy matters;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these bodies are expected to submit reports to Government?

NPA's written off by PSBs

1822. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently written off ₹1,14,000 crore owed by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during the last three years;

(b) what was quantum of loan owed by farmers and marginal borrowers;

(c) how much loan was owed by industrialists and big borrowers and reasons for this write off;

(d) what is the total NPA right now and how much is owed by industrial houses and companies; and

(e) the efforts made by Government to recover NPA and bad loans?

Setting up of an expert committee for bank merger

1823. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to merge all the nationalised banks into six banks, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has set up an expert committee which will closely work with the Banks Boards Bureau to identify the right matches for consolidation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the committee is likely to give its report?

Treating wilful default as criminal offence

1824. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the banks, in respect of growing NPAs, have suggested that the wilful default needed to be treated as criminal offence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of above, Government is planning changes in laws that will let banks take strong punitive action including criminal charges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government so far in this direction?

Gold Bond Scheme

1825. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had launched the Gold Bond Scheme last year to reduce the demand for physical gold and shift a part of the domestic savings used for purchase of gold into financial savings and to stem the outflow of precious foreign exchange on the purchase of gold;

(b) how many applications have been received for subscribing it and the total amount of subscription received in the first and second tranches of the scheme, respectively; and

(c) a detailed report on it and its campaign to increase awareness amongst potential depositors?

Opening of bank branches in Bihar

†1826. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India has been made the convenor of Bihar State Level Bankers Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of the bank whose branch is likely to be opened in the village of Dumri-Khurd, Block Majorganj, District Sitamarhi, Bihar following the survey conducted by the State Bank of India in the village;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any letter regarding opening of a branch of the State Bank of India instead of some other bank branch allotted in the said village; and

(e) the details thereof?

Resource gap in Andhra Pradesh due to recommendations of 14th Finance Commission

1827. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the resource gap that occurred to State Government of Andhra Pradesh (AP) during the period between 2nd June, 2014 and the date of acceptance

of the 14th Finance Commission (FC) recommendations by the Government, as assessed by Accountant General of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh to release funds under resource gap that occurred to Andhra Pradesh State, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount released by Government to the State of Andhra Pradesh to bridge this resource gap, till date?

Circulation of fake currency

1828. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vijayawada and Amaravati have emerged as big centres for duplicate/fake currency notes;

(b) whether middlemen and dealers in fake money are raking in a commission of ₹ 30 lakhs to ₹50 lakhs per ₹one lakh of fake money put in circulation; and

(c) if so, what steps are taken to check the menace?

Steps taken to curb white collar crimes

†1829. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether white collar crime is undermining the economy due to which money meant for poor is usurped by the rich;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are stringent laws for arresting such white collar criminals and

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tax evaders, if so, number of people arrested during last two years for direct or indirect tax evasion;

(d) the number of individuals out of those arrested for direct or indirect tax evasion who have evaded tax amounting to more than 50 crore rupees, individual details thereof may be provided; and

(e) steps being taken by Government to apprehend major tax evaders?

Reduction in interest rates on small savings schemes

†1830. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has reduced the rate of interest by 1.5 on small savings schemes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the initial and current rates of interest on small savings schemes started by the current Government; and

(d) whether these schemes have been started to collect money from the public?

Minimising cash transactions for curbing black money

†1831. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any guidelines regarding minimising daily financial transactions in cash to curb money laundering, black money and so on, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it would cause inconvenience to the citizens, especially people living in rural areas doing small

transactions, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the plans of Government to render black money and fake notes circulating in the market ineffective?

Discriminatory provisions in Seventh Pay Commission against armed forces

1832. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the serious resentment among members of armed forces due to the alleged anomalies and discriminatory provisions in Seventh Pay Commission against them; and

(b) if so, the Government's response to their pleas and objections?

Health insurance for PLHIVs

1833. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reason as to why only a few companies are offering health insurance products to people living with HIV in India (PLHIVs);

(b) what is the extent of coverage for existing health insurance products offered to PLHIVs;

(c) what is the scope of risk cover for insurance products offered to PLHIVs; and

(d) who will be the authority ensuring the initiation and implementation of health insurance schemes within a stipulated timeline?

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Interest on small savings scheme

1834. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interest rates on small savings schemes are set to fall further in the next few quaters with yields on Government bonds coming down;

(b) whether it is a fact that the returns will now be benchmarked to Government bonds and reviewed once every three months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has brought down yields on Government securities marginally; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

PSB official's meeting on bad loans

1835. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has held a meeting of senior officials of public sector banks to take stock of bad loans in the banks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the meeting has also discussed ways to differentiate between wilful defaulters and sectoral default of loans which are due to slow down in the economy; and

(c) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting?

Debt owed by various States to international banks and financial institutions

1836. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total debt owed to

international banks and financial institutions by various State Governments; and

(b) the details thereof, State-wise?

Status of SHGs in the country

1837. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SHGs formed in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total deposit with them, State-wise; and

(c) whether a large number of women of SHGs are committing suicide due to exorbitant rates of interest, specially in Andhra Pradesh?

Monitoring of funds given to States for various Central schemes

1838. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the full benefits of the funds given under various schemes by Central Government for the development of States towards amenities and assistance of common people does not reach the masses;

(b) if so, the names of the schemes;

(c) whether Government has made any arrangement to ensure responsibility of the authority of concerned accountable departments and to review and monitor the utilisation of funds given to States on interest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Selling off of PSUs

1839. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sell off many Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), which are providing employment to many youths in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the Public Sector Undertakings which are proposed to be sold off during the current financial year 2015-16; and

(c) the reasons for selling off these PSUs?

Amending laws relating to NPA accounts & restructuring of loans

1840. SHRI SUKHENDU SHEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is bringing any Amendment to Section 45E of the RBI Act, 1934, Section 28 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, Section 8(i)(a)(d)(e) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and Section 17(4) of the Credit Information Act, 2005 to enable the authorities concerned to publish information relating to NPA accounts including waiver, restructuring of loans etc. in public interest keeping in view the Supreme Court Judgement dated 16th December, 2015 passed in Transferred Case (civil) no. 91 of 2015; and

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

Additional Central Assistance to various States

†1841. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States to whom Government provides additional assistance, if so, the details of additional assistance and amount provided to them in last year; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide additional assistance amount to Rajasthan, a desert land, keeping in view its geographical and economic condition, if so, till when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Repatriation of black money

1842. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to repatriate any black money in the financial year 2015-16;

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

(c) if Government has had any success in getting back black money through the scheme announced in Budget 2016-17; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recommendation of Kelkar Committee on private developers in SPVs

1843. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent report to revive PPP models by Kelkar Committee has recommended that books of accounts of private developers in SPVs should not be subjected to Government audit and not be accessible under RTI and that only guidelines need to be framed by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) whether Government has decided to accept the above mentioned recommendation, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the progress made so far, including funds spent on setting up a new body for overseeing PPPs in India?

Comprehensive policy for strategic stake sale

1844. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to formulate a comprehensive policy for strategic stake sale that will explain the mode as well as valuation methodology for outright sale of even profit making companies, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the new policy will take care of all the aspects of strategic sale, which include identification of CPSEs mode of sale, percentage of equity to be sold, transfer of management, valuation of CPSEs and process of bidding and if so, the details thereof?

Blueprint for a cashless society

1845. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a blueprint to make India a cashless society by encouraging card transactions etc;

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

(c) whether the existing infrastructure/mechanism is adequate to make the card transactions safe and free from fraudulent activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NPAs on account of not taking guarantee from corporates

1846. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mounting NPAs are due to banks not taking any guarantee from big corporate who approached them for loan;

(b) the reasons for giving loans to such big business houses/business houses/business men without any guarantee;

(c) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has asked RBI to bring into public domain names of defaulters;

(d) if so, how Government is making RBI to disclose the names of people who are taken more than ₹100 crores loan and not paid;

(e) whether there is any definition for wilful defaulters; and

(f) if so, the details of the definition?

Loan agreement with ADB for Urban Investment Programme

1847. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any loan agreement with Asian Development Bank for Urban Sector Development Investment Programme, to support, rehabilitate and expand basic urban infrastructure in various States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of the ADB for such assistance; and

(d) the extent to which projects will address the infrastructure deficiencies, tap economic potential and improve the living environment in such cities?

Selection of PFMs under NPS

1848. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allow Government servant to select Pension Fund Managers (PFMs) under NPS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of advantage would accrue to the Government employees?

Special banking facility for urea producers

1849. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the status of the action taken and efforts made by the Ministry in coordination with the Ministry of Fertilizers for special banking facility for urea producers to avoid cash crunch, in view of fact that in current budget, no sufficient budgetary allocation of fertilizers subsidy has been made and after some months, urea producers will not get timely subsidy for their working capital and they have to take compulsory bank loan?

Non-disclosure of RTI information by PSBs having high NPAs

1850. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of reports suggesting that three Public Sector Banks (PSBs) with the highest non-performing assets (NPAs) rejected the maximum number of Right to Information (RTI) applications;

(b) whether Government is aware of

the reasons cited by the banks for non-disclosure and details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase transparency in the internal functioning of Public Sector Banks?

High costs of medical treatment

1851. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what per cent of population of India has assured medical services;

(b) whether it is a fact that out patients have to meet 70 per cent of the expense to purchase medicines;

(c) whether 70 per cent of ailments are treated in private sector; and

(d) whether 25 per cent of families have to borrow money for medical expenses?

Mission Indradhanush in Rajasthan

†1852. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of children in the country and the total number of children covered so far under Mission Indradhanush Scheme for their full immunization; and

(b) the district-wise details of Rajasthan where the Mission Indradhanush Scheme have been launched and the number of children covered under the scheme till the year 2015-16?

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Opening of blood banks under PPP mode

1853. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to open Blood Banks at Community Health Centres in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to open Blood Banks under PPP model in near future; and

(c) if so, the details of the private players who have shown keep interest to open Blood Banks?

Action plan for tobacco-free States

1854. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing action plan to make all the States tobacco-free; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made so far, in this direction?

Mission Indradhanush in Telangana

1855. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district identified under Mission Indradhanush in the country, State-wise;

(b) the status of the above Mission in Telangana;

(c) whether Government has completed full coverage of vaccination in Telangana; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be covered?

Simplifying organ donor law and procedures

1856. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make health a Fundamental Right and if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether renal transplantation is the most effective treatment for patients with end stage renal disease/condition;

(c) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item titled "kidney donors can give a new lease of life to someone" appearing in a daily in March, 2016; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to simplify organ donor law/rules and procedures?

Ill-effects of antibiotics laced food

1857. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that use of antibiotics in farming and foods is leading to antibiotic resistance infections in people across the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent the same;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on ill effects of antibiotics in foods, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government is of the view that the results of any such study would be beneficial?

Health warning on packet of junk food

†1858. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently made it compulsory to indicate on the packets of junk food like chips that the material it contains is not healthy, as is indicated on cigarette packets;

(b) if so, by when Government will make it mandatory to indicate it on the junk food packets;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ban the adulterated and unhealthy food material in the country and whether its monitoring mechanism is capable for investigation; and

(d) by when e-warranty system will be implemented and what will be the procedure adopted for it?

Functioning of fertility centres in Telangana

1859. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of authorised fertility centres in different cities and in Hyderabad in Telangana and the number of surrogate births in a year in the past three years;

(b) the conditions on which licenses are issued to these centres and the penalties prescribed for violation of those conditions;

(c) whether it has come to the notice that hiring of surrogate mothers from ST families, particularly Lambabas, in Telangana is rampant; and

(d) if so, the number of women hired

by Hyderabad fertility centres in the past two years, year-wise?

Introduction of cellulose-based vegetarian capsules

1860. SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation will shortly decide over bringing into the market the cellulose-based vegetarian capsules by replacing widely used animal-based gelatin capsules;

(b) whether it is a fact that the new vegetarian capsules are more safer than animal-based capsules; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Public spending on health infrastructure

1861. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public spending on health in India is almost the lowest in the world;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government at the Central and State level to improve health related infrastructure in the country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that health and medical services are becoming costlier day-by-day for the common man of the country, the details thereof?

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Expert panel for redressal of nurses' grievances

1862. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up an expert panel to look into grievances pertaining to service conditions of nurses employed with private hospitals and private nursing homes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to check exploitation of nurses working with private medical care institutions across the country?

Money laundering practice in medical colleges

1863. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of large number of seats in medical colleges being sold for huge sums of money and not on the basis of merit, especially in private medical colleges, if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government is planning to set up an independent body to look into such money laundering practices in colleges, if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in maternal mortality rates among SCs/STs

1864. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has achieved the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target of reducing maternal mortality rates;

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

(c) the latest figures for maternal mortality rates, rural and urban, SC, ST, OBCs and others, category-wise;

(d) the total percentage of birth attended by skilled health workers, category-wise, rural and urban, SC, ST, OBCs and others for each State; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in the last two years to reduce maternal mortality rate in the country with special reference to SC/ST?

Adulteration of food and dairy products

1865. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the adulteration of food and dairy products are rampant across the country; and

(b) if so, the cases booked against adulteration, State-wise?

Collaboration of UNITAID with Indian generic drug manufacturers

1866. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNITAID collaborates with Indian generic manufacturers to develop more affordable medicines to fight HIV and TB, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether three million people are dying every year from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria;

(c) whether rate of increase in investments in these three diseases is slowing down;

(d) if so, whether that puts the onus on collaboration and innovation to achieve more with scarce resources; and

(e) what steps Government is taking to create robust market incentives and competition to save lives and, whether by working together greater innovation can be unleashed to end HIV, TB and other diseases for good?

Every Newborn Action Plan

1867. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of still births reported in the last year and India's comparison with global average;

(b) the details of India's progress and measures undertaken to meet the targets of the Every New born Action Plan;

(c) whether all Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) institutions are equipped to deal with institutional deliveries, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has taken cognizance of delay by 2-3 years in disbursement of funds under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for JSY, if so, the details thereof and corrective action taken, if not, the reasons therefor?

Controlling menace of HIV in the country-side

1868. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of HIV menace in the country;

(b) how far has it been controlled especially in the country-side;

(c) the details of various measures that have been taken to control this menace; and

(d) the action plan of Government to speed up creation of additional facilities and also organising proper awareness among the public to help them to avail of these facilities to control this menace in the rural parts of India?

Keeping mental illness out from the disability law

1869. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to keep out mental illness from the ambit of long delayed law planned on disabilities;

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

(c) whether Government is aware that mental illness all over the world is considered as disability; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

Organ donation drive of NOTTO

1870. SHRI SALIMANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) have launched a nationwide registration of human organs like liver, kidney, heart and other tissues;

(b) if so, response to the registration drive by NOTTO;

(c) whether against a requirement of 1-2 lakh kidney, only 5,000 transplants are done annually in India; and

(d) if so, reasons for such a small number of transplants?

Misuse of funds of VHSNC

1871. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eight Common Review Mission has reported persistent and widespread misuse of untied funds of Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees, (VHSNCs);

(b) what action is contemplated by Government to make the VHSNC more effective; and

(c) whether Government is planning to use the VHSNC actively to promote Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in view of the fact that preventive health aspects can be effectively tackled at the local level by the VHSNC?

Setting up of Unani AIIMS

1872. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken sometimes back to set up a Unani AIIMS in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) by when this Institute will be set up?

Posting of MBBS students in rural areas

1873. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is deliberating on a plan to dust off an earlier proposal to post MBBS students in the rural area to overcome severe shortage of doctors in rural areas in the country;

(b) whether Government is proposing an alternative plan to attract doctors to serve in rural areas;

(c) if so, details of the alternative plan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of female sterilisation

1874. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps towards modernisation of female sterilisation in the country; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to remove targets on female sterilisation, as it has led to forced sterilisation in the past and if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of fund under RAN scheme

1875. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money utilised by the Ministry under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) scheme;

(b) the number of patients served under the scheme; and

(c) the kind of medical interventions that the scheme has released funds for and the details thereof?

Deaths from rabies

1876. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 20,000 deaths occurred due to rabies every year in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to curtail such deaths in the country?

Data on Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR)

1877. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains data of Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) cases on patients in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the steps Government has taken to ensure that there is adequate record of Adverse Drug Reaction data available in India;

(c) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory to provide information on side effects on packages of all medicines/drugs; and

(d) if so, the details of existing framework on providing information of side effects of medicines on packets?

Increasing intake of students in medical colleges

†1878. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the number of students in

Government and private medical colleges in view of shortage of doctors in the urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the norms determined for the same and by when decision would be taken in this regard and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality check of imported food items

1879. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quality control measures have been taken on the imported food grains, pulses and other food products;

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

(c) whether Government has taken note of the incidences of 'plastic rice' in the rice imported from China, if so, steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government has also taken note of the excessive use of chemicals including calcium carbide to ripen fruits and what are the health hazards related to the same; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to control such practices?

Delay in payment of health workers

1880. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children who died before the age of five during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been a delay in the payment of wages of health workers, if

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so, the details thereof, State-wise and corrective action, if any, taken; and

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to strengthen the supervision and regulation of health workers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Conditions of CGHS Dispensary, Dwarka

1881. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of operational problems reported by CMO and Advisory Committee of CGHS Dispensary No. 36A, Dwarka, Delhi in respect of frequent breakdown and slow speed of Internet, erratic power supply aggravated by lack of power back up/generator, depleted strength of Doctors and staff, discontinuation of visit of Medical specialist, lack of potable drinking water, dirty approach road on its back side, slow pace of construction of new Dispensaries for Dwarka;

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government along with timeline to resolve the aforementioned problems; and

(c) by when remaining work of new Dispensaries would be completed and they would become operational?

Use of artificial colours in fruits and vegetables

1882. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received against use of artificial colours in fruits and vegetables in the country;

(b) whether this matter has since been

enquired into, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to control such ill-effects on the health of the consumers?

Social protection schemes for PLHIV

1883. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population benefiting from the social protection schemes and programmes designed and offered to People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in India;

(b) what are the eligibility or inclusion criteria for PLHIV to take benefit of such schemes;

(c) whether people taking ARV treatment from private sector are also eligible;

(d) whether such schemes and programmes vary across the States; and

(e) if so, the efforts made for pan-India harmonisation?

Sale of unlicensed and poor quality packaged water

1884. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sale of unlicensed and poor quality packaged/mineral water has been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such complaints received by Government during each of the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon;

(c) whether a large number of illegal

bottling plants of packaged water which are not in conformity to the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are operating in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Amending of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940

1885. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with an aim to speed up innovation and research in India, Government has amended the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, exempting clinical trials conducted at academic institutions from taking the hitherto mandatory permission from the Drugs Controller General of India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that public health experts say the move is a setback for those working towards a safer, more transparent clinical trial regime, if so, the details thereof?

Anaemic pregnant women in MP

†1886. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 54.6 percent pregnant women in Madhya Pradesh are anaemic, out of which 56.4 per cent are from rural areas and 49.2 per cent are from urban areas;

(b) whether anaemia is the most common reason of death of women during delivery;

(c) whether Government is aware that situation in districts of Jhabua, Khargone,

Chhindwara, Vidisha, Guna and Indore is much worse and the percentage of anaemic women in these districts are 74.2, 59.3, 55.9, 55.5, 55 and 53.6 respectively; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to bring improvement in this situation?

Overhauling of food labelling norms

1887. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) report concerning the overhauling of the food labelling norms; and

(b) if so, the details of the action contemplated and if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints against quality of packaged water

†1888. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of companies involved in production and sale of packaged drinking water in the country;

(b) whether Government has received complaints regarding quality and packaging of packaged drinking water being sold in the country during the last two years, if so, the State-wise number of these complaints;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against guilty companies after receiving complaints; and

(d) if so, the names of those companies and details of action taken against them?

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**Banning of fast food products and
action against manufacturers**

1889. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the brands of various fast food
manufacturers banned till the last one year
along with the details thereof;

(b) the status of variants of fast food
considered to be banned by the food
regulator, Food Safety and Standards
Authority of India (FSSAI); and

(c) the number of cases pending against
such manufacturers in various courts along
with the status report thereon?

**Quality check and monitoring of
imported anti-biotic medicines**

1890. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the anti-biotic
medicines including their cost which were
imported from other countries by India
during the last three years;

(b) the steps which are taken by the
Ministry for checking the quality and
monitoring the anti-biotic medicines
imported in the country;

(c) whether Government is aware about
the harmful effects of the over-usage of
anti-biotic medicines in the country; if so,
the details thereof; and

(d) the steps which are taken to solve
the problem of over-usage of anti-biotic
medicines?

**Launching of National Programme for
Prevention and Control of Cancer**

1891. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

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

(a) whether Government has launched
National Programme for Prevention and
Control of Cancer, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the programme;
and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the said
programme and to what extent the
programme will prove to be useful in the
various States of the country?

Upgradation of district hospitals

1892. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether financial support is
provided to States for upgrading of
infrastructure for district hospitals in the
States;

(b) the details of financial support
provided to various States under this Head
during the last two years; and

(c) whether Government has any plan
to increase this support to the States in
near future, if so, details thereof?

**Super-speciality blocks in all medical
colleges**

†1893. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up super-speciality blocks in a number of medical colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to establish super-speciality blocks in the medical colleges of Madhya Pradesh also and if so, the details thereof?

Recognition of NIMHANS Bangalore as an "Organ Retrieval Centre"

* 1894. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item in a daily dated April 23, 2015 where a question "Will NIMHANS be recognised as Organ Retrieval Centre", was raised;

(b) whether Government is aware that NIMHANS (Bangalore) being a premier institution, a number of road accident victims and neurological disorders are treated successfully whereas it is not authorised as an organ retrieval centre for transplantation purposes; and

(c) by when the recognition of "Organ Retrieval Centre" will be accorded to NIMHANS?

New medical colleges at Chamarajanagar, Karwar and Madikeri in Karnataka

* 1895. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up three new medical colleges in Karnataka at Chamarajanagar, Karwar and Madikeri was submitted to Government for approval;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been

examined/approved by Government; and

(c) if not, by when the proposal will be approved and the State Government advised in the matter?

Sale of unlicensed and poor quality mineral water

1896. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale of unlicensed and poor quality mineral water has been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such complaints received by Government during each of the last three years along with the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are not being fulfilled by a large number of illegal bottling plants of packaged water operating in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Minimising fatalities caused by tobacco consumption

†1897. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of tobacco in India is increasing *vis-a-vis* the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years;

(c) the details of various diseases people suffered from due to consumption of tobacco in the last three years and number of deaths caused by it; and

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(d) the steps taken by Government to minimise the number of fatalities caused by tobacco consumption and the results and details thereof?

Online registration system at AIIMS, Delhi

†1898. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether there has been relief in waiting time of waiting list of patients due to facility of fast track registration system and online appointment of doctors in AIIMS;

(b) the details of waiting list of general patients suffering from serious diseases for operations in different departments of AIIMS, New Delhi at present;

(c) the methodology adopted by AIIMS to protect the patients from ill effects due to delay in operation concerned with serious illnesses like heart disease, liver ailments, cancer, Nephrology, Urology etc.; and

(d) the details of vacant posts of doctors and other employees in Government hospitals of Delhi including AIIMS?

Sickle cell disease among tribals in Jharkhand

1899. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that tribal populations in large number of States suffer from sickle cell disease;

(b) if so, whether Government is also

aware of the report which states that more than nine lakh tribals in the State of Jharkhand are suffering from sickle cell disease which accounts for 10 per cent of the State's total tribal population as per the 2011 census; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

Steps for curbing jaundice

1900. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete steps so as to curb the rapid spread of the jaundice disease in different parts of our country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many cases of jaundice have been identified in different States and how many died so far during the last six months?

Adverse impact of TV serials on youth and children

†1901. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether viewers, especially youth and children are being adversely affected by watching serials featuring child marriage and bigamy, telecast by some television channels;

(b) if so, the details of those channels which have been asked to stop airing these types of serials for the past three years; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard and the details thereof?

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AIR and DD Kendras at Bhubaneswar and Manipur

1902. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhubaneswar and Manipur have All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras; and

(b) if so, the details of their production, relay/broadcasts and staff, if not, the details of future plans?

Films with smoking scenes under adult category

†1903. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a growing demand for categorizing the films with scenes of smoking under 'Adult' category;

(b) if so, whether this demand has been considered by Government; and

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

Digitisation of film archives

1904. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering for expanding FM channels and completing digitisation of TV Channels, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan for digitisation of film archives for skill

development of the media and entertainment sector and if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of Brand Ambassadors

†1905. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of persons appointed as Brand Ambassadors for the propagation of various schemes in the country along with the names of the schemes for which they are appointed during the last three years;

(b) whether these Brand Ambassadors are being paid remunerations by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the payment being made per annum to each Brand Ambassador?

Digital radio in border areas

1906. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to start use of digital radio mondiale (DRM) for the cross border broadcasting initiative soon;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a TV tower is reaching out to Pakistani listeners where DD is banned; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that DRM has the twin capabilities of analogue and digital transmission, which makes it perfect for simulcast modes and if so, the details thereof?

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Hiring of Public Relation agencies to handle social media sites

1907. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Information Bureau (PIB) has framed any rules regarding selection and hiring of Public Relation (PR) agencies by Central Ministries to handle their twitter, facebook and flicker accounts;

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

(c) the number of Ministries which have so far hired PR agencies to handle their social media activities; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to have transparent guidelines in this regard as well as have trained staff in each Ministry to handle social media activities?

Government radio broadcasting news and current affairs

1908. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currently, only Government radio broadcast can be used to air news and current affairs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and details of all languages in which public broadcast of news and current affairs is made available in India;

(c) the steps taken to make Government programmes available through radio in tribal languages;

(d) whether Government proposes to take steps to free short waves and medium waves so that radio can be made available in remote corners of country in local languages; and

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

Auction of FM radio channels

1909. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to auction FM Radio Channels in 264 cities in the recent past;

(b) if so, a list of such cities where such auctions were undertaken;

(c) the revenue collection expected and the actual total revenue collected from these auctions; and

(d) how many such cities are there in the State of Odisha?

Reformation of CBFC

†1910. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to bring reforms in the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC);

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

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

First TV station in Karnataka

1911. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the first TV station in Karnataka

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and by when it was started and what was the timing of broadcasting in the beginning;

(b) what is the broadcast timing now; and

(c) whether Ministry will take any special steps to extend timing and improvement of broadcasting system for welfare of the people and to maintain the historical background of the TV station in Karnataka?

New All India Radio Stations

†1912. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up new All India Radio Stations in view of rising population, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of All India Radio Stations proposed to be set up across the country and the names of places in Bihar where they are proposed and the details thereof?

Monitoring of media and entertainment industry

†1913. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is trying to strengthen the monitoring procedure in view of increasing dimensions of media and entertainment industry;

(b) whether domestic companies are incurring losses due to increase in the limit of foreign capital investment; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to increase the limit of FDI in print and electronic media?

MoU with other countries for information on black money

1914. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received information from some countries regarding the details of account holders of Indian origin and firms whose names have figured in the global black money expose;

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

(c) the details of the efforts made to bring back black money stashed in various banks abroad along with the extent of success achieved thereon, till date;

(d) whether Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any country in this regard during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Equal Opportunities Commission

1915. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal to set up Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) for all the communities in the country so as to provide equal opportunities to all the deprived sections;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay; and

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(c) the schemes likely to be implemented by Government in this regard?

Hamari Dharohar Scheme

1916. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware that despite the initiation of Hamari Dharohar Scheme, no substantial work has taken place putting rich heritage of minority communities in serious danger;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for Hamari Dharohar Scheme as well as any other programmes and schemes run for preservation of heritage belonging to minority communities during last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of projects approved and their current status along with beneficiaries reached through Fellowships and other sub-programmes under Hamari Dharohar Scheme, State-wise including district-wise details for West Bengal?

Expenditure for minorities welfare in Kerala

1917. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the welfare of minorities in the State of Kerala during each of the last three years; and

(b) the amount likely to be spent during 2016-17?

Scholarship for minority students

1918. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the change in disbursement of funds for minority students from manual to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme has resulted in denial of scholarship to a lot of minority students;

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

(c) the amount of funds that remained unused due to technical difficulty in the DBT Scheme;

(d) the measures taken by the Ministry to overcome the technical difficulties in the DBT Scheme; and

(e) the number of minority students that had benefited from the scholarship for last three years under pre-matriculation, post matriculation and upto doctorate level?

Minority status for Jews

1919. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the demand of Jews for minority status, if so, details thereof; and

(b) by when it would be granted the status after taking opinion from other Departments?

Schemes to promote economic and development activities for the minorities

1920. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes to promote economic and development activities for the minorities being implemented through State channelising agencies;

(b) whether the above schemes are framed after due consultations with the local populace keeping in view their varied needs of assistance;

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

(d) whether any special care is taken of the minorities living in far flung rural and border areas as well as in hilly terrains and if so, the details thereof?

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