

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, August 11, 2015/Sravana 20, 1937 (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

Deemed University status to Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai

*226. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to start new oncology courses for the development of oncological experts in the field of cancer treatment and care and also for the Research and Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of Oncologists and Surgical Oncologists available in the country, as on date;

(c) whether Government has received any requests to accord Deemed University status for the Cancer Institute (WIA) at Adyar, Chennai for conducting specialised cancer research courses and to produce more oncological experts; and

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

Design and dimensions of currency notes

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

(a) whether it is necessary that a bank note of the same design and same denomination has to be identical in every respect, except series and number;

(b) whether it is also necessary to maintain the dimensional accuracy of all bank notes of the same design and same denomination; and

(c) if so, the details of competent legal authority that prescribes the design and dimensions and maintain them along with all the material inputs such as paper, ink, security features, etc. in such bank notes?

**Impact of delays and cancellations
on AI**

*228. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delays and cancellations weigh down Air India (AI), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how does the Ministry plan to address the issue?

Delay in setting up of INDU

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

(a) whether the Indian National Defence University (INDU) still remains a dream after it was first mooted almost 50 years back, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the INDU Project has not moved after its foundation stone was laid in May, 2013 and the Ministry of Finance is yet to approve the initial cost of ₹ 395 crore, if so, the details thereof?

**Reservation of seats in medical
colleges**

*230. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many medical colleges are there in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the total number of medical seats available in each of these States;

(c) whether there is any reservation of seats for Non Resident Indians (NRIs), under Management Quota in self finance colleges in the States; and

(d) whether there is any reservation policy for SCs, STs, OBCs and BPL families being followed in these States, if so, the details thereof?

**Eradication of Sickle Cell
Anaemia**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large section of population of the country is suffering from Sickle Cell Anaemia, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government is formulating a scheme to eradicate Sickle Cell Anaemia (SCA), if so, the names of States included therein; and

(c) the details of efforts being carried out by the States to eradicate SCA at their own level and the assistance being provided by the Centre to them?

**Revamping of food testing
laboratories**

*232. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State-run food testing laboratories need major revamp for ensuring food safety and standards;

(b) if so, the present condition of the implementation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission's recommendation(s) thereon; and

(c) the details of the proposals received and Government plans thereon, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Delay in opening of Sainik Schools
in the States**

*233. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1961, Government had decided to open Sainik Schools in all the States of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation of the decision along with the number of Sainik Schools functioning at present in the States;

(c) the number of proposals from various States for setting up of such schools pending at present, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of Defence Services by bringing public schools/education within the reach of common man?

**Non-accredited food testing
laboratories**

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

(a) the number of functional food testing laboratories along with the number of employed staff against the sanctioned strength, in each of the last two years and in the current year, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether a large number of these food testing laboratories are not accredited with National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL);

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

(d) whether Government proposes to set up more food testing laboratories in the current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Differential charges by private
hospitals**

*235. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received complaints against private sector hospitals for charging higher fees from patients who pay cash than those who pay through cashless health insurance schemes for the same procedure, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, hospital-wise along with action taken by Government thereon, so far;

(b) whether Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any enquiry in this regard as 80 to 85 per cent population of the country do not have any health insurance cover, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) other corrective steps taken by Government in this direction?

**One time surprise surveillance of
airlines**

*236. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is planning one time surprise surveillance of airlines to see if the airlines are following flight safety norms, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the move comes after an Air India flight from Bengaluru to Hyderabad had a bad landing on June 28, 2015 and the Regulator found that the airline could not retrieve the flight data, if so, the details thereof?

Capital infusion in State-owned banks

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

(a) whether State-owned banks have made a strong case for higher capital infusion by Government;

(b) if so, the names of banks that have made this demand; and

(c) how Government is planning to fund capital infusion?

National and international awards for students of FTII

*238. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) students have won a number of national and international awards in the last three years, and if so, the details thereof?

Grace period to defaulters under Atal Pension Yojana

*239. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the taxes imposed by banks on Atal Pension Yojana (APY) scheme;

(b) the incentives provided to the unorganised sector employees to register under this scheme; and

(c) whether the Ministry is considering to provide a grace period to defaulters who are unable to pay required monthly deposits under the APY scheme due to unstable job and irregular monthly wages, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Abolition of Central share in plan schemes

*240. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made a study of the reduction and abolition of Central share in plan schemes effected by it in the wake of improved allocation by the last Finance Commission to the States, if so, the net impact, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government would consider compensating the States adversely affected in the process, if not, the reasons therefor?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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(Ministry-wise)

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