

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

Linking yoga and naturopathy with skill development schemes

†1920. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link yoga and naturopathy with skill development schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Separate regulator for AYUSH drugs

1921. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to introduce a separate regulator for AYUSH drugs, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether AYUSH regulations meet international standards prescribed by WHO for herbal medicines, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to increase the quality of AYUSH drugs produced, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken to increase the quantity and repertoire of AYUSH drugs?

New homoeopathy colleges in Rajasthan

†1922. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of fund allocated to Rajasthan by the Ministry of AYUSH last year for promoting Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy and the item-wise details thereof;

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(b) the number of homoeopathy colleges running in Rajasthan as on date and the number of doctors studying therein; and

(c) whether Government proposes to open new homoeopathy colleges in Rajasthan for promoting homoeopathy, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Colleges imparting education in Ayurveda

1923. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Systems of Medicines (ISM) Colleges imparting Ayurveda education in the country;

(b) the number of candidates completing their courses every year; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for promotion and development of Ayurvedic hospitals in the country?

Promotion of homoeopathy system of medicine

†1924. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to promote treatment through homoeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of amount allocated to promote treatment through homoeopathic system of medicine in Bihar and the complete details thereof?

AYUSH hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

1925. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy hospitals functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of staff strength, including doctors, and the present position in each of the above systems of medicine, hospital-wise; and

(c) how the Ministry is supplementing the efforts of the State Government to promote AYUSH in Andhra Pradesh?

Collaboration with WHO for promoting traditional medical system

1926. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans to collaborate with the World Health Organisation (WHO);

(b) if so, the details thereof and benefits expected to be achieved in promoting the Indian traditional medical system; and

(c) whether the WHO will extend any financial assistance to India in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Redressal of complaints regarding poor services by airlines

1927. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of complaints regarding inferior quality of services/facilities provided by private and public airlines received during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the action taken by Government against such erring airline companies; and

(c) the mechanism put in place by Government to redress the grievances of the air passengers?

Financial performance of private airlines

1928. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial performance of private airlines in the country during the last three years, airline-wise;

(b) whether there are private airlines which had shut their operations due to losses incurred by them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is coming up with a package to help the crisis-hit airline industry; and

(d) if so, what are the features of this package and how long it will take to implement these measures?

Low cost airlines

1929. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on the potential of airlines, which can operate at low cost passengers fares in the country;

(b) whether these low cost carriers, operating in the country, are facing a lot of constraints in utilising their potential; and

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

Appointment of Commissioner of Security, BCAS

1930. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Commissioner of Security (Civil Aviation), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has been lying vacant for more than three years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not filling the said vacancy;

(c) whether this does not compromise the security apparatus in aviation sector; and

(d) the steps taken and time frame to fill the said post?

Alliance Air service from Kolkata

1931. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one aircraft is operating from Kolkata for Alliance Air services;

(b) if so, whether it is sufficient to cater to the demands;

(c) whether Government intends to increase the number of aircrafts; and

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

Privatisation of Kolkata and Chennai airports

1932. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is intending to privatise Kolkata and Chennai airports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how much money has been spent for the modernisation of these airports?

Status of progress of work in airports

1933. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic airports functioning in our country;

(b) the names of those airports where work is in progress the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) how many airports have been sanctioned for the State of Karnataka; and

(d) what is the status of progress of work in those airports, the details thereof?

Fixing of air tickets rates for private airlines

1934. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any regulations for fixing of air tickets rates for private airlines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the private airlines take advantage of situations and raise the air ticket rates; and

(c) how are the air ticket rates fixed and whether there are any capping to the rates being charged and the details thereof?

Delay of flight due to dog at Amritsar airport runway

†1935. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 30 December, 2015, Amritsar—Dubai flight of Air India was delayed for four hours after a dog was spotted on runway at Amritsar airport;

(b) whether due to entry of unwanted people and animals on runway or due to some other reason there have been accident possibilities of accidents at some airports including Delhi airport;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) steps taken by Government so that such incidents may not occur in future?

No-frills airports in the country

1936. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to build low cost no-frills airports to boost aviation in the country;

(b) what are the cities selected for such projects by Airport Authority of India (AAI);

(c) what special assistance will be given to State Government interested in developing low cost airports; and

(d) the steps proposed to bring down the cost of flying in the country?

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Revenue generated from international passengers and cargo flights

1937. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is generating revenue from the fleet of international passenger and cargo flights for using our international airports, air space and ATC signalling;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revenue generated during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has increased the revenue generation from the CNS and ATS in the domestic and international airports from the fleets of foreign passenger and cargo flights during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total revenue generated from these airports in the last three years, year-wise and airport-wise?

Renaming of Bhavnagar and Surat airports in Gujarat

1938. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from State Government of Gujarat for renaming Bhavnagar airport after the name of Late Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi and the Surat airport after Late Shri Morarji Desai; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Joint venture for development of airports

1939. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken a decision on the formation of a Joint Venture Company for development of an airport at Boramani in Solapur District;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has taken a decision on the request of the State of Maharashtra that the Amravati airport be taken over by AAI; and

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

Restriction on height of towers around Mumbai airport

1940. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Maharashtra to grant approval to construct towers of 90m height at Bandra-Kurla Complex and 225m at Wadala, as the locations of the BKC and Wadala Notified Areas are much further from the airport;

(b) what is the status of the proposal of Maharashtra Government;

(c) whether Government has agreed to the proposal;

(d) if so, by when the concurrence of Government is likely to be sent to Maharashtra Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not agreeing to the proposal?

Audit of DIAL and MIAL by CAG

1941. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has called for an audit of the books of accounts of the two joint-venture airport operators (DIAL and MIAL) by the Auditor and Comptroller General of India (CAG);

(b) whether there is already a provision for audit by CAG of the books of accounts of both the airport operators at Delhi and Mumbai, in the Operations Management and Development Agreement signed between the co-partners; and

(c) whether both the airport operators (DIAL and MIAL) have challenged the appointment of CAG for audit of the books and pressing for the arbitration of the dispute?

Report of CAPA

†1942. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Asia-Pacific Aviation (CAPA) in its latest report warns that India is about to face a severe crisis as planned investments in the upcoming and existing airports is only a fraction of the required \$40 billion investment;

(b) whether the report says that 40 per cent non-metro airports are already operating beyond capacity;

(c) whether according to the report Chennai airport is to reach saturation of traffic by 2018, followed by Delhi in 2023 and Bangalore/Hyderabad in 2026; and

(d) the salient findings of the report?

Inefficiency of AI to cash advantages

1943. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that domestic air travel is going up 30 per cent and there is also a sharp decline in jet fuel prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IndiGo has reported 1300 crores profits for last year and Spicejet also reported profits in the last two quarters of the last fiscal;

(c) if so, why AI was not able to register any profits;

(d) whether it is also a fact that even the increase in air travel and reduction in the jet fuel prices does not have any impact on AI; and

(e) if so, when it is going to cash it?

Concessional air tickets in marginal areas

†1944. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of marginal and such other areas of the country where there is provision for reduction in airfare by concession or by grant under special provision for air travel, the details of all such sectors along with the concession provided per ticket thereon; and

(b) the criteria for providing lifetime free air travel pass or pass for certain period to some very important persons by AI the number of such special categories for which there is provision of free air travel, the number of persons who have been provided such passes/honours of free travel, so far the details of their names, categories and date of issuing such passes?

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State Government owned Airlines

1945. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any State Government proposal to start airline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Centre is considering any relaxation of guidelines for such State Government owned airline initiatives?

shortcomings and differences between the security agencies and the employees of AAI and passengers; the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by Government to solve the differences between the security agencies and the employees of AAI and passengers; and

(d) the measures taken by Governments to implement and enforce fast, efficient user friendly methods during the security checks in airports to prevent any time-delay particularly during the peak hours in all busy airports?

Rescheduling of flights by national carrier

1946. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'last minute cancellation of flights' and 'last minute rescheduling of flights' by National Carrier is being done frequently;

(b) if so, the details of 'last minute cancellation of flights' and 'last minute rescheduling of flights' done during the last three months, sector-wise; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Hassle-free security and frisking arrangement at airports

1947. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the various measures taken by Government to provide effective yet hassle-free security and frisking arrangements at airports countrywide;

(b) whether Government has studied and collected reports about the

Number of airports in Madhya Pradesh

†1948. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of airports out of them which are proposed to be developed at par with international standards and the action taken thereon along with names of the airports which have been upgraded to international standard by expanding them; and

(c) by when international flights will take off after expansion of airstrips in the State?

Reduction in time taken for incorporation of a new company

1949. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is trying to bring down the

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average number of days required for incorporation a new company to just one to two days;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the last one year many steps have been taken and as such the number of days taken has already come down and it will further reduce the time taken for incorporation of a new company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Action on investor complaints

1950. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether action is taken on all cases for which action was contemplated by Government for disposal of investor complaints;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which investor grievances are resolved;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether illegal activities of such fraudulent companies are not controlled due to delay in taking action and laws enacted by Government are not being adhered to properly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of companies against whom action have been initiated so far; and

(f) steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Relaxation under section 42 of Companies Act

1951. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to relax the conditions laid down under Section 42 of the Companies Act to issue a private placement offer;

(b) whether this is being done to ease norms to enable crowdfunding for startups, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there has been any assessment of the risks involved in easing these norms and if so, the details thereof?

Compendium for assessing the implementation of CSR activities

1952. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a compendium has been brought out to assess the implementation of CSR activities by corporate companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has felt the need of augmenting the implementation of CSR activities efficiently, if so, the suggestions in the compendium; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to make corporate houses comply with the needs of the society by actively taking up CSR activities?

Vacancies in CCI

1953. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than half of the positions in the Competition Commission of India (CCI) are vacant;

(b) if so, the details of sanctioned strength of various posts *vis-a-vis*

presently working strength along with the reasons for such a large number of vacancies; and

(c) fresh efforts made by the Government to address the manpower concerns in the CCI?

Investigations by SFIO against banks

1954. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) have completed several investigations during the last one year;

(b) if so, names of such companies and action proposed by SFIO;

(c) whether SFIO have received complaints against some private sector banks for unfair trade practices; and

(d) if so, names of such banks, and action proposed, bank-wise?

Social obligations of corporate bodies

1955. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether corporate bodies registered in India are bound to reserve certain social obligations;

(b) by what provisions of law, they have to mandatorily discharge the obligation;

(c) percentage of income of corporate bodies, reserved for the purpose;

(d) which institution of the Government of India does the monitoring of the obligation; and

(e) give a summary of the assessment made by the Government in this regard?

Regulation on capital raising by start up companies

1956. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of startup companies have received capital through private placements and stake sales;

(b) if so, the details of such transactions over the last three and current year;

(c) whether there is any regulation of such capital raising and ensuring prudent valuations of Startup companies to protect investors and the public;

(d) whether such transactions have taken place at high valuations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons and implications thereof?

CSR activities by corporate houses

1957. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the corporate houses have been spending money on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of CSR activities; and

(c) the details of CSR activities taken up by corporate houses in various fields for last three years, State-wise?

Assessment of CSR activities of PSUs and private companies

1958. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of CSR activities being undertaken by the PSUs and private sector companies in the country since its implementation;

(b) if so, details thereof and amount that has so far been spent by Government, PSUs and private sector companies; and

(c) physical targets under CSR set and achieved by the above companies?

CSR spending by State owned by PSUs

1959. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by State owned PSUs during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has set any priority areas for CSR spending by State owned PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Defence deals with foreign countries

†1960. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deals signed by Ministry of Defence with other countries besides France, Germany and Russia;

(b) the names of countries from whom advanced fighter planes have been purchased and the details of supply of these planes; and

(c) the estimated cost of the imported planes/technical logistics relating to the Ministry of Defence, country-wise?

Review of maritime security

1961. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is undertaking periodical review of maritime security to secure our country from terrorist attacks from sea coast, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what measures are being taken to increase the vigil on the international maritime border to thwart any piracy attacks, if so, the details thereof?

HAL's Combat Hawks

1962. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is set to roll out light attack aircraft Combat Hawks in the near future, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the order placed by Indian Air Force and Indian Navy for the Combat Hawks and by what time they would be delivered; and

(c) whether negotiation is going on for its export to other countries, with details?

High quality bulletproof jackets for Indian Army

†1963. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bulletproof jackets being provided to Indian Army are not as good as provided to the soldiers of American and

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Chinese Armies, if so, the detailed reasons thereof; and

(b) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is working towards preparing technically more better bulletproof jackets for the soldiers, and if so, the details thereof?

Signing of NGPE agreement with the US

1964. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the process of signing an agreement titled Next Generation Protection Ensemble (NGPE) with the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features thereof; and

(c) the extent to which India is going to be benefited from the agreement?

Spending on defence procurement

1965. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India tops among ten major countries in terms of percentage of expenditure on procurement of military equipment and development of defence infrastructure if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is not spending proportionately on operations and maintenance of military equipment and development of defence infrastructure;

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

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

Comprehensive review of DRDO

1966. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether any Expert Committee has been set up to conduct a comprehensive review of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) keeping in view the need of the hour to modernise and boost the defence and armed forces of our country and if so, the details thereof?

Prosecutions under section 64 Army Act, 1950

1967. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of prosecutions initiated for offences under Section 64, sub-sections (a) and (f) of the Army Act, 1950 during last three years;

(b) whether any armed forces personnel serving in areas notified as 'disturbed areas' under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 have been prosecuted under these provisions, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of such prosecutions that resulted in conviction and the punishment awarded therein?

Domestic manufacturing of fighter aircraft

1968. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by the year end, India would select one or more fighter aircraft which will be manufactured locally by a private company under the Make in India initiative; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is in addition to the Light Combat Aircraft, the

production of which is being scaled up, if so, the details thereof?

(d) whether Government contemplates to remove this discrimination?

Holding of cocktail party at Air Force Station, Hindon

1969. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any complaint filed by an advocate supported by photographic evidence regarding security lapses and hosting of cocktail party by an Air Officer Commanding inside Air Force Station, Hindon in the month of September, 2015;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted by the Ministry, and the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against the officer who has hosted the cocktail party with exchequer money and the details thereof?

Discrimination in structure of giving MSP

1970. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is paying Military Service Pay (MSP) to Armed Forces Personnel, whose genesis is based on amount of the degree of "Hardship and Risk Factor" they undergo while discharging their duties;

(b) whether the MSP being paid to the Armed Forces Personnel is equal, and whether they face equal hardships and risk to life;

(c) if not, whether it is the failure of the genesis and violation of principle of Natural Justice and Equality; and

Foolproof security of the country

†1971. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of external and internal incidents causing threat to country's security during the last two years and findings in respect of the each incident along with the measures taken to ensure both security and safety; and

(b) the details of measures taken for foolproof security of the country and the ambit of global challenges being faced by the country?

Poor quality ordnance factory products

1972. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soldiers are being forced to buy their own boots and uniforms due to poor quality of ordnance factory products (OFPs);

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government to address the situation; and

(c) whether Government has any plans for restructuring and modernizing the Ordnance Factories Board, and if so, the details thereof?

Building of War Memorial in Delhi

1973. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has begun work on building a War Memorial in Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) the time-frame by when the memorial is expected to be completed?

Prohibition on purchase of jammers by Defence services

†1974. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to prohibit purchase of jammers by defence services;

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

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

Signing of defence deals

1975. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence deals negotiated in the last six months;

(b) the number of defence deals signed on behalf of Government of India;

(c) the countries with whom the deals have been negotiated and signed;

(d) the final negotiated price with respect to each of the deals; and

(e) the legislations, executive orders and/or international treaties under which the details have been signed, if any?

Manufacturing of Kamov 226T helicopters

1976. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has agreed to partner HAL to manufacture 200 Kamov 226T light utility helicopters;

(b) what are the reasons that Russia has chosen HAL over other private players in the country to manufacture helicopters; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that since Russia has selected HAL, HAL has started a new helicopter manufacture facility at Tumkur in Karnataka?

Achieving self reliance in defence sector

1977. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we need latest technology and inventions to achieve self-reliance in defence sector; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for acquiring advanced technology from foreign countries to make success in 'Make in India' concept during the last two years?

Gallantry awards for exemplary courage

†1978. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the gallantry awards being conferred to soldiers who show exemplary courage against enemies in the war and peace time or who show their bravery in the field of internal security along with the details of financial assistance to be provided, sequence-wise, category-wise and award-wise; and

(b) the assistance/facilities provided by State Governments to the soldiers conferred with these awards and the families of the martyred soldiers, along with the State-wise

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details of such assistance being provided in such cases?

Production of improved LCAs

1979. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to give its approval to HAL for setting up a second assembly line for LCA to increase the production rate from eight to sixteen aircrafts per year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IAF is expected to induct over 100 of the improved LCAs which will feature an advanced electronically scanned army radar, mid air refuelling and improved electronic warfare unit in addition to other minor improvements, if so, the details thereof?

Delay in providing bullet-proof jackets for Army

1980. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that defence forces are still waiting for 1.86 lakh bullet-proof jackets which they had asked for about ten years back;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not providing bullet-proof jackets to the officers and soldiers;

(c) how much time is required to provide state-of-art light bullet-proof jackets to the defence forces; and

(d) whether there is also crippling ammunition shortage in the Army, if so, the reasons therefor?

License to private banks

1981. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had granted any license to new private banks to start operations across the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) with the new license to private banks during the current financial year, the number of private banks functioning in the country;

(d) number of staffs belonging to SC/ST category employed in these private banks; and

(e) whether it is mandatory or not for these private banks to follow the reservation policy of the Government while recruiting staff for its operation?

Waiver of loans of PSBs and commercial banks

1982. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:
SHRI RAM KUMAR
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies who have benefited by the loan write off by each of the PSBs and commercial banks and the amount of write off in each case in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, the details of all written off loans of over 100 crore;

(b) name of the Directors of each company; and

(c) the companies whose loans of over 100 crore, have been restructured in 2013-14 to 2015-16, the details of amount due, waived off and terms of restructuring?

Sector-wise tax relaxation

1983. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the year-wise and sector-wise details of Tax relaxations given during the last three years?

Financial burden on States due to implementation of VIIth Pay Commission recommendations

1984. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the magnitude of financial burden to be borne by States because of the implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission recommendations;

(b) State-wise expected increase in expenditure due to implementation of the Pay Commission recommendations; and

(c) measures taken by Government to ensure that the State Government have sufficient funds to meet the increased burden of expenditure including allocation of additional funds for meeting the increasing deficit, if any?

Norms for installation of ATMs in rural areas

1985. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms laid down for installing an ATM by the nationalized banks and the Private Banks;

(b) whether Government has provided any special provision to the Banks for opening of ATMs in the rural and remote areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Waiving off capital gains tax for farmers in Amaravati

1986. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Centre to waive off capital gains tax for the farmers who have given their lands for the construction of new capital of Andhra Pradesh-Amaravati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Loans taken from international organisation

1987. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loans taken by Government from international organisations, including World Bank and Asian Development Bank, year-wise since 2005, the details of each organisation, organisation-wise;

(b) the details of these loans, including time period and interest rates; and

(c) the details of projects undertaken with these loans?

RBI report on financial inclusion

1988. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by the Reserve Bank of India to prepare a five year action plan for financial inclusion has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee in this regard;

(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted by the RBI/ Government;

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

(e) the further steps taken by Government on the approved recommendations?

Higher inflation in rural areas as compared to urban areas

1989. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that inflation is higher in rural areas especially for fuel, transportation and food items compared to urban areas;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether present economic policies weighted in favour of urban areas against rural areas; and

(d) will Government adopt policies to remedy this anomaly?

Loan schemes for MSMEs by various banks

†1990. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the various loan schemes in various banks to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) whether any target is fixed bank-wise and region-wise in these schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals received in UP and Assam under above schemes during last two years, the number of proposals

accepted and number of proposals rejected out of them; and

(d) the reasons for rejecting the proposals?

Waiver of tax and interest on loans to flood affected in Uttarakhand

1991. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was widespread destruction in many districts in Uttarakhand due to heavy rains, flood and landslide in the year 2013 resulting in loss of lives, business and agriculture;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Uttarakhand has requested the Union Government to waive off tax and interest on loans to provide relief to the people of the districts affected by the 2013 disaster;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government in this regard?

Protection to domestic legal tobacco industry

1992. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the combination of high taxation and discriminatory regulation, only on legal tobacco industry, has driven it into a significant decline as many consumers have shifted to low priced illegal products like smuggled cigarettes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government to ensure equitable, rational,

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reasonable and balanced tobacco control regulation in order to protect domestic legal tobacco industry?

Progress in recovery of loans by PSBs

1993. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans provided by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to individuals, industries, corporate houses, including the details of outstanding loans/Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and its share and percentage, bank-wise during each of the last three years and the current financial year;

(b) the progress of the recovery of such loans during the said period;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed PSBs for quicker resolution and management of NPA and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the NPA of Banks?

Higher excise duty on ambulances

1994. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vehicles which are used as Ambulance attract 27 per cent Excise Duty whereas vehicles used for Commercial and Personnel use attract 12.5 per cent Excise duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons behind this anomaly; and

(c) the remedial measures Government proposes to undertake to remove this anomaly?

Increase in number of Educational loan defaulters

†1995. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who were given education loan by banks in last one year and the quantum of amount;

(b) whether there is constant rise in education loan defaulters;

(c) the number of students who were given loan under Vidya Laxmi Yojana and the steps taken by Government to do away with the problems thereof; and

(d) whether due to lack of opportunities the number of education loan seekers has declined or it has some reasons?

Proposals for combating bank frauds

1996. DR. K. KESHAVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases reported of bank frauds over the past three years have fallen;

(b) how many cases have been solved or closed; and

(c) whether there are any specific policy proposals to combat bank frauds?

New legislation on bankruptcy laws

1997. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of insolvency laws are currently in force in India;

(b) the agencies that are involved in fixing issues of bad loans under the existing insolvency laws;

(c) the steps that are being taken to bring in a new legislation on bankruptcy in India;

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(d) whether this will result in conflict or overlap with existing legislation; and

(e) the steps Government is taking in harmonising the bankruptcy framework in India?

New method to calculate GDP

1998. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed the doubts raised by some economists about the accuracy of the new method used by the Government to calculate the GDP and their suggestion to calculate and publish the GDP growth based on both the earlier method and new method simultaneously for the next five years so that the general public will get a correct picture of the current status of the economy compared to earlier years; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Central package to Rayalaseema and North Coastal Andhra

1999. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released the Central package to the backward districts of Rayalaseema and North Coastal Andhra promised under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) whether the State Government sought enhancement of the package and what is the response of the Centre thereto?

Agricultural loans by commercial and private banks

2000. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount of agricultural loans provided by public sector, scheduled commercial and private banks in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of total amount of subsidies given to farming sector for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of total amount of agricultural loan waived for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Disbursements under MUDRA scheme

2001. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of disbursements under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, including the total amount disbursed and number of beneficiaries;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to integrate MUDRA with the objectives of skill development; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Budgetary allocation for various central schemes

†2002. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating a special scheme to create a climate of

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investment and business and to boost domestic demand;

(b) whether the aim of Government in focussing on investment in economy will be the well-being of the villages, the poor and the youth;

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the budget for clean India, rural development, skill development and other schemes of critical importance; and

(d) whether Government has sought suggestions from the industry sector about enhancement of indirect taxes by Central Excise and Customs Board, if so, the details thereof?

Safeguarding interests of Policy holders

2003. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any pro-active step to safeguard the interest of policy holders at regular interval in the back drop of more number of Insurance Companies entering the Insurance Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Collections through education cess

†2004. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose for which education cess was introduced in the country and the date of its enforcement;

(b) the amount collected through cess till date, year-wise details thereof;

(c) the names of States to which amount

collected through the cess was released along with the heads, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the funds given to States are monitored, the ways of monitoring it and details thereof?

Power to RBI for checking NPAs of PSBs

2005. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the powers available with RBI to check write offs by public sector banks and rise in NPA levels of PSBs;

(b) whether PSBs has taken action in all cases of complaints/representations regarding illegal sanctioning of loans and write offs received by RBI during 2014 and 2015;

(c) if so, details thereof, bank-wise;

(d) if not, reasons therefor, case-wise and bank-wise;

(e) whether Government would confer more powers to RBI against public sector banks in view of the huge write offs by these banks, losses reported and level of NPAs rise in last few years; and

(f) if not, reasons therefor?

Utilisation of commodities and services cess

2006. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) commodities and services on which cess has been imposed by the Central Government at present;

(b) how far the amount collected as cess has been utilised;

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(c) whether a significant part of the cesses collected by the Government have remained utilised or have been diverted for other purposes; and

(d) if not, mechanism available to ensure proper use of cess amount?

Divestment in PSUs

2007. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to divest its shares in profit-making PSUs;

(b) if so, the rationale behind this move; and

(c) if so, the details of divestment in 2015?

Implementation of MUDRA scheme and Jan Dhan Yojana in Odisha

†2008. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MUDRA bank scheme and Jan Dhan Yojana has been implemented in Mayurbhanj area in Odisha;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Odisha Government is giving benefit only to its supporters; and

(c) with reference to (b) above, whether Government proposes to make any alternative scheme for the people who are not getting any benefit under above schemes?

Delays in IT refunds

2009. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has now ordered for immediate Income Tax refunds of upto ₹ 5,000/- to clear the backlog;

(b) what is the estimated backlog amount of refunds to be made to the taxpayers;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for clearing the backlog; and

(d) a report thereon?

Schemes for welfare of girl child

2010. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a special deposit scheme viz. Sukanya Samriddhi Account for girl child under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign, if so, the details thereof and salient features;

(b) the cost sharing pattern between Centre and States under this scheme and manner of amount utilisation;

(c) whether National Development Council has permitted to transfer the said scheme to States, if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor along with the time by when it is likely to be done; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for adequate publicity of the scheme and welfare of girl child?

Constitution of Monetary Policy Committee

2011. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether the Monetary Policy Committee as envisaged in the budget has been constituted and if so, what is the present position; and

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(b) whether Government is satisfied with the present position, if not, what the Government has proposed to do with the issue?

Central assistance to States

†2012. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) the details of total Central assistance provided to the States by Government in the last two years, State-wise;

(b) out of the above assistance the amount given on account of the previous outstanding payments and the amount paid as advance to the States, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to enhance the budgetary allocation of States, if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

NPA's in PSBs and Private Banks

2013. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of the public and private sector banks are on the rise, and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the latest figures of the current year;

(b) details of the NPAs recovered and written off by the PSBs during the said period; and

(c) steps taken or being taken by Government or the RBI to check on NPAs of the banks?

List of wilful defaulters of PNB

2014. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank (PNB) has released the list of 'wilful defaulters' of loans;

(b) if so, names of such defaulters with amount due from each defaulter; and

(c) whether Government would request other banks also for disclosure of names of 'wilful defaulters' with amount due from each one of them and if not, reasons therefor?

Shortfall in direct tax collection

2015. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the net direct tax collections were showing a 35 per cent shortfall in the month of January, 2016;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has issued directions to maximize the tax collections; and

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

Recovery of bad debts through sale of company equities

2016. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether the Government proposes special schemes to recover the bad debts

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through selling of equity of the closed companies;

(b) if so, the plan details thereof;

(c) details of restructuring process of the debt recovery thereof; and

(d) how the Government will comply with the Banking Regulation Act on such takeover process?

Proposal for divesting non-core assets of PSBs to reduce NPA

2017. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether the Government proposes to divest non-core assets of the public sector banks to reduce the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) if so, proposal details thereon; and

(c) plan proposal of Government to make the banks more capitalised through capital support thereof?

Allowing foreign banks to set up base in the country

2018. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to review the status of the financial sector to see whether the banking industry is ready for further liberalisation;

(b) if so, whether several foreign banks have approached Government to set up their base in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether allowing foreign banks to set up their base in India may effect the

Indian banks already operating in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Reviving SFCs in the States

2019. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

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

(b) whether Government along with the State Governments, would revive/restructure SFCs, particularly in Odisha; and

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

Release of pension by nationalised banks

2020. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether in spite of a directive, the authority of releasing pension rests with the headquarters of the respective nationalised banks on month-to-month basis;

(b) whether the headquarters of banks do not release the pension for one or the other reason inspite of the recommendation of the branch heads;

(c) if so, the number of such cases where pension was not released since last three years on month-to-month basis, bank-wise in Odisha and other States of the country;

(d) whether Government is likely to

issue directions to the nationalised banks to release pension by the respective branch heads; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Problems faced by Indian Economy

†2021. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that India's economy is the most rapidly growing economy in the world and is the third biggest in Asia and is outpacing China's economy;

(b) whether our economy, despite its growth, is facing the problem of weak demands;

(c) whether it is a fact that for the first time, the nominal GDP is less than the real GDP in the last quarter; and

(d) if so, the detailed reasons therefor?

Resetting of interest rates on small savings

2022. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering a proposal to reset the interest rates on small savings every quarter; and

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

Financial assistance to PSBs

2023. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether the Public Sector Banks have poor liquidity situation;

(b) whether many Public Sector Banks are unable to meet the BASEL 3 norms;

(c) if so, whether Government has been providing financial assistance to the Public Sector Banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how does Government plan to make Public Sector Banks sustainable, the details thereof?

Banking facilities in Shimla district

†2024. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that both the ATMs of Rohru branch of State Bank of India in Shimla district often remain out of order or out of money, details of those responsible for it;

(b) though a branch of Punjab National Bank was opened in 2015 in Chirgaon of same district, there are many shortcomings including shortage of employees, and whether all the facilities will be provided there, which are available in the branches of other banks; and

(c) whether the PNBs branch has been connected with ATM, if not, by when it would be connected?

Comprehensive mechanism for cancer control

2025. SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to bring in a comprehensive cancer control mechanism on the scale of the existing measures to combat HIV and tuberculosis, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to expand cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and palliation across the country, if so, the details thereof?

Rise in lung cancer cases among non-smokers

2026. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a significant rise in lung cancer among non-smokers in recent years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an increase of 2-3 per cent rise in cancer cases every year, if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to Maharashtra under NRHM

2027. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI K.C. TYAGI:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided to Maharashtra under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during the past two years;

(b) the number of various types of posts sanctioned under NRHM and the period for which they have been sanctioned; and

(c) whether the State Government has made appointment to the sanctioned posts and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Variations in honorarium paid under NHM

†2028. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of officials working as Block Account Managers under the National Health Mission (NHM) and the State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the honorarium paid to the employees working on the above posts varies State-to-State, if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from State Government of Uttar Pradesh to bring the salary of above employees of Uttar Pradesh at par with other States; and

(d) if so, the present status of above proposal and reasons for different honorarium in different States?

Protests against cancer warnings on Beedi bundles

2029. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the agitation of Beedi workers in Telangana and other parts of the country against mandatory printing of throat cancer danger mark on Beedi bundles;

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(b) what steps are contemplated to address the Beedi workers concerns while balancing health concerns;

(c) whether Government agrees to keep in abeyance the orders on the health warning till alternate job arrangements are made for the Beedi workers; and

(d) why Beedi is targeted with such mandatory health warnings while giving kid gloves treatment to the liquor, which has emerged as the biggest health risk?

Impact of passive smoking on children

2030. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that passive smoking may make children vulnerable to cardiovascular diseases;

(b) whether smoking is taking its toll on the health of the youth of the Nation;

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government proposes to introduce to curb smoking in general and also reduce vulnerability of cardiovascular diseases in children; and

(d) in view of the severe effect of smoking and use of tobacco on the health of its users, whether Government would consider banning use of tobacco products completely, if so, by when?

Maternal and infant mortality rates

2031. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) what is the current maternal and infant mortality rates of different States and the details thereof;

(b) what steps Government is taking to overcome this problem in the States like Bihar, Odisha and other at the lower side; and

(c) whether Government is planning to support people below poverty line safe from malnutrition, as this is one of the probable cause?

Strategy to eliminate Kala-azar

2032. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) what is the plan of Government to achieve Kala-azar elimination goal by 2017 set by the WHO;

(b) whether Government has chalked out any strategy or not, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to support financially the States suffering from this deadly disease?

Measures to reduce anaemia in women

2033. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) the State-wise information (data) about 15 plus aged women suffering from anaemia during the last three years *i.e.* 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) what steps Government has taken to reduce the extent of anaemia among women; and

(c) what measures Government plans for the future in this regard?

Flouting of prescribed standards by bottling plants

2034. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that standards prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) are being flouted by a number of illegal bottling plants which manufacture packaged water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken thereto?

Opening of AMRIT outlet in West Bengal

2035. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the cancer patients in India during last three years along with district-wise details for West Bengal;

(b) the State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized along with beneficiaries reached till date for AMRIT outlets in the country during the current year;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that despite a sizeable presence of cancer patients in West Bengal, not even a single AMRIT outlet is proposed to be opened there; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and expected period for opening such store in West Bengal?

Preservation of ethnic and tribal medicinal practices

2036. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been done

under the Ministry from the year 2000 onwards on the ethnic medicinal practices and tribal medicines;

(b) how many tribal medicines and practices have been included in the AYUSH programme;

(c) whether Government keeps a record of edible leaves, flowers, roots, stems etc., which provide iron, calcium, protein, etc., with the details of the use and places they grow, for the easy access for the tribal medicine preparations; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government preserve these medicines?

Rise in cancer cases in Punjab and Haryana

2037. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cancer patients are on rise in the country, particularly in the States of Punjab and Haryana, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to contain this?

Vacancies in CGHS

2038. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in various categories in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), medical stream-wise;

(b) since when these vacancies are lying;

(c) the steps taken to fill up those vacancies and the results achieved therefrom;

(d) whether it is a fact that in the case of

CGHS Unani, deliberate slackness has been committed by those having financial and administrative powers; and

(e) the strategy to solve the problem early?

(b) whether Government has worked out some effective measures to check this menace; and

(c) if so, the details with result thereof?

Health programmes in Maharashtra

2039. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various health programmes being run by Government to check the prevalence of anaemia amongst the children and women, especially in rural areas, State-wise with particular reference to Maharashtra;

(b) whether the present programmes are enough to reduce the high prevalence of anaemia among women, especially women who reside in rural areas;

(c) if not, the corrective measures taken by Government and funds allocated towards these; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to revise National Health Policy and a long term perspective plan to address prevailing inequalities in rural health sector and, if so, the details thereof?

Effective measures to check female foeticide

2040. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of female foeticide in the country has been going up unabatedly, while Government has failed to check this shame;

Increasing the budgetary allocation for health sector

2041. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to spend 5 per cent of gross domestic product on health services in the country during the coming three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is also any proposal to make an increase in budget expenditure regarding health during each coming years to achieve the said target; and

(c) if so, the details of such a proposal?

Eradicating malaria

2042. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether malaria has re-emerged in the country, particularly in Jharkhand and Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the steps being taken by Government to eradicate the same;

(c) what is the extent of funds allocated for the same in the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the progress made in eradicating the malaria in the country especially in Jharkhand and Gujarat?

CGHS dispensary at Shimla, HP

†2043. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has opened CGHS dispensary in Shimla, if so, where;

(b) whether all staff including doctors have been appointed in this dispensary, if so, the number of doctors and the other posts where staff has been appointed; and

(c) the names of the private hospitals and diagnostic centres to be brought under this dispensary, if not, the reasons therefor and by when these hospitals and diagnostic centres are likely to be brought under the CGHS dispensary?

Establishment of new AIIMS

2044. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cleared the proposal to establish three new AIIMS in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the funds that are going to be allocated to each of these new AIIMS and the targeted date of completion for each; and

(c) what is the capacity each of these hospitals including the number of beds for each of these hospitals and the list of other amenities and faculties to be provided in these new hospitals?

Unethical practices in clinical trials

2045. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for pharmaceutical research companies in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra are resorting to unethical practices in conducting clinical trials and keeping the volunteers in the dark about the side effects;

(b) whether irregularities are affecting poor people especially those belonging to SCs/STs;

(c) whether the mandatory Ethics Committee as per the rules framed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act have remained spectators of violations by the labs; and

(d) if so, what action Government is going to take against such pharmaceutical research companies in those States?

Shortage of faculty in medical colleges

2046. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is acute shortage of faculty in Government as well as private medical colleges;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies exist till now in Government colleges including new AIIMS;

(c) how Government proposes to fill the vacancies; and

(d) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor private colleges so that they have adequate academic as well as physical infrastructure with quality output, if so, the details thereof?

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Zika virus outbreaks

2047. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an obscure mosquito-borne virus, Zika, is on prowl and has already caused an "unprecedented situation" in world of scientific research, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Aedes species mosquitoes that spread Zika virus are found throughout the world and it is likely that outbreaks will spread to new countries;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken to check spreading of Zika virus in India; and

(d) the details of medicines required to treat Zika and whether there is sufficient stock of those medicines in India, if not, the steps taken to maintain sufficient stock of the requisite medicines?

Utilization of NRHM funds in J&K

2048. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation/grants under NRHM for Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the statement of the utilization of funds and grants by region-wise, district-wise and block-wise;

(c) if the funds have been utilized, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical colleges lacking proper faculty and infrastructure

2049. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various private medical colleges set up throughout the country lack adequate infrastructure and faculty in their institutions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of necessary steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) the details of any inspection conducted by Government in these medical colleges; and

(d) the details of private medical colleges issued show cause notices and termination of license to teach medical courses due to inadequate infrastructure?

Malpractices by hospitals

2050. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several complaints have been received against hospitals for recruiting fake doctors and patients for inspection, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of action taken against these hospitals by the competent authority; and

(c) the number and names of hospitals issued show cause notice and termination from providing medical services on the aforesaid issue?

Delay in critical patients care at AIIMS, Delhi

†2051. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients from several States came to AIIMS Hospital at Delhi and even those patients whose

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condition is critical, are given a time of one year, two years and three years for test and operation, if so the details thereof; and

(b) measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to address these issues so that the patients get permanently cured and tested in minimum possible time and the details thereof?

Providing healthcare services in remote rural and tribal areas

2052. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government proposes to meet the challenges of providing quality health services in remote rural areas as well as tribal and hilly areas in the country; and

(b) the current status for provision of quality health services in the tribal areas of country?

Cancer, TB and diabetic patients

2053. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of cancer, TB and diabetic patients has increased in the country;

(b) if so, the number of deaths occurred from these diseases, disease-wise during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring down the numbers of such patients in the country?

Progress made in setting up new AIIMS

2054. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) the details of progress made by Government in setting up of three new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) as announced earlier;

(b) what are the hurdles that stand in the way of making progress and steps taken to expedite the project with the cooperation of respective State Government; and

(c) by what time these three AIIMS would be ready, particularly AIIMS proposed at Mangalagiri near Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, and the amount allocated and spent so far for each new AIIMS?

Medical equipment manufacturing park at Visakhapatnam, AP

2055. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up a ₹ 20,000 crore medical equipment manufacturing centre/park in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made so far; and

(c) if not, by when this proposal will be implemented?

Separate hospital ward for victims of child abuse

†2056. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand is being made to set up a separate ward for child abuse victims in hospitals of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered this demand till now; and

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

ARV drugs for HIV/AIDS patients

2057. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all HIV/AIDS patients can get Anti-Retroviral (ARV) drugs and treatments;

(b) whether there are reports of HIV/AIDS patients being denied access to such medications;

(c) whether Government is undertaking any measures to ensure that all HIV positive patients get such medications, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of and is implementing the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 'treat-all' recommendations; and

(e) whether there is any action plan or under contemplation to achieve universal Anti-Retroviral treatment in the country?

Loss of eye sights during eye camps

2058. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of people have lost their eye sight during the eye camp organised by the different State Governments/NGOs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof for past three years, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard along with the measures adopted by Government to prevent re-occurrence of such incident?

Augmenting dialysis treatment facilities

2059. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a very limited infrastructural facilities are available in the country for dialysis treatment-Heamodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis across the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to augment the dialysis treatment facilities and also reduce the cost of Dialysis treatment?

e-Rakt Kosh

2060. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of a proper network of all blood banks in the country, patients are sometimes facing difficulty in getting the required group of blood;

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(b) if so, whether Government contemplates having a national network of blood banks to overcome the difficulties of getting blood;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has initiated e-Rakt Kosh; and

(d) if so, what are the aims and objectives of e-Rakt Kosh?

Free treatment in Haryana and Madhya Pradesh for serious ailments

2061. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan for providing free treatment for serious ailments in the backward districts in Haryana and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and by when such a scheme would be ready for implementation; and

(c) if so, the total amount given to Delhi, till January 2016 for implementation of these schemes?

Alarming rise in malaria patients in Jharkhand

2062. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an alarming rise in the number of malaria patients in Jharkhand recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more number of victims fallen prey to this disease is mainly tribals who live in far-off villages and there is no proper medical facility in those areas;

(c) how many people have fallen prey to the disease, and number of people died in the last two years; and

(d) what steps are taken by Government to deal with the menace, particularly in the villages?

Timely treatment protocol for cardiovascular patients

2063. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cardiovascular disease is the top killer in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in many cases, the patients of cardiovascular die before they reach hospitals; and

(c) whether it is a fact that many cardiovascular patients die without getting the timely treatment, if so, the details thereof?

Failure to curb IMR

2064. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is apathetic towards curbing infant and child mortality, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has failed to achieve the Millennium Development Goals to bring down IMR to 28 per 1000 live births by 2015, if so, the reasons therefor?

Diseases caused by pollution

2065. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution is the fifth leading cause of death in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 37.7 million Indians are affected by waterborne diseases annually and approximately 1.5 million children die due to diarrhoea alone; and

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

Addressing the problems of rural health

2066. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether health status of Indians is still a cause for grave concern especially that of rural population;

(b) whether about 75 per cent of health infrastructure, medical man-power and other health resources are concentrated in urban areas where 27 per cent of population live;

(c) the details of steps taken to address problems of rural health both at macro (national and state) and micro (district and regional) levels; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to revise National Health Policy to address prevailing inequalities and working towards promoting a long term perspective plan, mainly for rural health, if not, the reasons therefor?

Ensuring stable supply of pediatric ARV

2067. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National AIDS Control Programme is facing challenges to ensure stable supply of pediatric ARV and adult

tablets are given to children, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the effect of improper ARV dosage on compliance, effectivity and efficiency of medicine;

(c) the details of pediatric ARV shortage incidences, in both public and private sector, State-wise, last year;

(d) the proportion of pediatric ARV medicines produced in India and consumed in India last year; and

(e) whether Government and pharmaceutical manufacturers have undertaken measures to rectify shortage incidences, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

High cases of fluorosis in MP and Bihar

†2068. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that nearly two and a half crore people from about 20 States are suffering from fluorosis and other water-borne diseases;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the people affected from fluorosis are from Madhya Pradesh and Bihar where content of fluoride and arsenic exceeds the safe limit in many districts;

(c) whether Government has received any requests from social organization regarding identifying such areas and initiating schemes and programmes for those areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

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Awareness against animal transmitted diseases

2069. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that poor veterinary care has put the general public at increased risk of contracting diseases transmitted through animals, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to take cognizance of the issue as well as remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

Promotion of Bangla language by Doordarshan

2070. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for various channels run by Doordarshan during the last three years including the DD Bangla channel, channel-wise;

(b) the details of new programmes commissioned on DD Bangla during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of funds spent for development and research of content and programming for Bangla language during last three years; and

(d) the details of steps taken for promotion of Bangla language by Doordarshan?

FDI in media sector

2071. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government increased the FDI limit in various forms of Media like television, news channels, FM Radio etc.;

(b) if so, the details of the new FDI policy; and

(c) how will the new policy help improve the reach and quality of media in the country and the details thereof?

Check on sensationalisation of issues by electronic media

2072. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to bring on board the electronic media to be cautious while reporting the news of any hoax calls/fake letters about planting of bombs at public places/train/airport etc. in media, especially the electronic media, which many-a-time leads to unnecessary sensationalisation and fear in people's mind and disruption of public utilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, would take some concrete steps for the benefit of public at large and dissuade such hoax callers?

Amount spent by Department of Official Language on advertisements

†2073. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of amount spent on advertisements by the Department of Official Language in issuing directions for A, B and C regions respectively, out of the

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total number of advertisements issued by Government through various means of media, language-wise along with genuine tariff (amount of advertisement); and

(b) whether it is being complied by every Department/Ministry?

TV station at Jashpur Nagar in Chhattisgarh

2074. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a Doordarshan TV station at Jashpur Nagar in Chhattisgarh, which is out of order; and

(b) by when will it be made functional as Jashpur and nearby districts are backward?

Quality of serials telecast on Doordarshan

2075. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent years the quality of daily serials telecast on Doordarshan has rapidly gone down; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of these serials lack any social, scientific or historical value and if so, the details thereof?

Advantage and disadvantage of community radio stations

2076. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of advantages and disadvantages of community radio stations;

(b) the number of community radio stations in operation in the country, State-wise;

(c) what monitoring mechanism Ministry has over community radio stations; and

(d) what are the reasons that community radio stations are not gaining popularity like FM stations?

SOP for VVIP events

2077. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has finalized the draft of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for coverage of VVIP events;

(b) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to prevent and detect deviations from Standard Operating Procedures; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of other measures being taken to ensure that there are no errors involved in disseminating information?

Piracy of commercial films

2078. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the piracy of commercial films *via* fake and unauthorized CDs, online uploads etc.;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents and the action taken by Government for prevention of such incidents; and

(c) if not, the steps Government is taking to collect data on this issue?

FM channels in the country

2079. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing FM channels in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that recently Government approved for starting more FM channels in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is generating revenue through FM channels since their introduction in the country, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the number of FM channels likely to be given to Puducherry?

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