

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, July 19, 2016/Ashadha 28, 1938 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions — 140**

#### **Ayurveda hospital in China**

139. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA  
RAO: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be  
pleased to state whether Government is  
planning to establish an Ayurveda hospital  
in China and, if so, the details thereof:

#### **Collaboration with WHO to promote Yoga and traditional medicines**

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

(a) whether India and World Health  
Organisation (WHO) have signed any  
agreement for collaboration to promote  
yoga, ayurveda, traditional medicine, etc.,  
if so, the details thereof; and

(b) to what extent this collaboration will  
be beneficial in developing and promoting  
AYUSH in the country?

#### **Developing of treatment regimes under AYUSH**

141. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA  
KUMAR: Will the Minister of  
AYURVEDA, YOGA &  
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND  
HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on  
developing treatment regimes under AYUSH  
against both life-style and killer diseases;  
and

(b) if so, the funding details thereof?

#### **New Civil Aviation policy**

142. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
be pleased to refer to reply to UQ 495 given  
on 1st March, 2016 and to state:

(a) whether issues such as regional  
connectivity and unserved routes in  
domestic sector have been addressed in the  
new Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent this would promote convenient as well as cheap flying for the people; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what way it give impetus to affordability regional connectivity, safety, infrastructure and benefit to passengers?

#### **Delay in collection of luggages at T3**

†143. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic passengers have to wait for long to collect their baggages at T3 which causes inconvenience to passengers;

(b) whether the Ministry is contemplating to fix a time limit to bring baggage on baggage handling system so that passengers do not have to wait for collecting their baggage; and

(c) the number of complaints received by Ministry in last two years regarding delayed fetching of baggage on baggage handling system?

#### **Framework and key features of New Aviation Policy**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to launch "New Aviation Policy" framework and key features;

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

(c) the detailed information about the framework and key features of aforesaid policy?

#### **Development of regional airports**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to some experts regional airports need to be developed based on techno commercial feasibility analysis considering the local economy, per capita incomes, growth projection, distance from nearby airports and the feedback from airlines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many airports in the past have been set up without checking with airlines and have predictably ended up as ghost airports;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is looking to revive unutilised and underutilised airstrips to boost regional connectivity; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

#### **Revival of non-functional airstrips**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to partner with State Governments to revive some of the 160 airstrips owned by them;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to develop 10 out of 25 non functional airstrips with the Airport Authority of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Civil Aviation Policy**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the

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Government has approved a new Civil Aviation Policy giving airlines the freedom to withdraw or change flights to and within North Eastern States, island territories and Ladakh:

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

(c) the likely impact of the new policy on air connectivity of hilly border States and tier 3 and tier 4 destinations?

#### **New regional airports to improve air connectivity**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to build 25 regional airports to improve the air connectivity, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the scheduled date and year of completion and operationalisation of the proposed airports?

#### **Second airport in the NCR**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given approval for a second airport in the NCR;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per existing rule there should not be another airport within 150 kms. area;

(c) if so, how Government is planning to amend the rule to take up the second airport; and

(d) if the rule is relaxed, will it be applicable to all places including Hyderabad airport since GMR is objecting second airport at Warangal?

#### **Levy of taxes on large airlines**

150. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to levy more User Development Fees (UDF) at airports under the hybrid-till mechanism;

(b) whether Government plans to levy taxes on large airlines to compensate for the losses of small distance flights services;

(c) whether Government will set at rest apprehensions that airline companies will treat their share of the extra cost as a pass-through to passengers, both making air travel costlier; and

(d) what is criterion for selection of cities under this scheme?

#### **Cap on airfares under regional connectivity scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed a cap on airfares at ₹ 2500 for an hour's flight as part of its regional connectivity scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the airlines will recover the possible losses incurred on such routes by way of viability gap funding from the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ban on non-CAT III compliant small air crafts**

152. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is temporarily banning non-CAT III compliant small air crafts in Delhi;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of cities connected to Delhi by these small air crafts;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to provide air services to small towns from Delhi during winter to clean travel rush; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **New airport at Karaikal in Puducherry**

153. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is not a fact that Government has approved for setting up of a new private airport at Karaikal in Puducherry and also acquired nearly 300 acres of land;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that necessary approvals from the Ministry and also environmental and other clearances from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change have been obtained;
- (c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in starting the work of the airport; and
- (d) what is the estimated cost of the project and by when it is likely to be completed?

#### **Concessional air tickets**

†154. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to construct smaller airports for this benefit of common people, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that

Government is going to provide air tickets at concessional rates for the benefit of passengers; and

- (c) the names of the new airports considered to be set up in Bihar, the details thereof?

#### **Loss making airports in the country**

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

- (a) the details of the airports in the country that incurred losses in the year 2014-15, State-wise and amount-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the losses and the details of the steps taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of such losses in future;
- (c) whether Government has shut-down any airport during the last two years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is formulating any scheme for the privatisation of such airports or for developing them under the PPP mode, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-functional airports**

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

- (a) the number of airports in the country where aircraft movement is nil;
- (b) whether in spite of the above Government has to shell out a big amount for the maintenance of these airports every year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

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(d) whether Government is making any efforts for improving the functioning of these airports through the aviation policy; and

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

**Renting out of space at airports run by private operators**

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

(a) what is the policy of the Airport Authority of India (AAI)/Ministry with regard to renting/leasing out space at airports run by private operators;

(b) whether there exists any rule that such and such percentage of space be allocated for shops, eateries, etc., and such and such percentage of space should be kept for providing lounge, etc. facilities to the passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is the percentage of space given in airports of Hyderabad, Delhi, Mumbai and other at other airports run by private operators?

**International states to Gannavaram airport**

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

(a) the details of various facilities available at the Gannavaram airport near Vijayawada;

(b) whether Government intends to

declare the said airport as an international airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government considers security arrangements adequate at the Gannavaram airport?

**Promotion to regional connectivity scheme**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to restrict airfares being charged by the airlines between cities having travel time less than one hour in regional connectivity scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in Civil Aviation sector to promote regional connectivity?

**Concession on many heads in New Aviation Policy**

†160. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States are expected to be provided concessions under various heads in the New Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, whether the States were consulted before approving the New Aviation Policy so that no hassles are faced in implementing the same; and

(c) the airports proposed to be renovated/upgraded under the plan for the implementation of the New Aviation Policy?

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**No fly zone over Tirumala hills**

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

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh to make seven hills area of Tirumala-Tirupathi as no fly zone, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government is considering to make Tirumala Hills as no fly zone?

**Objection on use of military aerodromes for commercial flights**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) had raised objections on use of military aerodromes for scheduled commercial flights operations; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ICAO has been conducting audit of our civil aviation sector for the third time and if so, the details thereof?

**CSR funds for rehabilitation of street and specially-abled children**

163. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CSR funds are spent on welfare schemes such as rehabilitation of street and specially-abled children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name and number of companies that spend CSR funds on the aforesaid activities; and

(d) the details of money spent on

aforesaid activities by companies in last three years?

**Tax benefits for CSR activities**

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

(a) whether key issues in the CSR activities can be resolved if tax benefits were provided for spending on CSR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Prosecution cases filed by SFIO**

165. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of prosecution cases are pending before designated courts filed by Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) number of complaints received by the SFIO during the last two years in the country including the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

**Performance of CSR activities of public/private sector companies**

166. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study or assessment has been carried out by the Ministry for 2014-15 and 2015-16 to find out the performance of CSR activities of listed companies, both public and private;

(b) if so, the details of such study/assessment, year-wise;

(c) activities that are permitted under CSR and whether there are any plans to add additional activities under CSR; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Organising private sports activities under CSR**

†167. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether organising private sports tournaments and activities are also included under Corporate Social Responsibility;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware of the amount of funds being provided by private sector companies to private sports leagues in the name of CSR activities over the years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of the large-scale misuse by the payment of huge amounts of money through marketing thereof; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken against such illegal activities by Government?

**CSR funds for welfare of farmers and to fight against drought**

168. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CSR funds are spent on welfare schemes for farmers and to fight against drought;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the name and number of companies that spend CSR funds on the aforesaid activities; and

(d) the details of money spent on aforesaid activities by companies in last three years?

**Utilisation of CSR funds by companies**

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

(a) the total number of companies which are under Corporate Social Responsibility compliance but their money is still unutilised;

(b) the details of the companies who have utilised their CSR fund, partially, fully or have not utilised their fund; and

(c) the details of the companies who outsource CSR activities to NGOs?

**Anomalies in OROP scheme**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several anomalies in the salary and allowances in One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme declared for ex-serviceman/defence personnel;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry will constitute a committee of expert and experienced officials for conducting any study of these anomalies;

(c) if so, by when the committee is proposed to be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Deadlines for completion of strategic road projects**

171. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets and deadlines for

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completion of strategic road projects in border regions of the country;

(b) the target and deadlines for completion of strategic fencing along border regions; and

(c) the steps being taken for expediting the construction of strategic roads and fencing?

#### **Steps to prevent fire at ammunition depots**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that ammunition depots are functioning with risk of fire accident as the equipment and manpower are not held as per the requirement and authorisations;

(b) if so, the reasons for a number of deficiencies in the fire fighting and safety mechanism of ammunition depots including storage of large quantity of ammunition in temporary accommodation;

(c) the details of fire incidents in ammunition depots during the last three years along with losses incurred; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government to prevent fire in ammunition depots in future?

#### **Incursions and frictions at country's borders**

173. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what is the Centre's response to the recent frequent Chinese incursions and frictions along the Indo-Pak border?

#### **Boosting indigenous defence production**

174. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Ministry will give a boost to Make in India project in the case of other needs of defence now that the first indigenously made Tejas plane has been successfully inducted into IAF;

(b) whether indigenous defence production will be promoted in other spheres of defence since Indian S&T has proved that it is capable of producing state of the art products; and

(c) whether Government will encourage HAL to produce commercial planes as well?

#### **Publication of history book on INA**

175. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1949-50, Government compiled 'A History of the Indian National Army, 1942-45';

(b) if so, whether Government assured Delhi High Court that the said history of INA would be published before end-July, 2011;

(c) whether Government received No Objection from Ministry of External Affairs in June, 2011 stating that publication of the said history should not impinge on or affect India's relation with any country in the region or elsewhere;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken steps for publication of the said history book on INA; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?



### **Finalisation of purchase of Rafale jets**

176. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inter-Government agreement for direct purchase of Rafale fighter jets from France has been finalised, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether fighter jets would be manufactured locally, with design and technology provided by French company; and

(c) whether advance features like advanced Electronically Scanned Array Radar, mid-air refuelling, improved electronic warfare would be part of the design, and the details thereof?

### **Incursions by Chinese troops into Indian territory**

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

(a) whether instances of Chinese troops entering Indian territory has become a common phenomenon;

(b) if so, the number of incursions in the last two years; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to bring clarity over the Line of Actual Control in order to bring down tension between the troops on both sides that patrolled the area?

### **Induction of Tejas aircraft**

†178. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:  
DR. R. LAKSMANAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tejas aircraft has been inducted into Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the numbers thereof; and the details of proposal to induct more of them in future, including the numbers and timelines thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred and cost escalation on development of Tejas and the extent of contribution made by indigenous and foreign technology, respectively; and

(d) the extent of enhancement of IAF power following the induction of this aircraft and enhancement in our power *vis-a-vis* China and Pakistan?

### **Construction of strategic railway lines**

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

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for construction of Railway lines along China border as a strategic line, particularly Missamari-Tenga-Tawang; Bilaspur-Manali-Leh; Pasighat-Tezu-Rupai and North Lakhimpur-Bame (Along)-Silapathar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken so far by Government in this regard?

### **Ceasefire violation by Pakistani troops**

180. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that violation of ceasefire by Pakistani troops in Jammu and Kashmir has continued in the recent past;

(b) if so, how many times the ceasefire was violated by Pakistani troops during

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the last four months with details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by our troops and Government thereon?

#### **Non-marketing of innovative products of DRDO/DRDE**

181. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of innovative medicines and medical kits/equipments designed by the DRDO/DRDE which are far more superior and cheap are not being brought out in the open market;

(b) whether it is because of heavy pressure from the giant pharmaceutical companies that these products/equipments are being obstructed from coming to the open market;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not marketing such products/equipments for the benefit of the poor and needy?

#### **Infiltration at Hindon Airbase**

†182. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suspects had infiltrated into the Hindon airbase in May, 2016 in the presence of airbase personnel and security guards;

(b) whether Government had not reviewed the security situation of all airbases and defence establishments after the terror attack on Pathankot airbase;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future?

#### **Border intrusion by Chinese troops**

183. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that in the recent past, there have been incidents of intrusion by Chinese military establishment on the Indo-China Borders;

(b) whether it is also a fact that military preparedness of China is far superior to that of India; and

(c) if so, the steps being initiated to modernise and update armament and ammunition of Indian Military?

#### **Allocation of defence budget for modernisation**

†184. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the portion of total allocation from Defence Budget being spent for the purposes of modernisation at present;

(b) the steps taken by Government upon the report of the Accountant of the Ministry of Defence;

(c) the number of defence deal/contract kept in limbo due to procedural lapses and impact thereof on the requirements of armed forces; and

(d) the major weaponry being manufactured in private sector and by when these would be handed over to armed forces?

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### **Restructuring of DRDO**

185. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether DRDO is being restructured to assign bigger role in acquiring key defence technologies and infrastructure for defence manufacturing in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether policy in line with Make in India initiative has been finalised, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it would be expedited and ready, in view of large scale acquisition of defence equipment for the country?

### **Heightened Chinese military policy in Tibet**

186. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that China has elevated the authority of its Tibet Military Command as part of preparation for a possible conflict with India, as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how serious is this move of China from the security point of view; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to counter any threat from China in the eastern and northern fronts where the border disputes still remain unresolved?

### **Spying activities by foreign countries along country's borders**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of spying by China and Pakistan have been noticed at the actual line of control of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step to check it, so far; and

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

### **Induction of Tejas LCA**

188. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Light Combat Aircraft-Tejas-conceptualised three decades ago and test flown some fifteen years ago, has passed the gruelling induction test by Aircraft System Testing Establishment recently;

(b) whether with the acquisition of more numbers of Tejas to form its first LCA Squadron, the IAF has planned to replace its ageing fleet of MIG-21 fighter planes soon; and

(d) whether with the ageing MIG-21 fleet, the IAF's operating squadron strength is at sub-optimal level to be further affected in 2017 when two MIG-21 squadrons retire?

### **Steps to increase foreign exchange reserves**

†189. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decline in terms of foreign exchange reserves is being perceived;

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(b) if so, whether Government is planning to take certain steps to increase the foreign exchange reserves; and

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

#### **Mobile banking services in villages**

190. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to connect all the villages in the country through mobile banking services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of public/private sector banks providing mobile banking services in the country including the number of customers presently using the said facility as on date in urban/rural areas, bank-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to ensure banking facilities to cover each household of the country?

#### **Seventh Pay Commission recommendations on parity between IAS and Non-IAS officers**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not considered the Seventh Pay Commission's contentious recommendation for parity between IAS and Non-IAS officers when Government decided on the implementation of the recommendations of the panel; and

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

#### **Provision of Central Government funds for the State of Uttarakhand**

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

(a) whether Central Government provides funds to States for their various schemes and development;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing funds to Uttarakhand for its development by Central Government till now; the details thereof;

(c) whether it is not a discriminatory behaviour of Central Government towards the people of Uttarakhand; and

(d) if not, the reasons for depriving the State of its right deliberately?

#### **Impact of British exit from European Union on Indian Economy**

193. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment on the impact of British exit from European Union on India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether buying crude oil on Brent basis has any consequence for India; and

(c) the details of the steps/precautionary measures taken to insulate the Indian economy from the adverse impact or economic slowdown in British economy?

#### **Steps taken to reduce NPAs of PSBs**

194. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:  
DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NPAs of

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the public sector banks are increasing year-after-year;

(b) if so, the details of NPAs as on date, Bank-wise;

(c) the details of bad loans recovered by the banks during the previous financial year as against the targets fixed, if any, in this regard;

(d) whether bad loans/NPAs are the major reasons for heavy losses of banks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for early recovery of NPAs?

**Steps taken to unearth and bring back black money stashed in foreign banks**

195. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI:  
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken by the Income Tax Department to unearth black money stashed in foreign banks and the result thereof; and

(b) the total amount of black money which Government has been able to bring back to India from various countries, where it is stashed till date and the details thereof?

**Development of long term debt markets for financing Infra projects**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to help develop long term debt markets with a view to finance infrastructure projects, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has initiated the process

to set up a credit enhancement fund to provide guarantees for infrastructure sector companies to help them access funds from domestic and overseas markets at lower cost as announced by Government in the Budget of 2016; and

(c) if so, details thereof and by when would such a fund be made operational?

**Money recovered through Voluntary Disclosure of Black Money Scheme**

†197. SHRI HARIVANSH:  
SHRI K.T.S. TULSI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of black money recovered by the Government till date under the Voluntary Disclosure of Black Money Scheme;

(b) whether the Government by reviewing the scheme, proposes to extend it further; and

(c) the amount of black money recovered by the Government from domestic and foreign sources during last two years and the number of persons against whom action is being taken?

**Recovery of bad loans of PSBs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the gross bad loans of the public sector banks have increased to 7.6 per cent of the total advances in March, 2016, which is likely to go up to 8.5 per cent by March, 2017;

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

(c) what measures are being taken to recover the bad loans so far and the result thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Implementation of recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission**

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

(a) whether it is also a fact that the Government has decided to implement the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission for Central Government staff;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the Government employees are not satisfied with the announcement; and

(d) if so, the main issues of discontentment and Government's reaction thereto?

**Opening of Bank branches in rural areas**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of PSU banks do not open their bank branches, especially in the rural areas despite repeated requests from the local people;

(b) if so, the details of the requests for opening as branches pending with the various PSU banks location/bank/State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that PSU banks open their branches by relaxing their norms, especially in rural areas?

**Detection of black money by Government**

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

(a) total amount of black money which this Government has detected under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015; and

(b) the details thereof?

**Outreach of banking service in rural areas**

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

(a) whether the Government has any report about the current outreach of banking services in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether any State-wise statistics are available regarding the present facilities of banking services available in rural areas;

(c) the State-wise details regarding the gap between the 'required' and 'existing' facilities of banking services in rural areas; and;

(d) whether Government is taking any concrete steps to address such a gap, if any?

**Expansion of DBT scheme**

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

(a) whether the Government is considering expansion of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme; and

(b) if so, kindly provide the details of the Central Sector/Centrally sponsored schemes which are considered or newly included for DBT?

**Adjudication and criminal proceedings  
filed in the State of Goa under  
Customs Act**

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

(a) number of adjudication proceedings  
and criminal proceedings filed in the State of  
Goa under Customs Act for the last four  
years;

(b) amount involved in each of the  
adjudication cases;

(c) the status of each of the adjudication  
proceedings and also status of each of the  
criminal cases; and

(d) the names against whom each of the  
proceedings/prosecution were filed?

**Merger of Nationalised banks**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to  
bring in merger of certain nationalised banks;

(b) if so, which are the banks proposed  
to be merged;

(c) what is the rationale behind  
attempting the merger; and

(d) whether any policy has been  
prepared in this connection, if so, the details  
thereof?

**Role of participatory notes in creation  
of Black Money**

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

(a) whether a Special Investigation Team  
(SIT) report on black money reveals that  
there are more than ₹ 2 lakh crores of  
Participatory Notes in circulation in Indian

stock market which should come under the  
purview of Money Laundering Act;

(b) whether a PIL filed recently in  
Supreme Court alleges that Foreign  
Institutional Investors pump money in Indian  
market through Participatory Notes and get  
away with returns on investment without  
undergoing the significant cost and time  
implications of directly investing in India;  
and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Widening tax base by targeting non-  
agricultural income of farmers**

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

(a) whether interacting with a panel of tax  
administrators (Rajasva Gyan Sangam)  
Government plans to target farmers with non-  
agricultural income above a certain threshold,  
to widen the country's tax payer base;

(b) whether presently out of 25 crore tax  
paying households in India, 15 crore  
households are designated as agriculturists;

(c) whether the CBDT has been looking  
closely at agri-income claims of over Rupees  
one crore by assesses in their tax returns,  
prompted by a PIL filed in the Patna High  
Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**NPAs in PSBs**

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

(a) what were the amount of NPAs in  
scheduled banks, including public sector  
during last three years in the country;

(b) actual NPA in Public Sector Banks  
during these years;

(c) what were the main reasons for  
increase/decrease in NPA in them; and

(d) how Government intends to rectify it, if not, the reasons therefor?

**One time settlement of loans by Nationalised and Private banks**

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

(a) whether the Nationalised and Private banks have organised one time settlement of loans during the last two years and the current financial year;

(b) if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details of the loans settled during the above time period including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the one time settlement of loans was done as per the directions/norms of the Reserve Bank of India; and

(d) if so, the details of the above norms and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Decline in amount of black money in foreign banks**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline of about 33 per cent in black money stashed in Swiss Bank by the end of 2015;

(b) whether Government is aware of the destination of this kind of money; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

**Setting up of Monetary Policy Committee**

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

(a) whether Government has set up a Monetary Policy Committee (MPC);

(b) if so, terms and conditions thereof and the idea behind the MPC; and

(c) how will it benefit the consumers and make loans affordable to the MSME sector?

**Closure of bank branches in Jharkhand on grounds of security**

212. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of public sector bank branches, which were operational in Jharkhand for a number of years were closed on the grounds of security etc.;

(b) if so, the number of such branches, district-wise and bank-wise in Jharkhand, may be provided; and

(c) with improvement in security at the ground level, has a roadmap been devised to reopen such hitherto closed branches?

**Grants-in-aid released to State Governments and other entities**

213. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released by way of grants-in-aid by Government in FY 2014-15;

(b) the break-up between grants released during FY 2014-15 to State Governments and other entities; and

(c) the total quantum of grants released during FY 2014-15 by the Centre to the Government of Jharkhand and to other entities in the State?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



**Change in the established practice of appointment of RBI Governors**

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

(a) the total sanctioned strength of Governors *i.e.* Governor and Deputy Governors in the Reserve Bank of India and their mode of appointment;

(b) whether any departure from the established practice has now been made for the appointment of Deputy Governors; if so, the details of the established practice in the matter and the departure so made; and

(c) the reasons necessitated for a change in the established practice in the matter?

**Flood Relief Package sought by Government of Puducherry**

215. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the relief package sought by Government of Puducherry towards the recent heavy floods during November-December 2015;

(b) amount sanctioned by the Government as a relief package;

(c) amount released to Government of Puducherry;

(d) whether an amount of ₹ 50 crores was adjusted by re-appropriation from Plan to Non-Plan budget estimates of 2015-16 ; and

(e) if so, does it mean that there was actually no financial relief over and above the budget of the Union Territory of Puducherry and will Government consider providing financial relief during the supplementary demands of 2016-17?

**Measures taken to check inflationary trend**

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

(a) whether Consumer Price Index has reached 21 months high at 7.55 per cent in the month of May, 2016;

(b) whether Government has failed in checking inflationary trend completely;

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

(d) the details of fresh effective measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

**Rise in GNPA rates of PSBs**

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

(a) whether, as per the Financial Stability Report of RBI, for PSBs, ratio of GNPA may further rise to 10.1 per cent by March, 2017;

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

(c) the reasons for the same;

(d) the details of NPA of PSBs as on date in rupees, bank-wise; and

(e) the details of action Government has taken in this regard?

**Easy access of foreign funds by Indian startups**

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

(a) whether the RBI has launched a Startup Action Plan to enable easy access of foreign funds for Indian startups;

(b) if so, what are the basic salient points of this plan;

(c) whether RBI has made plans to create a 'mature lending environment'; and

(d) the steps proposed by RBI to further ease rules and regulations to make it easy for startups to access funds internationally?

**Revision in KYC norms for the ease of poorer segments of society**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that stringent and impractical "Know Your Customer" norms had led to a slippage in opening and operations of banks accounts by poorer segments of society;

(b) whether it is a fact that various suggestions have been made to Government to make "KYC" policy flexible and simple;

(c) if so, what is the status of those suggestions;

(d) what are steps proposed to ensure that "KYC" does not become a major hurdle in accessing the banking sector for poorer people;

(e) whether banks have specifically made suggestions that the norms be revised; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Government panel for review of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act**

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

(a) whether Government has set up a

panel to review the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms of reference of the panel; and

(d) the time by which the panel has been asked to give its recommendations?

**Health insurance coverage on socio-economic basis**

221. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to cover each family in the country under the Health Insurance Scheme on socio-economic basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the number of persons benefited by the various health schemes being run by the general insurance companies operating in the country during the last three years, company and State/UT-wise; and

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

**Revenue foregone and subsidies given during the last four financial years**

222. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue foregone in the year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016;

(b) whether it is fact that the total revenue foregone for the financial year 2016-17 has increased significantly as compared to last financial year;

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

(d) the total amount of subsidy on food,

petroleum and fertilizers granted in the year, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively;

(e) whether it is a fact that the total subsidy bill on food, petroleum and fertilizers for the financial year 2016-17 is lower than last financial year; and

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

**Claims settlement by public and private sector insurance companies**

223. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the premium collected and claims settled by public sector as well as private sector insurance companies during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for timely settlement of claims; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken or being taken to protect the interests of public for getting speedy settlement of their insurance claims?

**Recovery of higher interest on loans against Kisan Credit Card Accounts**

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

(a) whether there is a provision for recovering 4 per cent interest on loans taken against Kisan Credit Card accounts;

(b) whether Government has received complaints that Allahabad Bank and SBI at Vidisha district in M.P. are recovering higher rates of interest on loans to farmers;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against the banks on receipt of such complaints; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

**National Railway Safety Fund**

225. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Railways have demanded nearly 1.19 lakh crore rupees from the Finance Ministry for the National Railway Safety Fund to achieve Zero Accident Mission of Railways in the country; and

(b) if so, Government response thereto?

**Committee for re-visiting the Income Tax Act**

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

(a) whether Government has set up a 10-Member Committee to re-visit the Income Tax Act;

(b) what is the time-frame given to the Committee to submit its report;

(c) whether any interim relief or changes will be made in the taxation system to reduce disputes and also help the taxpayer to pay taxes with ease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**NABARD loans for grain storage facilities**

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

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(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is planning to double loan for augmenting grain storage capacities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for the Twelfth Plan period?

**Study team to evolve Common Tax Code**

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

(a) whether the Government has set up a study team to evolve Common Tax Code recently; and

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

**Appointment of DRT Chairperson in Visakhapatnam**

229. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Chairperson in the Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT) at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, since how long the post is lying vacant;

(c) what efforts the Ministry has made to appoint the Chairperson of DRT;

(d) the number of cases pending in the above DRT; and

(e) the average annual cases coming to this DRT during the last three years, year-wise?

**Sectoral and GDP growth during the financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16**

230. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of sectoral growth and GDP growth in general, during the Financial Year 2014-15 and Financial Year 2015-16, and that in industry sector and service sector in particular, for the said period?

**Cases investigated by ED in Goa**

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

(a) number of cases investigated by Enforcement Directorate in the State of Goa during the last three years;

(b) the names of the accused against whom each of those cases were filed;

(c) the amount, property etc. involved in each of the cases, case-wise; and

(d) the sections under which persons involved are being prosecuted?

**MUDRA loan applications in Puducherry**

232. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details for loan applications submitted under Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Scheme in Puducherry since inception of the scheme;

(b) the details of applications approved and given MUDRA loan, district-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for Puducherry under MUDRA Scheme in 2016-17; and

(d) if so, the details thereon?

**Calculation of economic growth based on revision in wages**

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

(a) whether increase in income, on account of revision in wages by Government can be the basis to calculate economic growth of the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Synchronisation of financial accounting year with calendar year**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to change the financial accounting year from 1st April-31st March to synchronise with the calendar year 1st January-31st December;

(b) if so, the rationale behind the proposal;

(c) whether Government had consulted the stakeholders *i.e.* corporate sector and the Institute of Chartered Accountants on the pros and cons of the move; and

(d) whether such a move will help India to change over the global accounting system?

**Interest free loans to small and medium farmers**

†235. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that access of small and medium farmers towards sources of Institutional loan for agricultural

purposes is not increasing and they are heavily dependent on loans from non-Institutional sources at double interest rates;

(b) the details of loans given to small and medium farmers during the last three years for works other than those related to warehouses, cold storages, irrigation and rural electrification and the rate of interest charged on that; and

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to provide interest free loans to small and medium farmers?

**Sharing of information of black money by foreign countries**

†236. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sharp decline has been registered in Indian black money stashed in Swiss Banks;

(b) the names of countries that have agreed to share or are already sharing information with India on black money;

(c) the number of cases on which action has been taken under the Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets Act in force since July, 2015 and the amount of evasion detected; and

(d) the details of the success achieved in unearthing black money as a result of the Government policies?

**Stressed Asset Fund for curbing NPAs**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Stressed Asset Fund to fight NPAs of Public Sector banks;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to evolve an efficient resolution and recovery process for the Public Sector banks affected by burgeoning NPAs?

**Decrease recommended in share of Central pool of Taxes for Tamil Nadu by Fourteenth Finance Commission**

238. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fourteenth Finance Commission has recommended a substantial enhancement in the share of States in the divisible pool of Central Taxes from 32 per cent to 42 per cent;

(b) whether, as against 4.969 per cent share in the divisible pool of Central Taxes recommended by Thirteenth Finance Commission, Tamil Nadu's share came down to 4.023 per cent in the Fourteenth Finance recommendations; and

(c) whether the unbalanced formula adopted by the Fourteenth Finance Commission treated Tamil Nadu most adversely?

**Widening of the Income Tax base**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has asked the Income Tax Department to widen the tax base by double and take suitable action against tax evaders; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken in this regard?

**Efforts to collect money from PSB account holders owing more than 100 crores**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 701 account holders each of which owe more than ₹ 100 crores to PSU banks, amounting to ₹ 1.63 lakh crores of loans;

(b) if so, the details of each of the account and the money each of such account holder owe to banks;

(c) the efforts being made to collect money from the above 701 account holders; and

(d) whether this list is the same one that is submitted to the Supreme Court?

**Deposits by Indians in Swiss Banks**

†241. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of money stashed in Swiss banks by Indians had risen substantially during 2011 and 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether money deposited in Swiss banks by Indians has declined substantially after 2014;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any investigation is being done into the matter of record increase in funds stashed in Swiss banks by Indians during 2011 and 2013; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Homoeopathic doctors with CGHS**

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

(a) the number of Homoeopathic doctors working in the CGHS Homoeopathy Medical Store Depot/Dispensaries in Delhi along with their date of posting;

(b) whether some doctors have been transferred, but have not joined their duties so far for more than one year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these Homoeopathic doctors are likely to be transferred for the benefit of patients?

#### **Survey on prevalence of rare diseases**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study/survey to assess the prevalence of various types of rare/orphan diseases and disorders across the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to build awareness about such diseases across the country and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for improving the development and delivery of affordable diagnostics and treatments for rare diseases in the country?

#### **Guidelines to handle Zika virus disease**

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

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

(a) whether Government has taken precautionary measures and issued guidelines to the States to deal with incidents of Zika virus disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof and incidents of Zika virus in the last quarter;

(c) whether adequate diagnostic facilities are available, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether research on vaccines are being conducted and vetted by Indian Council for Medical Research for use, if not, what is the status report; and

(e) whether control room is established with phone numbers displayed at international airports with publicity, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Mechanism for regulating standard of medical education**

245. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide a mechanism to regulate standard of medical education in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether views of the State Governments and other stakeholders have been ascertained in this regard and, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Health insurance scheme for economically weaker people**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made an announcement to start a health insurance scheme for economically weaker people, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the whole family would be covered under this scheme and Government will bear all expenses to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether the facility of treatment in private hospitals will also be available to the members under this scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme would be implemented?

**Per capita expenditure on health**

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

(a) whether per capita expenditure on health in India has been lesser than that of many developing countries while this ratio is very low *vis-a-vis* the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation has issued any report in this regard; and

(d) whether Government has increased per capita public expenditure on health in the last two years as per requirement; and if so, the details thereof?

**New AIIMS like hospitals**

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

(a) whether Government has announced new AIIMS like hospitals in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the names of new AIIMS announced and their present status, proposals received for establishing such new AIIMS from various States along with status of these proposals;

(c) whether Government has identified the location in States where new AIIMS are to come up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when these proposals will be finalized and the reasons for delay?

**Shortage of cold chain vaccine storage facilities**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about 25 per cent of vaccines lose their efficacy before reaching doctors and patients owing to shortage of cold chain storage facilities;

(b) whether this trend is even greater than 50 per cent in certain cases (BCG etc.);

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to overcome these shortcomings; and

(d) the total loss of revenue caused to Government owing to vaccines having lost their efficacy and the details thereof?

**Final decision on NEET**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any final decision regarding National Eligibility

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Cum Entrance Test (NEET) pursuant to the request made by the State Government of Tamil Nadu; and

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

#### **AIIMS in Tamil Nadu**

251. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central team had visited a number of places in Tamil Nadu for setting up of an AIIMS in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places visited and location finalized by Government;

(c) whether Government has received any report from the State Government of Tamil Nadu in this regard;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the finalization of location and financial sanction are yet to be conveyed to the State Government; and

(e) if so, by when the same would be made available to the State Government?

#### **Financial assistance scheme for people with HIV/AIDS**

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

(a) whether Government has launched financial assistance scheme for people living with HIV/AIDS and orphans/destitute children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in some States including backward areas in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds

allocated and spent for this purpose in each State for the current year; and

(c) the response received from the patients so far?

#### **Creation of additional MBBS seats**

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

(a) whether additional MBBS seats were created; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the current year?

#### **Banning use of hazardous chemicals in bread making**

254. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in the wake of a study report of an N.G.O. released recently, is going to ban the use of potassium bromate and potassium iodate-the chemicals, considered hazardous for public health, in almost all brands of bread sold in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action Government has taken in the matter and the details thereof?

#### **Upgradation of PHC Jangla, HP**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal to upgrade PHC Jangla into CHC in Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh under NRHM assistance; and

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

**Improving the quality of medical education**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that medical education being imparted in the country is not proving to be worthwhile in terms of quality;

(b) if so, whether Government intends to take some concrete steps to improve the quality of medical education; and

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

**Protecting children from diseases**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating upon formulating a plan on priority basis to protect children from diseases;

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

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

**Rise in TB cases**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has recorded the highest number of tuberculosis cases in the past year;

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

(c) the details of tuberculosis cases reported, State-wise, for last three years;

(d) whether spitting has been reported as the major cause for increasing TB cases; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to promote anti-spitting amongst Public?

**Ineffectiveness of insecticides to kill mosquitos**

‡259. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the insecticides being used to kill mosquitoes are proving ineffective for the said purpose;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the number of cases of dengue have increased due to the ineffectiveness of insecticides being used to kill mosquitoes;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry will give any suggestions to the insecticide manufacturing institutions to manufacture the effective insecticide so that better result could be achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of other options for killing mosquitoes?

**Congested and narrow OPDs at AIIMS, Delhi**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the OPDs at

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AIIMS in Delhi are being run in very narrow spaces, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has paid attention to the hardships being faced by the patients and guardians due to lack of space in OPDs in all the Departments of AIIMS;

(c) whether Government has got it examined by any Committee to resolve such a big problem; and

(d) the details of the scheme, if formulated, to deal with this huge mismanagement in the biggest hospital, known as life line of the country?

#### **Infrastructural facilities in Government hospitals**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that infrastructural facilities in Government hospitals are shockingly dissatisfactory;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many patients die due to careless and negligent attitude of doctors employed in Government hospitals; and

(c) if so, what measures are being considered by Government to bring the standard of treatment of Government hospitals at par with private hospitals?

#### **Patients suffering from Hepatitis B and C**

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

(a) whether Government has carried out any study to confirm the total number of

Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C patients in India;

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

(c) the various steps taken by Government to teach the masses about the prevention of these diseases and to eliminate these diseases from India; and

(d) the various steps taken by Government to provide a support system to persons suffering from Hepatitis B and C, respectively?

#### **New polio cases**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that polio cases have been detected in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes any step to check it; and

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

#### **Online medical examination report**

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to implement online medical examination report for patients of the hospitals in all States/Union Territories including Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government also proposes to provide financial assistance for such facilities, if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof; and

(c) by when this system is expected to be implemented throughout the country?

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**Increasing funding for MBBS seats**

265. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received proposals from a number of State Governments, including Tamil Nadu, to increase the fund allocation for increasing MBBS seats in Government medical colleges, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is yet to release the funding for the MBBS seats in State Government medical colleges, if so, the details thereof?

**Exodus of doctors from AIIMS, New Delhi**

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

(a) whether a case of a number of Assistant Professors leaving AIIMS, New Delhi and joining private sector has come to notice;

(b) if so, the details of Assistant Professors and other doctors who left AIIMS during the last two years;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the reasons for the exodus of doctors from AIIMS and the steps being taken to remove those causes; and

(d) whether apprehensions are being expressed that the patients will be adversely affected due to the exodus of doctors from AIIMS?

**High treatment cost of diseases**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that people living in rural areas as well as urban areas are unable to get treatment of serious diseases, involving high expenditure, due to economic inability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to implement the comprehensive health service coverage considering the above situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**People afflicted by contaminated water**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that of the 1.42 million villages in India, 1,95,813 are affected by chemical contamination of water; and

(b) whether 37.7 million people, over 75 per cent of whom are children, are afflicted by water borne diseases every year, if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**Districts with high incidence of Leprosy**

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

(a) the total number of districts having high incidence of Leprosy in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether in certain States children too are reporting Leprosy related

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deformities and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government for elimination of Leprosy from the country?

#### **Reporting of suspected polio cases**

270. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether suspected polio cases were reported recently in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether samples were sent to laboratory for investigation to determine whether it is vaccine-derived polio viruses or wild polio, and whether anything turned positive and the details thereof?

#### **Revised guidelines on clinical research**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a decline was seen in clinical research being done in India on account of regulatory uncertainty, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such regulatory uncertainty; and

(c) whether Government plans/planned to introduce new and revised guidelines towards clinical research in India, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decline in fund allocation for medical research**

272. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the allocation of funds for medical research has been declining, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of the institutions facing fund crunch; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed by Government?

#### **Ensuring quality of medical education in private sector**

273. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to check the quality of medical education in the private sector;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering any concrete steps to ensure quality of medical education in private sector;

(c) whether the recognition of several private medical colleges was withdrawn and admissions to MBBS was stopped due to the lack of facilities during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Victims of burns**

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

(a) the number of people died due to burns during the last three years and how many of them were women;

(b) how many got injured through burns during last three years;

(c) what is percentage of survival;

(d) whether Government has a well thought out plan to prevent burn injuries and protect those getting burn injuries; and

(e) in what way survival rate can be increased?

#### **Development of Waqf properties**

‡275. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Waqf properties developed by the National Waqf Development Corporation during the last two years and the expenditure incurred by it on those properties and the details thereof; and

(b) the total number of Waqf properties in the country and the properties identified for development by it, the expected income to be generated by Waqf from the above and the details thereof?

#### **BPL Minority Communities**

276. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information about the persons belonging to Minority Communities living below the poverty line and below double the poverty line;

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

(c) the number of minority beneficiaries who have come above poverty line as a result of implementation of various schemes of the Ministry during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to collect the latest data on the notified minorities to assess the impact of Government efforts on the lives of minorities?

#### **Implementation of PM's 15 Point Programme**

277. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PM's 15 Point Programme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of schemes covered under the above programme being implemented in Andhra Pradesh since its inception, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that it is mandatory that 15 per cent of targets and outlays under various schemes are to be earmarked for minorities; and

(d) if so, what is the response of the Ministry to the complaints that it is not being strictly followed?

#### **Judicial powers of National Commission for Minorities**

‡278. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has got judicial powers, like the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to delegate the judicial powers to the National Commission for Minorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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