

## 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, November 22, 2016/Agrahayana 1, 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 — 160**

#### **Ayurvedic hospitals and research institutes**

†641. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:  
SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:  
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:  
SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be  
pleased to state:

(a) the details of AYUSH hospitals  
and research institutes presently  
functioning in the country;

(b) the funds allocated/released and  
achievements/progress made by them  
during each of the last three years and  
the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to  
open more such hospitals and institutes  
in the country;

(d) if so, the details and the locations  
thereof, and State-wise U.T. including  
Chhattisgarh;

(e) the further plan of Government  
to give boost to research and  
development in Ayurvedic products; and

(f) the share of Indian Ayurvedic  
products in the world market?

#### **Standardisation of Yoga education**

642. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the  
Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &  
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government has  
constituted/proposes to constitute any  
expert panel/committee for the  
standardisation of Yoga education, if so,  
the details thereof;

(b) the time by which the said panel/  
committee is likely to submit its report;

(c) whether the UGC has recognised  
Yoga in the form of a full fledged  
curriculum at graduate and post-graduate  
level and if so, the details thereof and if  
not, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) the details of full-time/part-time courses being run for preparing yoga instructor for universities/colleges?

**Development oriented annual target of Ministry**

†643. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the development oriented annual target for each department under the Ministry of AYUSH from year 2014 onwards and overall details of measures adopted to make them people friendly and status of outcome thereof?

**National Ayurveda Day**

644. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to hold the National Ayurveda Day every year;

(b) whether the First National Ayurveda Day Programme was a major success which was organised this year;

(c) if so, the details of the event and number of delegates/participating organizations joined in the programme; and

(d) the outcome of holding the Ayurveda Day?

**Setting up of AYUSH hospitals**

645. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH hospitals set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise and UT-wise particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether Government has received any request from various States to establish AYUSH hospitals particularly Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof, and the response therein of Government thereto?

**Co-locating AYUSH facilities with Health Centres**

646. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to co-locate AYUSH facilities of Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) in all the States and UTs including the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, details of the States, UTs and Districts including the State of Tamil Nadu in which co-locating AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) has been completed; and

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(c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete this on Pan-India basis and if so, the details thereof?

**Cancellation charges of air tickets by various airlines**

†647. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding irregular cancellation charge of all airlines;

(b) whether Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has formulated rules/guidelines for cancellation charges of air tickets by various airlines;

(c) if so, the details thereof and since when, it will be put into force;

(d) whether the rules will be applied uniformly on all the airlines and for all types of fares offered by airlines; and

(e) what is the position in case of change of date of journey or flight and why passengers are charged in the same way, as for cancellation, and what relief is proposed to be given?

**Excess baggage charges by airlines**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that all domestic airlines allow free checked-in baggage upto 15 Kgs except Air India which allows free baggage upto 23 Kgs;

(b) as per the new regulation effective from July 1, 2016, whether Government has asked airlines to charge ₹ 100/- per

extra Kg till 20 Kg, ranging from ₹ 220 to ₹ 350 as against their current rates; and

(c) whether all airlines are strictly following the new regulation effective from July 1, 2016 and charging only ₹100/- per Kg. for every extra Kg. upto 20 Kgs or still charging at their current rates, and the details thereof?

**Development of airports in small cities**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to develop airports in small cities of the country and connect them to air services, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the name of the cities in North-Eastern Regions, including the State of Assam, and Uttar Pradesh where these airports are proposed to be developed; and

(c) the progress made towards development of airports in these areas and by when this would be accomplished?

**Revival of non operational airports**

650. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government wishes to make all non-operational airports functional in the country, soon;

(b) if so, the details of such airports selected for the reoperation, State-wise;

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(c) the details of estimated time and financial involvement on each airport separately; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Aviation Security Force**

651. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of airports not under CISF protection in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the agencies entrusted with the task of securing such airports not under CISF protection in the country, airport-wise;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that despite the passage of five years since the recommendation made by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a dedicated Aviation Security Force has not been established coupled with the absence of CISF cover, severely undermines the security of airports; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the issue?

#### **Commercial pilot license issued by DGCA**

652. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of commercial pilot licenses issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) during the last three years, year-wise and how many of them have been issued on the basis of license acquired from abroad;

(b) the number of foreign students who have been issued commercial pilot license by DGCA during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of vigilance cases pending against various officials of DGCA, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Air India and Pawan Hans;

(d) the present status of each of them; and

(e) the rise/decline of vigilance cases in each department during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Actions against scheduled and non-scheduled operators**

653. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of deficiencies found against various scheduled and non-scheduled operators during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what are the number and the details of Show-Cause Notices issued for the same;

(c) whether enforcement action has been taken against any of these operators; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Global Aviation Hub**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government wants to make India a Global Aviation Hub in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to change the FDI in Civil Aviation Sector?

**New domestic and International airports**

655. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:  
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up new domestic as well as International airports in various States/UTs of the country including Greenfield airport;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof including airports to be set up under Public-Private Partnership mode, State/UT-wise, along with estimated cost;

(c) the details of the proposals received by Government from various State Governments/UTs in this regard during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether Government plans to start construction of any airport in 2016; and

(e) the time by which these new airports are likely to be set up and made operational?

**Affordable air connectivity in North East Region**

656. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether road map for saturating the North East Region (NER) with affordable air connectivity is under consideration of Government and if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government realizes that air connectivity is the only solution for opening up the socio-economic potential of NER?

**Air connectivity between smaller cities**

657. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to ply more number of domestic/local flights from a small city to another small city located in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such operations will start; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's action plan for decongestion of huge number of passengers?

**Grounding of commercial pilots**

658. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of commercial pilots were grounded recently by various airlines in the country;

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

(c) whether grounding of commercial pilots adversely affected the operations of flights, particularly Air India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how the airlines, particularly Air India, managed the commercial pilots shortage due to suspension of commercial pilots?

**Measures to establish Air India as the most preferred airlines**

659. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether net losses of Air India have reduced to about 12 per cent during the year 2014-15, passenger revenue increased by 9.2 per cent and cargo revenue increased by 26 per cent besides substantial improvements in operational and functional performance, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what further measures are being taken to make Air India profitable and should one expect that by 2016-17 the official carrier will post profit at par with other private airlines and there would be an overall improvement in its functional and operational performance; and

(c) what other professional measures have been introduced or contemplated to establish Air India as the most preferred airline?

#### **Levy of Cess on Non-RCS Route Customers**

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

(a) what specific amount of levy is to be charged to domestic consumers on Non-RCS Routes under Regional Connectivity Scheme;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain what percentage of middle class domestic fliers will be affected by the resultant increase in airfares, if so, the details thereof, if not, whether any such study will be undertaken; and

(c) what are the shares of the States and Ministry of Civil Aviation in the Viability Gap Fund and what increase is expected on the expenses burden of the State's exchequer on operation of the scheme?

#### **Wi-Fi on flights**

661. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what constraints is the Ministry facing to permit Wi-Fi on flights;

(b) what is the extent of apprehensions that hackers on ground may use it as a missile or hijackers on board taking directions from their handlers, etc.; and

(c) what is the position in other countries?

#### **Safety violation by flight crew**

662. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of safety violation by flight crew in the recent past;

(b) if so, the number of cases of safety violations including crew being drunk, reported during last three years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to curb the menace?

#### **Upgradation of metropolitan and non-metropolitan airports**

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

(a) the number of metropolitan and non-metropolitan airports in the country which are functional;

(b) whether Government proposes to modernise all metropolitan and non-metropolitan airports under the

Public Private Partnership mode, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received requests from various States for modernizing/upgrading airports and helipads, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps being taken by Government to upgrade various airports?

#### **UDAN Scheme**

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

(a) the salient features of UDAN scheme;

(b) to what extent UDAN helps to jumpstart the regional aviation in the country;

(c) what are the reasons for proposing Cess on long distance travellers; and

(d) when the auction is going to be held and by when airlines will start flying their flights?

#### **SFIO investigations for providing justice to investors**

665. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered for investigation into the affairs of any companies through Serious Fraud Investigation Office;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their current status;

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to expedite the investigation process and to avoid any delay in

providing justice to the people who lost their savings through these companies; and

(d) the total value of amount restored and given back to the affected customers in the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Corporate contributions towards CSR activities**

666. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the contribution of various corporate entities made under the Corporate Social Responsibility towards Government programmes/projects in the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there are cases (in the last three years and the current year), wherein the corporates have not adhered to the 'CSR' as mentioned in the Companies Act, 2013, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of penalties imposed by the Government in each case of the aforementioned non-adherence on the part of the Corporates?

#### **Non-compliance of CSR obligations by corporate companies**

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

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 20 per cent companies are not meeting CSR obligations and not providing valid reasons therefor, if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether any notice has been sent to corporate companies which have not complied with the CSR rules, for explanation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in view of poor performance of CSR programmes, what action is proposed to be taken including conducting any workshop or training programme for corporate companies to familiarize with CSR programmes, and the details thereof?

**Government action in case of fraudulent transactions by companies**

668. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for Government intervention in the affairs of a Public Limited Company when there are allegations of fraudulent transactions and unethical practices;

(b) whether cases of frauds and illegal accounts/transactions by companies and corporate houses have come to the notice of Government during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof, company-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government in such cases in the country?

**Role of London based arms dealer in defence deals**

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

(a) whether the London based arms dealer Sudhir Chowdhrie had any role in various arms purchases made by India during the last decade;

(b) whether the said London based arms dealer, had received 10 million pounds as kickbacks, linked to India's deal with British Aerospace in the purchase of Hawk advance jet trainers;

(c) whether a closure report was filed in a case against Sudhir Chowdhrie and/or one of his companies before a Delhi Court in 2011; and

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

**Import value of defence related equipments**

670. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the total value of all import contracts, in rupee terms, signed by Government to meet the requirements of the armed forces after 2014 and the details thereof, year-wise and country-wise?

**Spike in infiltration bids across LoC**

671. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any spike has been reported in infiltration bids across the Line of Control (LoC) after killing of terrorist Burhan Wani and prior to the Uri attack; and

(b) if so, the action taken to prevent such infiltrations in order to avoid any



untoward incident of the like which took place in Uri Army Base in September, 2016?

**Persons affected by Dengue, Chikungunya, and other diseases**

672. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:  
SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

(a) the total number of persons affected by Dengue, Chikungunya and other diseases during the last six months, in the county in general and particularly States of Gujarat and Jharkhand;

(b) whether this number has increased in comparison to the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to prevent outbreak of such diseases in future?

**7th CPC recommendation on disability pension of ex-servicemen**

673. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission regarding pension of ex-servicemen particularly relating to disability pension of ex-servicemen;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has accepted the recommendations of the 7th CPC regarding disability pension of ex-servicemen; and

(c) if so, what will be the impact of this decision and whether this will lead to reduction of pension amount of disabled soldiers?

**Stationing of Army personnel in foreign countries**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Army personnel are stationed in various countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the purpose for which they are stationed in other countries?

**Joint strategic undertaking for manufacturing parts of Rafale jets**

†675. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian defence requirements will be fulfilled from the procurement deal of Rafale fighter jets;

(b) whether in this agreement there is a deal to establish a joint strategic undertaking in India;

(c) the system upon which an agreement has been reached with a private company for providing parts of Rafale jets manufactured in the country to the Indian Air Force by establishing joint strategic undertaking;

(d) the reasons for which any agreement has not been reached with any Government company for the manufacturing of the parts of Rafale jets; and

(e) the detailed status thereof?

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**Defence deals with domestic companies**

676. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deals signed with the Indian companies in Defence Sector in the last three years and the details thereof;

(b) since Government is not only just the buyer but also the market maker, whether Government would ensure or promise regular and long-term buying of defence equipment from these companies as they have to invest heavily on infrastructure and on research and development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Filling vacancies in AFT**

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

(a) the steps undertaken to fill up vacancies of Judicial Members in Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) courts across the country;

(b) by when the vacancies are likely to be filled;

(c) whether Government would consider bringing the AFT under the Ministry of Law and Justice; and

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

**Deficiencies in functioning of ECHS**

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

(a) the steps undertaken to address gross irregularities and deficiencies in the functioning of the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) as detailed in the CAG report in December, 2015;

(b) whether there is a system of audit for quality of medicines supplied to ECHS polyclinics;

(c) whether Government has taken any step to correct the circulation of excess ECHS cards; and

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

**Imparting compulsory military training through NCC**

679. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to impart compulsory military training through NCC to the students and colleges in order to inculcate discipline amongst them;

(b) presently what is the percentage of the student community who are enrolled in the NCC junior and senior division in the entire country;

(c) whether there is a proposal to impart compulsory NCC training, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Welfare measures for families of martyred soldiers**

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

(a) whether Government has made any provisions to provide free education, health and other facilities to the children of martyred soldiers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any mechanism is in place to ensure that families/dependents of martyred soldiers are provided with uniform and adequate financial assistance; and, if so, the details thereof?

**Mechanism for monitoring welfare of families of martyred jawans**

†681. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mechanism to monitor and ensure implementation of decisions taken by Government and announcements made by various institutions for families of martyred jawans;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government ensures implementation of the decisions taken for the welfare of families of martyred jawans?

**Handing over of border roads in Himachal Pradesh to BRO**

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

(a) whether Government has received any representation in the month of August, 2016 and October, 2016 regarding handing over of Shimla-

Dodrakwar and Rampur-Rohru roads in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO);

(b) if so, details thereof and Government's response in this regard; and

(c) whether Government will give special attention to those projects for the overall development of the area as well as for making fool proof arrangement to vigil along side the China border, if so, details thereof?

**Complaints over OROP**

†683. SHRI P.L. PUNIA:  
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the anomalies reported by L. Narsimha Reddy Committee on OROP along with the points and recommendations made thereon, the steps taken by Government to implement the said recommendation and by when these recommendations would be implemented and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government, after due deliberations, would implement the principal demands of Ex-servicemen wherein OROP for soldiers getting premature retirement, review of pension on annual basis etc. is included, if not, the reasons therefor and details thereof; and

(c) the number of complaints received from Ex-Servicemen with regard to OROP benefits not reaching to them, and the steps taken by Government to resolve the same?

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**Welfare programmes for ex-servicemen**

†684. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes being run by Ministry of Defence for the welfare of ex-servicemen;

(b) the efforts being undertaken by Ministry of Defence to provide re-employment to ex-servicemen; and

(c) whether Ministry of Defence have formulated any plan to set up a call centre in Rajasthan to provide assistance to ex-servicemen, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Terror camps operating in PoK**

685. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of terrorist training camps are still operating in PoK;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when those camps are proposed to be smashed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor especially when Pakistan occupied Kashmir is also a part of India?

**Development of strategic roads**

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

(a) whether Government has identified roads of strategic importance along international borders in the country;

(b) if so, the names of roads duly identified along with the States having international borders; and

(c) whether such roads also exist on borders which are under construction for decades and remain incomplete till date, if so, details thereof?

**Reduction in disability pension for soldiers**

687. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the order/ notification dated 30/09/2016 whereby Ministry of Defence has notified for reduction in disability pension for soldiers disabled during military service;

(b) the reasons and rationale for the same;

(c) the details of final authority who have decided for slashing the disability pension for soldiers;

(d) whether Government would inquire into it and fix responsibility in this regard; and

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

**Challenging notification of OROP**

688. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the notification of OROP has been challenged in any Tribunal or Court;

(b) if so, how many petitions have been filed by the affected parties in this regard and;

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(c) the points of major disagreement between Government and the ex-servicemen and the details of main points raised in the aforesaid petitions?

**Depletion in fighter squadrons strength**

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

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has 33 fighter squadrons as against the stipulated strength; if so, reasons therefor; and

(b) how Government is planning to bridge the gap in the fighter squadrons strength?

**Rafale fighter jets deal**

690. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rafale deal will assist in meeting the IAFs increasing need for more fighter planes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has stood to gain from the current deal as opposed to the earlier purchase and transfer of technology of 126 fighter planes as per original bids put in, if so, how;

(c) whether the purchase of Rafale jets and the transfer of technology is more expensive than the Euro fighters, if so, details thereof; and

(d) if so, why the other competitors were not considered?

**Acquisitions for the Armed Forces**

691. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved major acquisition for the Indian Navy, Indian Army and the Indian Air Force during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to buy more arms and weaponry technology in near future and if so, the details thereof?

**Sainik Schools in UP**

692. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction for three Sainik Schools in three Districts of UP is in progress, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested Government to establish two more Sainik Schools in Districts Kannauj and Rampur; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to approve the same and, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Delay in acquisition of bulletproof jackets**

693. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2009, it had been decided to purchase 1.86 lakh bulletproof jackets for soldiers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Request for Proposal (RFP) had been issued to 39 bulletproof jacket manufacturing companies and out of them 6 such companies have submitted their sales proposal; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in acquisition of bulletproof jackets for soldiers, till date?

**Regional office of RBI at Durgapur,  
West Bengal**

694. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN:  
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India had a proposal to set up a Regional Office at Durgapur, West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that RBI was allotted requisite quantity of land during 2006-07 for the purpose by Asansol Durgapur Development Authority by the side of CMERI and opposite NIT Durgapur; and

(c) if so, present status of the proposal?

**Abolishing of car advance for  
Government employees as per  
CPC recommendations**

695. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that car advance to Government employees has been abolished in Seventh Central Pay Commission implementation; and

(b) if so, what is the rationale behind it?

**Declaration of black money**

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

(a) the number of persons declaring their undisclosed black money and the amount thereof by the end of the deadline of 30th September, 2016, fixed by Government;

(b) the income tax recovered by Government under this declaration scheme; and

(c) the measures being adopted by Government to curb black money?

**Measures to tackle cyber security  
breach in debit/credit cards**

697. SHRI CHUNIBHAI  
KANJIBHAI GOHEL:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cyber security breach has hit 32 lakh debit/credit cards in October, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures taken by National Payments Corporations of India (NPCI), RBI and other investigation agencies;

(c) whether it is a fact that criminals in connivance with private sector banks especially RBL Bank are securing secret information about Credit/Debit cards Rewards Points and cheating customers on pretext of crediting these points in their accounts; and

(d) if so, what action Government has taken to safeguard interest of card holders by investigating private sector banks especially RBL Bank so as to safeguard interest of card holders?

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**Inclusion of agricultural income under income tax**

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

(a) whether Government intends to include agricultural income under income tax bracket; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Exemption for educational services under GST**

699. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a request from Indian School of Business seeking an amendment to the GST bill to incorporate an exemption clause to provide exemption to educational services, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the stand of Government on such request; the details thereof ?

**Sell-off of loss making PSUs**

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

(a) in how many public sector concerns, shares are intended to be sold to public in near future;

(b) how many of them are loss making;

(c) whether the Government intends to sell any public sector concern to private sector; and

(d) if so, will it be auctioned or sold at market rate?

**Retrieval of black money stashed in foreign countries**

†701. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had in recent years assured to bring back the money stashed by various people of the country in the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken so far; and

(c) whether Government is taking any action regarding the disclosure of black money within the country?

**Decrease in number of Jan Dhan Yojana accounts**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of accounts opened under Jan Dhan Yojana last year has gone down from 8.40 crores to 5.87 crores;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that an enquiry has been ordered against four Public Sector banks with regard to depositing Rupee One each in Jan Dhan accounts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rise in NPAs in the banking sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the banking

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sector in India has been witnessing rise in the stressed and non-performing assets (NPAs), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount of stressed assets and NPAs for the year 2014, 2015 and 2016;

(c) whether there is a proposal moved by NITI Aayog to create a 'bad bank' to hold the stressed and non productive assets and loan recovery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Debit Card fraud through Chinese made ATM Machines**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that theft of security data of 32 lakh debit cards of 19 public as well as private banks of the country and wrongful withdrawal from the account of large number of people have been committed from China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the maximum consumers who used ATM machines of YES Bank which were made in China/made with Chinese help have mostly been cheated; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deal with the situation and to settle the claims of consumers?

**Detecting women with gestational diabetes mellitus**

705. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is trying to reach out to women in districts which have a low

detection of gestational diabetes mellitus;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a group of healthcare workers have been sent to a few districts in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that gradually Government intends to cover all districts of the country; if so, the details thereof?

**Addressing of grievances of beneficiaries under Jan Dhan Yojana**

†706. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under the Jan Dhan Yojana a popular scheme launched by Government of India, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the States covered under this scheme having the maximum number of beneficiaries;

(c) the State having the minimum number of beneficiaries; and

(d) whether Government has received/ is receiving any complaints with regard to problems being encountered while going for opening of an account, if so, the total number of complaints received till date and the number of complaints duly addressed in this regard?

**Steps taken to protect bank debit card customers**

707. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that India's largest data breach involving millions of debit cards of Indian banking system went undetected for three months;

(b) if so, how serious the problem was and how many debit cards have been impacted; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the banks to protect cardholders and the details thereof?

#### **Re-capitalization of banks through Indradhanush Plan**

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to infuse amount as part of Indradhanush Plan to revitalize State-owned lenders, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount to be given to each bank for re-capitalization that are burdened with non-performing loans; and

(c) whether certain portion of amount is linked to performance, and whether it would be released later and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sale of stake in PSUs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to sell and withdraw its stake in 22 Public Sector Undertakings, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether a cabinet note has already been prepared to this effect and is awaiting for right moment and the reasons therefor?

#### **Steps taken by SBI against cyber frauds**

710. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than three lakh Debit/ATM cards were blocked recently by the State Bank of India;

(b) if so, how many complaints have been received and how much money has been withdrawn through fraudulent means;

(c) whether RBI had cautioned the banking institutions against the cyber frauds and risks; and

(d) if so, what action was taken by SBI and what action is proposed to be taken by Government to ensure cyber security?

#### **Waiver of loans to industrialists**

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

(a) the number of industrialists in the country at present against whom a debt exceeding Rupees 50 crores remains pending, the list thereof along with debt amount against their names;

(b) whether Government is once again considering to waive off the loans taken by industrialists in coming times; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

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**Loan recovery by MFIs**

712. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of Micro Financing Institutions (MFIs) are using strong arm tactics for recovery of loans given by them to the needy and poor persons;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against such MFIs; and

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard?

**Government Committee for consideration of issues of 7th CPC recommendations**

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

(a) whether Group of Ministers including Union Minister for Finance had assured the representatives of various trade unions/JCM to set up a Committee to consider the demand of revision of Minimum Wage and Fitment Formula under 7th CPC with a mandate to finalize its report within four months;

(b) if so, the present status of the Committee;

(c) the reasons for the delay in report by the said Committee even after elapsing of more than four months;

(d) whether the Committee on Allowances has finalized its report;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the salient recommendations thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Arbitration cases of PSU Insurance Companies**

714. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending arbitration cases involving Public Sector Insurance Companies in the country and the amount involved thereto;

(b) the total number of arbitration cases where arbitration award has gone against the Public Sector Insurance Companies and the total amount so awarded since 2014-15;

(c) the total number of cases where Public Sector Insurance Companies have not challenged the Arbitration Award against them and how much amount has been paid to the beneficiaries since 2014-15; and

(d) what criterion is being adopted by the concerned Public Sector Insurance Companies in arriving at any settlement in such cases and how many cases have been settled since 2015-16?

**Taxation issues raised by foreign portfolio investors**

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

(a) whether foreign portfolio investors have raised some of the taxation issues and made some suggestions to make Indian securities markets equity and Government debt more attractive for them; and

(b) if so, whether Government has examined them, and by when Government would make it attractive for them?

**DBT for Kerosene oil consumers**

716. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is launching the Direct Benefit Transfer for Kerosene, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the consumer database will be digitalized if the programme is implemented; and

(c) whether Government has looked into promoting renewable sources of energy rather than DBT in Kerosene which is non-renewable and polluting, if so, the details thereof?

**Opening of banks in rural areas**

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

(a) what is the criterion for opening of bank branches in rural areas;

(b) how do rural areas of Jharkhand fare in terms of the criterion; and

(c) has this criterion been reviewed in the context of the focus on financial inclusion by Government?

**Government action on economic offenders escaping to foreign countries**

718. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Indian economic offenders who escaped to foreign countries, exploiting legal loop holes and indifference of the Authorities; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to bring them back and to fix the responsibility on the concerned for failing in their duty?

**Increase in percentage of stressed assets in banking system**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the stressed assets in the banking system increased to 12 per cent in the first quarter of the current year from 11.4 per cent at the end of March, 2016 and in the Public Sector Banks alone from 14.4 per cent to 15.4 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**Extension of finance to fraudulent borrowers**

720. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 1749 and 1047 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2016 and 3rd May, 2016 respectively and state:

(a) details of the authority who has ordered for closure of the fraudulently secured loan accounts from Union Bank of India (UBI), Chitbaragaon Branch, Ballia, along with the number and date of order for closure;

(b) whether fraudulently secured loans have been recovered from all fraudsters and accounts have been closed as per above orders;

(c) if so, the details thereof, account-wise and date-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons for non-recovery and by when it would be recovered; and

(e) the measures Government/RBI/UBI has taken to check the said fraudsters from obtaining further loans fraudulently from other banks/branches as per norms of RBI?

#### **Grants on loans given to farmers in Rajasthan**

†721. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of interest payable on crops loan given to farmers at present; and

(b) whether Government proposes to provide three per cent grants on mid term revised loan as well as on short term loan given to the farmers of some areas keeping in view the frequent incidents of famine in the State of Rajasthan, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Pending tax evasion cases in the country**

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

(a) how many cases of tax evasion by corporates are pending in various courts in India;

(b) how many among them are pending for more than 10 years;

(c) which is the oldest among such pending cases and how old is the case;

(d) the year-wise details of cases for tax evasion registered during the last five years; and

(e) the year-wise details of corporates prosecuted for tax evasion for the last five years?

#### **Action against black money in foreign accounts**

723. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax demand of ₹ 5377 crores against the overseas account holders has been raised on 31 March, 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government received information about 628 accounts in HSBC overseas banks, if so, the details thereof and the details of appropriate action taken to bring in the black money; and

(c) whether Government proposes to act to prevent such economic offences, the details thereof?

#### **Budget provision of OROP**

724. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget provision under One Rank One Pension Scheme (OROP) under Defence Services; and

(b) when will the implementation of the One Rank One Pension Scheme under Defence Services start?

#### **Release of BRGF fund for Bihar**

†725. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that despite the recommendation of NITI Aayog the amount of ₹ 12 thousand crore to Bihar under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) has been held up;

(b) if so, by when it would be released;

(c) the special arrangements made to compensate losses to the State of Bihar due to the recommendation of 14th Finance Commission keeping in view the fact that the State used to receive 10.9 per cent amount from 13th Finance Commission which has been reduced to 9.6 per cent; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Inclusion of medication costs in health insurance schemes**

726. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that health insurance schemes in India do not cover medication costs;

(b) whether it is a fact that many Government health insurance schemes, available for people, mostly cover hospital charges and do not provide for long term prescription coverage;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result, 70 per cent of out of pocket health expenditures in India are for purchasing drugs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to include medication cost in health insurance?

**Cyber attack on ATM system of public and private banks**

727. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:  
SHRI RAJEEV  
CHANDRASEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 3.2 million debit cards of major public and private banks have been compromised by a cyber malware attack in ATM system and the National Payments Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated loss; and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that debit cards were fraudulently used in China and USA;

(d) whether Centre's cyber security arm has issued a warning to all banks cautioning them that cyber criminals from Pakistan may target their information infrastructure, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government and its preparedness to deal with such cyber crimes?

**Buyers stressed assets of PSU banks**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that PSU banks are not getting alternative buyers for stressed assets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what specific support Banks are getting from Government in this regard; and

(d) how far legislative measure like bankruptcy code and amended SARFESI Act have helped banks in this regard?

**Action in retrieval of Black money in Swiss Banks**

729. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information on undisclosed money of Indians in Swiss Banks;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of such undisclosed money and the total number of undisclosed bank accounts of Indian people at Swiss Banks therein; and

(c) what steps Government has taken to return back such undisclosed money to India and its achievement thereon?

**SBI policy for dealing with loan defaulters**

730. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Bank of India has a One-Time settlement policy for all large and medium scale units;

(b) whether it is a fact that SBI has different policy when dealing with debt-stricken and displaced farmers and unemployed students as opposed to its sympathetic treatment of big business houses;

(c) what are the reasons for the SBI adopting a very harsh policy towards displaced farmers and people in large numbers at Polavaram and other such backward areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to review the harsh policies towards farmers and students by SBI in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh?

**Preventing spread of Ebola virus to India**

731. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

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

(a) whether cases of the deadly disease Ebola have been reported in some parts of the World; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for the prevention of the virus travelling to India?

**Establishing of All India Medical Institute at Goa**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to establish an All India Medical Institute in Goa;

(b) whether any place has been identified for the purpose;

(c) if so, the area proposed to be acquired;

(d) whether the State Government has agreed to make the necessary land available to the Central Government;

(e) the details of the project including

number of beds, types of facilities that would be made available to the hospital; and

(f) the total cost of the project?

#### **Banning of food products by FSSAI**

733. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state how many food products have been banned by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) during the last two years?

#### **Mobile dispensaries**

734. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tea garden areas of Assam are not properly covered under mobile dispensaries;

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

(c) how many mobile dispensaries are available in Assam;

(d) whether any new mobile dispensaries have been implemented by Government during the current financial year; and

(e) how much funds have been allocated to Assam for mobile dispensaries?

#### **Penalty for violating fire-safety norms at hospitals**

735. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients died due

to fire hazards in various hospitals in the country every year and during current year and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the number of hospitals in the country which have fulfil the fire safety measures as per the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Health Care (NABH) and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is considering stringent punishment for violating fire-safety measures by cancelling the licence of these hospitals in future, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Supply of vaccines to hospitals and health centres in Assam**

736. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some important vaccines which are essential for children to protect from various diseases like chickenpox, rota virus, cervical cancer etc. are not provided in the Government Hospitals and CGHS/PHCs dispensaries in Assam, especially at tea garden hospitals;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government to include the vaccination medicines, CGHS medicines for supply in the Government hospitals, CGHS and PHCs in Assam?

#### **ATR on MCI's functioning**

737. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken by Government on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare Report tabled in the House on 8 March, 2016 stating about widespread malaise that afflicts the Medical Council of India; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Setting up of more cancer care centres**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to expedite the process of starting more Regional Cancer Care Centres and Tertiary Cancer Care Centres in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has provided adequate funds and logistic support to various States/Union Territories in the country to start such cancer care centres, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to start many cancer care centres and palliative care centres in the country?

#### **Mandatory internship in rural areas**

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

(a) whether Government would consider introducing mandatory criteria for those seeking admission in the Government Medical Colleges, to serve at least for one year during their internship, in the rural and remote areas where there is no Medical professional;

(b) if so, by when Government would consider introducing such criteria in the Government Medical Colleges; and

(c) if not, how Government proposes to reach Medical professional to the rural and the remote areas where no Doctor is willing to go?

#### **Fire safety norms in Delhi hospitals**

740. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent of Government hospitals/private hospitals in Delhi do not have basic fire safety measures in place putting city's hospitals at risk;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)'s report, many gates and doors are found to be locked in Government hospitals resulting into the compromise of safety of doctors, staff and patients in case of fire; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is contemplating to ensure that latest standard of fire safety norms are put in place in Delhi hospitals?

#### **Banning of handling food with bare hands**

741. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to put a ban on handling of food and introduce norms for places serving food as several diseases like Typhoid,



Hepatitis, Food poisoning, Cholera, Diarrhoea and spread through food and water and handling of food with bare hands is a major cause behind this, moreover in our country it is customary to distribute food in hotels, restaurants, even in international chain of restaurants or Prasad at religious places with bare hands and preventing handling of food with bare hands can protect people from several diseases and save a lot; and

(b) if the norms already exist, why they are not being executed effectively?

#### **Stopping of NHM funds**

742. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to stop the release of funds under National Health Mission;

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

(c) whether Government has allocated the funds for the year 2016-17, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; particularly to the State of Telangana?

#### **Prosecutions for food adulteration**

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

(a) how many individual and concerns have been prosecuted against for adulteration of food articles in last three years;

(b) how many have been punished out of them;

(c) whether Government is aware about myriad ways of adulteration of edible oils;

(d) what steps have been taken to prevent it;

(e) considering that adulteration of cooking oils is a source of serious ailments like cancer, heart diseases, etc., whether existing regulations are stringent enough in preventing adulteration of not only cooking oils but other food items as well; and

(f) if so, the measures already adopted?

#### **Prescription of standards for food-grade aluminium foil**

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

(a) whether aluminium foil is used on large scale for packaging of food items;

(b) whether aluminium is a highly reactive metal and it reacts with the food processed in aluminium utensils or wrapped in aluminium foil and when food is wrapped in aluminium foil it leach out and make it harmful for health; and

(c) whether Government has prescribed any standards and parameters for the manufacturing of aluminium foil, if so, details thereof?

**Steps to check spread of Dengue and Chikungunya**

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

(a) whether a large number of people have died in Delhi in the months of September and October, 2016 due to spread of Dengue and Chikungunya;

(b) whether mosquito-borne diseases have risen in the past three years in Delhi and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to check accumulation of water at construction sites;

(d) whether there is acute shortage of fogging machines with MCD and, if so, the steps taken to purchase adequate number of fogging machines; and

(e) the arrangements made to check further spread of Dengue and Chikungunya?

**Under-reporting of Dengue and Chikungunya cases**

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

(a) the total number of patients afflicted with Chikungunya and Dengue spread across the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government for prevention of Chikungunya and Dengue;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the numbers of such patients have been under-reported; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-availability of essential medicines and kits in hospitals**

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

(a) what is the present status of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware of the non-availability of essential medicines, diagnostic kits and non-functionality of medical equipment in several Government hospitals in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in the matter?

**Harmful effects of eating junk food**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of researchers of canterbury University, according to which the habit of eating junk food is making the human brain weak due to lack of minerals and vitamins and the body is not getting essential nutrients;

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

(c) whether Government is taking effective steps to check junk food; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Enhancing quality of medical education**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that difficulties are being faced in the way towards enhancement of the quality of medical education in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to enhance the quality of medical education so far; and

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

**CGHS like facility for the public**

†750. 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 seriously considering to provide CGHS like facility to common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Gestational diabetes mellitus cases**

751. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of all women with gestational diabetes mellitus live in rural areas with scarce healthcare;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are only 1,000 diabetologists in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that we

need more trained professionals as gestational diabetes mellitus is a silent problem in the country which can no longer be buried under the carpet; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Finalization of regulations for nutraceutical industry**

752. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized regulations for nutraceutical industry making, it mandatory to mention essential composition, labelling, permitted use of additives etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether stakeholders were consulted on the regulations;

(c) if so, the comments thereof; and

(d) by when the regulations would be notified for implementation?

**Provision of grants under Yashoda scheme**

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

(a) whether Government provided grants to Rajasthan Government for activities under 'Yashoda' scheme in the financial year 2014-15, if so, the details of the amount of grants provided for both the financial years;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor along with the factual details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has

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approved to increase 350 MBBS seats in the medical colleges being run in Rajasthan at present; if so, the funds sanctioned and balance amount for Rajasthan for the above work so far and by when the balance amount would be released and the factual report thereof?

**Easing patients overload at AIIMS, Delhi**

†754. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to ease the burden of patients reporting for treatment at AIIMS, Delhi growing day by day despite the fact that various new AIIMS are being set up/operationalised/constructed in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to spread awareness in this regard in coming times so that people could develop a sense of belief towards these newly set up AIIMS hospitals; and

(c) the decisions taken by Government in this regard during 2014-2016 and the details thereof?

**Problems posed by over population**

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

(a) whether India accounts for 17 per cent global population and has 2.5 per cent of the earth's land area and over population has its share of ill effects including rising unemployment, inappropriate utilization of available

manpower, inadequate infrastructure, resource scarcity, drop in production and rising costs and inequitable income distribution resulting in widening inequality; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Health security scheme for removing regional imbalances**

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

(a) whether a Prime Minister health security scheme is being run by Government with an objective of removing regional imbalances with regard to availability of affordable and dependable health facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the expansion and progress of implementation of Prime Minister Health Security scheme has increased considerably in the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Expenditure for research on health products and services**

†757. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no money is spent on research on health products and services in India; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the quantum of expenditure made by Government in health products and services sector?

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**Checking obesity and diabetic epidemics**

758. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to control or minimise the obesity and diabetic epidemics spreading in the country?

**Exit exam for MBBS students**

759. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans an exit exam for MBBS students passing out of Government as well as private medical colleges to address concerns over the standard of medical colleges and the quality of doctors being produced in the country; and

(b) if so, the follow up action taken in this regard?

**Wide disparities in cost of medical education**

760. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether data collected by National Sample Survey (NSS) in its 71st round on social consumption in education reveals wide disparities between the cost of medical education in Government sector *vis-a-vis* private sector and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this situation, if left uncorrected, will damage the availability

of affordable public health in India; and

(c) if so, what correctives are under consideration of Government?

**Ambulances to carry dead bodies**

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

(a) whether Indian hospitals which are considered service organisations across the country are refusing to provide vehicles (ambulances) to carry dead bodies;

(b) if so, details of incidents happened in the last three months where hospitals refused to provide ambulances to the families to carry dead bodies; and

(c) what swift action Government is taking to goad the hospitals to provide ambulances to the families for carrying dead bodies?

**Categorising vitamins and supplements as medicines**

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

(a) whether Government has recommended to bring the Vitamins and supplements under the category of medicine; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has issued/ likely to issue any directions to the pharmaceutical companies in this regard so that these items may be tested and the doses prescribed; if so, the details thereof?

**Impact assessment of climate change in health**

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

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

(a) whether Government is aware of latest assessment report by World Health Organisation about more deaths to be caused due to climate change, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been made to make impact assessment of climate change on health of people, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what health action plan is being proposed to reduce incidents of malaria, diarrhoea disease, malnutrition etc., among the masses; and

(d) whether any specific fund is proposed to be allotted in the Budget to tackle the challenge, if so, the details thereof?

**Measures for eradication of AIDS disease**

†764. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take necessary measures to rid the country of AIDS disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Improving quality of nursing and paramedic colleges**

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

(a) whether Government is taking measures to improve the quantity and quality of the nursing and paramedic colleges at All India level including those of Punjab;

(b) the financial implications at the present level of upgradation of nursing and paramedic training centres and colleges; and

(c) the steps being taken for increasing the qualified faculty to improve the quality of nursing education as well as upgrade the knowledge and skills of nursing and the details thereof?

**Growth in consumption of e-cigarettes**

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

(a) whether there is a growing consumption of e-cigarettes in India and whether Government has taken a formal stance on the same;

(b) whether Government has conducted any scientific study on the effects of e-cigarettes, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any measure has been taken to impose check on the sale of e-cigarettes in India, if so, the details thereof?

**Cost of managing Thalassemia**

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

(a) the details of patients affected by Thalassemia, State-wise;

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(b) whether Government is aware that proper management of the disease costs ₹ 1.25 lakh a year, while the only cure - a bone marrow transplant from matching sibling - costs ₹ 15 lakh, beyond the reach for many; and

(c) whether Government is also aware that Thalassaemia is not included in many lists of various diseases and budgetary allocations have not been made for this disease, if so, reasons therefor?

#### **Data on hysterectomy among women**

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

(a) the State-wise data of cases of hysterectomy among women, age group-wise;

(b) the State-wise data of number of hysterectomy cases funded by Central or State Health insurance policies;

(c) whether Government is planning to regulate the private hospitals regarding discouragement of such practice, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is planning to change the norms of State or Central funded health insurance policies to discourage the practice of hysterectomy by underage women, if so, details thereof?

#### **Clearance to private medical colleges**

769. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court appointed oversight

committee headed by R.M. Lodha formed to oversee the functioning of the Medical Council of India has given clearance to many private medical colleges which were put in abeyance by MCI inspectors that found glaring deficiencies; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such colleges and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **High rate of under five mortality**

770. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under five mortality rate is still high in India;

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

(c) whether any in-depth study has been conducted to ascertain factors responsible for this high rate of mortality for under five children, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to bring down this mortality rate to achieve Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target?

#### **Policy for diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases**

771. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started working on a policy for diagnosis and better treatment of patients suffering from rare diseases;

(b) if so, details thereof including nature of such diseases; and

(c) the details of people suffering from these rare diseases?

**Affordable geriatric healthcare facilities**

772. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elderly population of India has been increasing in the country and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken note of high prevalence of various diseases among elderly people in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the scheme/programme being implemented and the activities under taken by Government to provide affordable geriatric healthcare facilities across the country?

**High rate of TB incidents in the country**

773. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India accounts for more than one-quarter of the World's Tuberculosis (TB) and Multi Drug Resistant (MDR)-TB cases, if so, the details and the reasons therefor indicating the number of TB and MDR-TB patients in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether as per the World Health Organisations World TB Report, 2016, notifications of TB cases have increased in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken or proposed by Government to cover the

gap between incident and notified cases, in National notification systems by expanding access to quality testing and care services across the country?

**Prevalence of sickle cell disease among tribal population**

774. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sickle cell disease is widely prevalent among the tribal population across the Nation;

(b) what is the prevalence rate of sickle cell disease among the tribals, State-wise list; and

(c) what are the measures taken by Government to address the problem?

**Toxins in aerated drinks**

775. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Government study commissioned by the Drug Technical Advisory Board has found five different toxins—heavy metals, antimony, lead, chromium and cadmium—in aerated drinks produced by two major multinational companies in India;

(b) whether these toxins were found to have been leached into the liquid contents from the pet bottles in which they are filled; and

(c) whether these contaminated samples of aerated drinks tested by All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health have further been subjected to cross checking by the National Test House, Kolkata; and if so, the details thereof?



**Dengue and Chikungunya cases in Delhi NCR**

776. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:  
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

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

(a) whether people of Delhi and National Capital Region were severely affected by Dengue and Chikungunya compared to other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of deaths and number of people affected, State-wise in the country; and

(c) whether Government has any road map to check these diseases in future and the details thereof?

**Action plan to control spread of bird flu**

777. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:  
SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that bird flu is again spreading very fast in Delhi and some other places in the country, which has set alarm bells ringing in poultry sector of 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the preventive and of other action has been taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government is aware that every year due to seasonal fever like viral, dengue, bird flu and Chikungunya lakhs of people get affected due to lack of precautionary measures on the part of Government; and

(d) if so, the mechanism in place and the number of people affected/died due to above ailments in the country?

**Modernising CGHS dispensary, Shimla (HP)**

778. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from Prime Minister's office forwarded to Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare in the months of August, 2016 and October, 2016 regarding making the CGHS dispensary, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh well equipped and fully operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response in this regard;

(c) the names of the private hospitals and diagnostic centres to be brought under the dispensary in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government will take special attention for providing better medical facility for the serving/retired employees and their family members?

**Monitoring of RSBY**

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

(a) the salient features of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY);

(b) the details of the insurance companies and hospitals registered under the RSBY during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the implementation of RSBY by the State nodal agencies, if so, the details thereof?

**Action plan for mitigating impacts  
of pollution on health**

780. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed an action plan for mitigating the adverse health impacts of indoor and outdoor air pollution;

(b) if so, whether Government has prepared technical and operational guidelines to include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma under the non-communicable diseases programme;

(c) if so, whether the State health departments have identified districts with acute air pollution problems; and

(d) if so, whether Government is planning on providing district hospitals with equipment and drugs to treat diseases caused by air pollution?

**Financial burden of MBBS  
education**

†781. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that students have to bear more financial burden for the study of MBBS course from this year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether experts are expressing apprehensions that the children belonging to Economically Weaker Sections will be deprived of getting medical education due to more financial burden in medical education; and

(c) whether any step is being taken for ensuring uniform fees and other financial costs regarding medical studies across all States of the country?

**HIV/AIDS Bill**

782. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immuno deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Bill, which was tabled in Rajya Sabha on 11 February, 2014;

(b) what is Government's planning to bring the Bill to the Parliament for its passing; and

(c) whether the Bill provides for free and complete treatment for people living with HIV in our country?

**Central legislation for regulating  
employment of nurses in private  
sector**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the bonded employment of the nurses and para medical staff by private hospitals in the country;

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(b) whether Government has conducted any research on this issue;

(c) whether Government will bring a central legislation to regulate the employment of nurses and para medical staff in the private hospitals and ensure decent pay and working conditions to them; and

(d) whether Government will consult with the State Governments on the matter?

#### **Funds for establishing PHCs**

784. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to release funds for establishment of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) and Telangana; and

(c) the quantum of funds released/being released under this new plan?

#### **Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women**

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

(a) whether a Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women is under implementation;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) how the scheme is being implemented especially in Delhi?

#### **Status of minorities in Maharashtra**

786. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various minority communities in Maharashtra;

(b) their comparative income, education and employment percentage in the State; and

(c) the percentage of women's income, education and employment among these minority communities?

#### **HDI of minorities**

787. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sachar Committee Report is still relevant;

(b) if so, whether there has been assessment on the Human Development Index (HDI) of the minorities in India in recent years;

(c) if so, the details of the latest report; and

(d) if not, what are the tools, Institutions and mechanism to monitor the HDI of the minorities in India?

#### **Achievements made by NAWADCO**

788. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established the National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd. (NAWADCO) for developing Waqf properties all over the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NAWADCO has not developed a single property so far and the targets set in this regard are not being achieved; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the targets fixed by the NAWADCO in this regard during the last two years and the achievements made, so far?

**Achievements made under various minority welfare schemes**

789. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the Ministry in the last two years;

(b) whether presentation was made before the Prime Minister about the Ministry, last two year's achievements, if so, the details thereof;

(c) where the Ministry has fallen short of its targets and where it has excelled;

(d) what are the targets set for the coming three years and road map to achieve the same;

(e) the details of difficulties brought before the Prime Minister and suggestions made to overcome them; and

(f) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years?

**Team doctor for Indian contingent at RIO Olympics**

790. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a radiologist was sent as Team doctor to the Rio Olympics with the Indian contingent; and

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

**Grooming of young sports talents for Rio Olympics**

†791. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aspiring sportsperson identified and selected to groom their talents for Rio Olympics, 2016 under Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the number of children being trained on annual basis under National Sports Talent Contest scheme, Army Boys Sports Companies scheme, Target Olympic Podium (TOP) and all other schemes, the details thereon for the last two years; and

(c) the total funds allocated for all the above said schemes and expenditure made, the details thereof for the last two years?

**Fuelling station for RIO Olympic marathon participants**

792. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has not put up fuelling station for its participants in the Rio Olympics marathon event; and

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

**Indian athletes tested positive in doping**

793. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian athletes who have tested positive for doping by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government has issued any directions to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the sports federations to ensure that such incidents of doping do not happen in the future; and

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

**Sports events under Khelo India scheme in Rajasthan**

†794. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has sent proposals for organizing sports events under the 'Khelo India' scheme in the year 2016-17, if so, by when those proposals will be sanctioned; and

(b) whether Government has sanctioned the proposal sent by the Rajasthan Government for constructing indoor sports halls at 5 block headquarters in the year 2015-16, if so, the date thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor along with the details thereof?

**Better sports infrastructure to achieve excellence in sports**

795. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Districts/States in the country have produced a good number of sportspersons in specific sports, especially Haryana;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to provide better sports infrastructure and facilities to such Districts/States so as to achieve excellence in specific sports?

**Poor performance of Indian sportspersons in Rio Olympics**

796. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the reasons and report received from Sports Authority of India (SAI) on unsatisfactory performance of Indian sportspersons at Rio Olympics recently; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the sports events for the next Olympics?

**Opening of Sports Authority of India Training Centre in Jharkhand**

797. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to open a Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training Centre in Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the place where this SAI Centre is going to be established; and

(c) the quantum of funds being allocated to such centre and the amount released, so far and the details thereof?

#### **Deployment of youth under NYC Scheme**

798. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is deploying youth in the age group of 18-25 in each District of the Country under National Youth Corps (NYC) scheme;

(b) if so, the details of youth deployed as volunteers in the State of Tamil Nadu under this scheme; and

(c) the details of the activities undertaken by these volunteers?

#### **National Fitness Training Institution**

799. SHRI DILIP KUMER TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering setting up a National Fitness Training Institution for the sportspersons in the Country; and

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

#### **Construction of stadiums at block and panchayat levels**

†800. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed to construct a stadium at each block and panchayat level of the country to promote sports, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of States where the stadia have been built so far Block and panchayat levels of the Country and the details of the number of Districts in Bihar where stadia have been built at block and panchayat levels?

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