

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, December 22, 2015/Pausha 1, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

#### Measures to contain food adulteration level

\*241. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has gauged the  
extent of on-going adulteration of food  
items;

(b) whether the current machinery has  
become ineffective to meet the challenge;  
and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to be  
taken, at least, to contain adulteration at  
the current level?

#### Financial assistance for education of children of minority communities

\*242. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS  
BAIDYA: Will the Minister of  
MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to  
provide financial assistance for the  
education of children of minority  
communities living in the rural areas,

particularly in hilly areas of the country, if  
so, the details thereof;

(b) whether minority communities  
students have been given scholarships  
during the last year; and

(c) if so, the details of the minority  
communities students getting the  
scholarships, State-wise?

#### Standard Operating Procedures at sterilisation camps

\*243. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will  
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in  
place any mechanism to prevent, detect  
and punish deviations from Standard  
Operating Procedures in sterilisation camps  
to ensure safety of persons undergoing  
medical procedures thereat, if so, the details  
thereof; and

(b) if not, the details of other measures  
being taken to ensure sanitary conditions  
in delivery of family planning services and  
availability of skilled and qualified medical

professionals for the safety of persons undergoing sterilisation procedures?

#### **Greenfield Airport near Chennai**

\*244. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop a Greenfield Airport near Chennai in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

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

#### **Expansion of Tuticorin Airport**

\*245. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tuticorin Airport would be expanded extensively for more air traffic, both Inland and Overseas owing to the development of Colachel Port;

(b) whether new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Nanguneri and Gangeikondan are also likely to attract major industrial establishments if Tuticorin airport is expanded;

(c) what is the proposed allocation for expansion of this Airport;

(d) the details of future plans, if any, so that Airports Authority of India (AAI) can enrich infrastructure facilities within and outside the airport premises; and

(e) the details of the proposed outlay and structural plan?

#### **Strategic partners for defence manufacturing**

\*246. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether V.K. Aatre Task Force on selecting Indian strategic partners for development of defence manufacturing has since submitted its report, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, by when the recommendations are expected to be submitted to Government;

(c) whether the Dhirendra Singh Committee also made some recommendations for developing strategic partnership in various areas of Defence; and

(d) whether medium-level private manufacturers in India would also be considered for strategic partnership, so that, foreign participation is completely eliminated?

#### **Empanelment of magazines for advertisements**

\*247. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) empanels small and medium magazines every year in February/March for advertisements, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of applications pending as on 15 November, 2015 for empanelment; and

(c) by when these applications are likely to be cleared by the DAVP?

**Measures to improve resource mobilisation**

\*248. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has adopted or intends to adopt measures to improve resource mobilisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is researching to reduce expenses by stream-lining the Government set up and reducing flagship programmes;

(c) the amount of yearly savings expected through these measures; and

(d) how much support it tends to provide to the downtrodden masses every year through its various pro-poor measures?

**Agreement to avoid tax evasion with Seychelles**

\*249. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has signed any agreement with Seychelles on tax evasion information during the visit of the President of Seychelles and, if so, the details of the agreement; and

(b) whether the agreement would help curb tax evasion and provide for mutual assistance between the authorities of these two countries on enforcement action against suspected tax evaders along with other related matter, if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal for construction of rural roads in Karnataka**

\*250. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of rural roads on behalf of the Karnataka Rural Road Improvement Trust involving a financial outlay of ₹ 5,688 crores is under consideration of the Ministry (MI division);

(b) if so, what is the present stage of consideration of the proposal;

(c) by when it is likely to be approved; and

(d) whether the State Government has been apprised of the approval?

**Commercial viability of schemes like PMJDY**

\*251. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) for extending formal financial services to the excluded population;

(b) if so, whether social security schemes such as PMJDY are not commercially viable in the long run;

(c) if so, whether the Public Sector Banks have requested Government to give compensation to make such initiatives commercially viable; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to make social security schemes commercially viable?

### **Misuse of Community Radio**

†\*252. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Community Radio active in the country and the details thereof, State-wise and institution-wise;

(b) whether Government is considering to allow the use of Community Radio for educational and commercial purposes in addition to social purposes;

(c) whether Government is aware that Community Radio is being used for selfish ends by some anti-national organisations in some tribal areas; and

(d) if so, the plan of Government to prevent misuse of Community Radio?

### **Infrastructure to treat mental illnesses**

\*253. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from mental illness/disorder, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether adequate manpower and health infrastructure exists to tackle the rising number of cases of mental illness, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for augmenting manpower and setting up of more institutes/hospitals and upgrading the existing ones and also providing psychiatrists in all the medical centres on regular basis under the Central Government Health Scheme, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the funds earmarked, allocated and utilised for the management, prevention and

cure of mental disorder/illness during each of the last two years, State/UT-wise?

### **Opening of PSB branches in Bihar**

\*254. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of branches of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are less in comparison to the population in Bihar especially in Sitamarhi district;

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

(c) whether customers are harassed and provided unsatisfactory service due to less bank branches;

(d) if so, the details thereof with special reference to Dumri Khurd of Sitamarhi district;

(e) whether there is urgent need to open new bank branch of SBI in above areas to meet the demands of large number of customers; and

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

### **Action plan to control IMR and MMR in Odisha**

\*255. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised an action plan to control Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in the country, if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether this action plan has since been launched, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan to address the aforementioned issues in Odisha, which suffers from the above problem very much?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 16th December, 2015*  

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*Agrahayana 25, 1937 (Saka)*

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

## **I N D E X**

(Ministry-wise)

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