

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, April 26, 2016/Vaisakha 6, 1938 (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

IDA funding for RNTCP

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

(a) whether Government has signed a credit agreement with International Development Association (IDA) to support projects under Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), if so, details thereof;

(b) the amount of loan sanctioned and utilized till date compared to the recommended amount;

(c) whether money sanctioned under the loan has been adequately spent on recommended activities, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor and accountability of department/individual for the same; and

(d) whether proposals for loan amount have been submitted on time, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor and

the individual/department responsible and corrective action taken?

Formation of Insolvency Board to expedite recovery of loans from NPA accounts

*17. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to form the Insolvency Board to expedite the recovery of loans from the NPA accounts/wilful defaulters;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total loan amount due to the PSBs as on date as against the loan amount dues from top 100 NPA and wilful defaulters, Bank-wise; and

(c) whether the process of recovery from the NPA companies is slow and has its impact on Banks and steps taken by Government to expedite the process of recovery of loan amount at the earliest, and if so, the details thereof?

**Frequent falling of glass panels at
Chennai Airport**

*18. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chennai Airport has witnessed 61 incidents of glass panel falling, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the details thereof since the airport was modernised;

(c) whether the incidents caused any injury to staff or passengers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any action to address this issue; and

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

**Agreement on Rafale fighter
aircraft**

*19. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agreement made in Rafale fighter aircraft deal between India and France;

(b) the tentative date by which Rafale fighter aircraft will be inducted in the Indian Air Force;

(c) the total cost and number of Rafale aircraft to be purchased; and

(d) the total guarantee period for the maintenance of these aircrafts after purchase?

**Changes in the present system of
security at airports**

*20. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attack at Brussels (Belgium) Airport has exposed a major chink in the security at Indian Airports;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring changes in the present system; and

(c) if so, the details of the changes proposed to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of Nephrologists in the
country**

*21. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to open a dialysis centre in every district of Maharashtra and rest of the country to provide dialysis, free of cost, to the poor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that acute shortage of Nephrologists in the country will affect the functioning of these centres; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government proposes to take in the matter?

Performance exaggeration by OFB

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has been exaggerating its performance while failing to meet production targets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CAG audit in 10 ordnance factories showed a persistent trend of overstatement of performance in the form of advance issue of vouchers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of airports in Uttar Pradesh

†*23. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering a proposal for increasing air connectivity to many cities of the country;

(b) the quantum of funds spent by the Ministry for strengthening, renovation and development of airports situated in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the current status of the proposed international airport in Kushinagar district, in view of Buddhist tourism and by when it will be possible to operate international flights from this airport?

Funds disbursement for schemes through Aadhaar mechanism

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

(a) whether World Bank in one of its reports has described India's Aadhaar based welfare delivery mechanism as transformational;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) number of beneficiaries who received direct cash transfer under various schemes linked with Aadhaar during the financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(d) total funds disbursed under various schemes through Aadhaar and the details of funds which have been saved through reduced leakage and efficiency gains during this period; and

(e) details of mechanism put in place to see that benefits of digital expansion are not skewed towards those who are better positioned to take advantage of?

Special tax rate under GST for tea industry

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

(a) whether the tea industry has sought a special tax rate under the new GST regime as it will have an impact on the livelihood of poorer section of the society; and

(b) if so, the response of Government to their plea?

Steps taken to retrieve black money

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

(a) the steps taken to bring back the black money stashed in foreign banks and the outcome thereof;

(b) the amount of black money brought back after implementation of the Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets (Imposition of Tax) Bill, 2015 in the current year; and

(c) whether Government has failed in bringing back the black money stashed in foreign countries?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Conference of Minority Commissions
in Delhi**

*27. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of Minority Commissions of States was held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details of deliberations that took place therein; and

(c) the strategy prepared for implementation of the decision taken therein?

**Support to students with mental
illness**

*28. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to develop a policy framework to provide special support to students and the families of students suffering from mental illness, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government plans to provide special support and counselling to students and the families of students who have threatened or attempted suicide, if so, details thereof?

**Hit and run case of IAF officer in
Kolkata**

*29. DR. K. P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is unhappy with the pace of the probe into the hit and run case in Kolkata and has written to Kolkata Police for joint investigation; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IAF has also requested the Kolkata Police to hand over all evidence collected in the case and a list of witnesses for its own Court of Inquiry that is under way, if so, the details thereof?

Opportunity to disclose black money

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

(a) whether Government gave an opportunity to disclose the black money to those who had stashed black money in foreign countries last year due to which many people disclosed their black money and in this process sufficient increase in public exchequer has taken place;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar announcement of disclosing domestic black money was made in the budget 2016-17; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
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