

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, July 26, 2016/Sravana 4, 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

#### Storage facilities for raw medicinal herbs

862. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA  
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:•

(a) whether Government is aware that  
in the process of making Ayurvedic  
medicines, the raw medicinal herbs are being  
purchased from local shopkeepers/  
pansaries, who do not have proper storage  
facilities;

(b) if so, whether Government has any  
plan to provide and promote cultivation of  
quality herbs, harvested at proper stage  
and stored under controlled conditions to  
improve the quality of Ayurvedic  
medicines; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any plan  
to coordinate with Ministry of Agriculture  
and Farmers Welfare for improving  
production of medicinal herbs?

#### Identification of land for opening National Institute of Ayush in Uttarakhand

†863. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH  
MAHRA: Will the Minister of  
AYURVEDA, YOGA &  
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:•

(a) whether the process of identification  
of land by the Ministry is under progress  
for opening National Institute for Ayush in  
Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether efforts are being made  
to identify the land near the railhead and  
airport of the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that the purpose  
for which this Institute has to be opened is  
found only in the mountainous Himalayan  
region; and

(d) if so, the rationale behind identifying  
the land in plain areas?

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**Expenditure allotted for Ayurvedic treatment system**

†864. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:•

(a) the allocation made towards promoting Ayurvedic treatment system by Government during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively;

(b) the year-wise expenditure details thereof; and

(c) the number of new Ayurvedic hospitals proposed to be set up every year and hospitals to be made operational during this period?

**Authenticating of herbal products**

865. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state whether any guidelines are under the consideration of Government to ensure the authenticity of the claim of 'Herbal' or 'Herbal products' and if so, the details thereof?

**Ayurvedic anti-diabetic medicine**

†866. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that the ayurvedic medicine, BGR-34, developed by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is proving very successful for treating diabetes;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to promote Ayurveda; and

(c) the details of the efforts made by Government to promote Ayurveda during the last two years?

**AYUSH hospitals in Puducherry**

867. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not even a single AYUSH hospital in Puducherry;

(b) if so, what are the reasons behind this;

(c) the efforts being made to open AYUSH hospitals in Puducherry in the coming 1-2 years;

(d) the details of AYUSH dispensaries in Puducherry as on April 1, 2016;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there are no Unani and Naturopathy dispensaries in Puducherry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made to open the same?

**Practitioners of yoga in the country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that all citizens practicing yoga and naturopathy are becoming healthier;

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(b) whether the number of yoga practitioners has increased as compared to earlier times;

(c) whether yoga remains confined to the urban areas only or it has been taken to the rural areas also; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that yoga teachers have been appointed in the country, if so, the number of States where this kind of Institutional mechanism is being operated and the details thereof?

#### **Expansion of regional reach by Air India**

869. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:•

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India will expand its regional reach to connect new cities;

(b) if so, the details of new connectivity which have been started by Air India during the last two years;

(c) the proposals from the State Governments which have been received by the National carrier therein; and

(d) the details of the present status of the new airports which have been started during the last two years and the forthcoming plan proposals of Government therefor?

#### **Linking Jodhpur airport to International services**

†870. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to connect airport of Jodhpur with international air

services, if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any plan to install Instrument Landing System (ILS) in Jodhpur civil airport, if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether night air services will be started in Jodhpur civil airport, if so, by when, the details thereof?

#### **Low utilisation of traffic rights by Indian carriers in overseas locations**

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

(a) the details of flying rights that India has with other countries, country-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that in spite of having flying rights, our airlines are not getting slots in overseas locations; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons due to which the utilisation of traffic rights by Indian carriers is low;

(d) whether the Ministry is thinking of including slots in the Air Service Agreement with other countries; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **High cancellation charges on air tickets**

†872. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the aviation companies recover more money as cancellation charges of air tickets than actual amount of fare itself; and

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(b) if so, whether any action against such aviation companies is being taken by Government to bring down the cancellation charges and date change fees?

#### **Sensitive and hyper sensitive airports in India**

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

(a) which are the sensitive and hyper sensitive airports in India with regards to security;

(b) which of these airports are not guarded by the CISF;

(c) what alternative security mechanism is available at airports not guarded by CISF;

(d) which airports have implemented Counter Terrorist Contingency Plan at approach roads to airports;

(e) what counter terrorism strategy is in place for other airports;

(f) the amount of funds earmarked for airport security and the expenditure on the same for the last three years; and

(g) the details of the deficiencies in airport security workforce and gadgets in the last three years?

#### **Second airport in NCR region**

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been made for second airport in National Capital Region in view of high volume of air traffic projected in the coming three or four years;

(b) if so, whether Government has made

any survey for setting up of Second Airport at Jewar, Greater Noida or Bhiwadi in Rajasthan;

(c) whether the details regarding project cost, financing, schedule of project implementation etc., are worked out with various stakeholders, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the decision will be made for specific location of second airport and timeline to make it operational, with the details thereof?

#### **Safety audit of aviation sector by ICAO**

875. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) raised safety concerns during its recent safety audit of India's aviation standards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in a very recent audit conducted by ICAO our compliance rates as regards quality control, regulatory framework and in-flight, passenger and cargo security were assessed to be 99.25 per cent against a world average of about 66 per cent; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-deposit of PSF collected at Delhi airport**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Passenger Service Fee (PSF) charges collected at Delhi

airport has not been deposited to the Government for the last few years; and

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

#### **City offices of Air India**

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

(a) how many city offices of Air India are working in the Metro cities like, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata for booking/cancellation of air tickets;

(b) whether these services are found to be unsatisfactory and not upto the mark; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to upgrade, train the employees and other facilities at these city offices?

#### **Management of service charge on passenger service fee**

878. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to deposit the amount collected as Passenger Services Fee-Security Component (PSF-SC) in the Consolidated Fund of India, instead of in an Escrow account;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that JV airport developer had incurred capital expenditure from this account that was not allowed; and

(d) if so, whether no monitoring of this account was being done?

#### **Predatory fare in Kerala-Gulf route during busy seasons**

879. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in certain seasons airline companies charge two-three times more than the normal charges as in the case of Kerala-Gulf flights, particularly during busy seasons;

(b) if so, will Government intervene to protect the interests of NRIs hailing from southern States; and

(c) whether Government will ensure that such rates are reduced and if airline companies do not agree, whether Government will permit other airline companies to operate flights in that region?

#### **Alternative site for development of Pune Airport**

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

(a) whether Pune Airport is experiencing increased traffic recently;

(b) whether this airport is under the control of Indian Air Force; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for identification of an alternative site for development of airport in Pune?

#### **Expansion of airports in Tamil Nadu**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to develop and expand the airports in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated, so far, in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to provide more direct links to various international and national terminals from Tiruchirapalli, Coimbatore and Madurai and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Refusal by airlines to join regional connectivity scheme**

†882. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the airlines are not agreeing to provide services under the scheme with a cap of ₹ 2500 on airfare for an hour-long flight;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether services under this scheme will be provided only by the Government owned airline, Air India; and

(c) if not, the airlines which are ready to provide the new services under this scheme?

#### **Heliports in the country**

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

(a) the number of Heliports operating in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Heliports which are planned to be established in next two years, State-wise;

(c) whether these Heli flights are economically viable for passengers as compared to normal air fare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New air traffic control tower at IGI Airport**

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

(a) whether Indira Gandhi International Airport is going to get a new air traffic control tower with state-of-the-art equipment;

(b) what will be the height of the tower and the total cost involved in its construction and the time to be taken for its completion;

(c) whether the old control tower will also remain operational when the new tower becomes operational and if so, upto what period; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Steps to check indiscipline in Air India**

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

(a) whether Government has identified what ails Air India, the National carrier; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps contemplated to check indiscipline?

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**Hindrance in movement of flights during winter in Delhi**

†886. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights departing from Delhi airport of Air India and other airlines which were cancelled or delayed and which reached Delhi late on 15th December, 2015 and 30th January, 2016, the details thereof;

(b) whether any system is in place at Delhi airport at present to avoid hindrance in movement of flights during winters due to fog, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the cutting-edge mechanical devices which are proposed to be installed at Delhi airport, the details thereof?

**Discontinuance of basic facilities in Air India**

887. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has dispensed with the basic facilities like providing pillows and shawls to its onboard passengers in the Economy Class; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Monitoring of performance of CSR activities**

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

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the performance of

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities of the profit-making companies, Public Sector companies and other private companies, separately in the last two years, since the law came into effect;

(b) whether it is being regularly monitored by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the schemes in which CSR activities are engaged by the companies; and

(d) whether the guidelines issued by Government are being followed by companies, or any violations have been reported, if so, the details thereof?

**Courses to assist retiring servicemen**

889. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were alleged irregularities in Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) which assists retiring service personnel with courses for starting a second career for retiring soldiers, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether these courses fit into the criteria of the Ministry of Skill Development, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has asked DGR to re-design courses as per National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF), if so, details thereof and progress made; and

(d) whether Government has realised the inconvenience caused to thousands of retiring soldiers because of cancellation of all courses, if so, details thereof?

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**Corruption-free defence deals**

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

(a) whether a number of defence deals inked by the Government of India with foreign countries in the past had to be cancelled because of lack of transparency and corruption, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has recently taken any policy measures in order to make these defence deals more transparent and free from corruption and if so, the details thereof?

**FDI in naval warship building industry**

891. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Navy has achieved considerable lead in construction of indigenous naval warships; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has approved FDI in this sector also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Reforms in Defence Sector**

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any Defence reforms measures; and

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

**Purchase of Hovitzer tanks**

893. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to purchase the Hovitzer tanks from a foreign country to replace the existing Bofors tanks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how these tanks are better than the existing tanks being already used in the country?

**Expediting process of OROP**

894. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to expedite the process of one rank one pension (OROP) policy for the benefit of millions of service personnel in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total additional expenditure to be incurred to Government exchequer for implementing the proposed one rank one pension scheme;

(c) whether Government has taken into confidence the servicemen and ex-servicemen while making any final decision on the one rank one pension scheme; and

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

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**Joint military exercises with foreign nations**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of joint exercises conducted by Indian Armed Forces with friendly Nations during the last three years and details thereof;

(b) what are the benefits in terms of capabilities and strategy to our Armed Forces; and

(c) whether joint exercises are conducted with the Asian Nations as part of 'Act East' policy, if so, the details thereof?

**Intrusion by Chinese Army in Arunachal Pradesh**

†896. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese army had intruded into Yangatse region of Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh in the last month of June and they had to turn back after the intervention of the Indian army;

(b) if so, the details of the intrusions of the Chinese army in different parts of India during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the unguarded areas on the Indo-China border?

**Implementation of OROP**

897. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA  
KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme by Government;

(b) the total budget allocated for the purpose and how much amount has been disbursed and the number of ex-servicemen benefited, so far;

(c) for addressing the anomaly in the implementation among various ranks and cadres, whether any committee is constituted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by what time, the report is expected to be submitted?

**Raising of Army's women combat unit**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to raise women combat unit in the Army, as in the Air Force, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the efforts being made by Defence Ministry to bring gender parity in the three wings of Armed Forces; and

(c) by what time, an all-women battalion would be raised in the Army and the details thereof ?

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**Defence projects through private sector**

899. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has listed out defence manufacturing projects of the armed forces for execution through private industries of the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide assistance such as indigenous technology or acquisition of the same from other countries, to the domestic private industries showing interest in defence projects?

**Upgradation of airport of Jodhpur**

†900. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Ministry proposes to convert the airport located in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan, into full civil airport, if so, by when;

(b) whether the Ministry of Defence has built second airport in Bindri village of Jodhpur, if so, by when the Ministry of Defence will start operations from this airport; and

(c) whether it is a fact that night services are banned in Jodhpur airport, if so, by when the same will be started?

**Intrusions into Indian territory**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that intrusions into Indian territory from Chinese and Pakistani sides have increased during the last one year;

(b) if so, how Government is planning to deal with the situation; and

(c) the data regarding intrusion into Indian territory from Chinese and Pakistani sides during the period of last three years including the current year?

**Non-fulfillment of compensation for Kargil martyrs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the compensations announced by Government for Kins of Kargil martyrs have not been fulfilled even after the passage of number of years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is not serious to the welfare of the kins of the martyrs; and

(d) if not, the extent to which the announcements made for the kins of Kargil martyrs have been fulfilled till date and the details thereof?

**FDI in defence sectors**

†903. DR. SANJAY SINH:  
SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed 100 per cent FDI in the defence sector;

(b) if so, the items in the defence sector on which this will be applicable;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the confidentiality of the defence sector will be affected after the arrival of foreign companies; and

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(d) if so, the manner in which it will be deal with and the ensuing effect of this step on domestic industries working in defence sector?

#### **Production of Tejas aircraft**

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

(a) by when the production of Tejas would be started on large scale;

(b) the number of such projects which are pending for decades and by when these are likely to be completed; and

(c) whether Tejas is capable to meet the current requirements of the Air Force?

#### **Call centres and rest houses for soldiers**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to establish soldier assistance call centres in each State for the redressal of problems of soldiers, if so, by when such centres would be established; and

(b) whether Government also proposes to open new soldier rest houses and war widow hostels in the State of Rajasthan, if so, the places where such rest houses and hostels would be opened and by when?

#### **Intrusions by Chinese troops**

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

(a) whether instances of Chinese troops

entering Indian territory has become a common phenomenon;

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

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

#### **Women officers in the Army**

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

(a) whether Government has assessed the requirement of women officers in the Army since 1992 when the doors were first opened for their induction;

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

(c) what is the total number of women in the Army; and

(d) whether there is a shortage of women officers in the Army and the details thereof?

#### **One Man Judicial Committee on OROP**

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

(a) whether there is any change in the terms of reference of the One Man Judicial Committee set up to look into anomalies in One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the One Man Judicial Committee is accepting representations, from various ex-servicemen/veteran organisations directly;

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(c) whether a Public Notice has been issued for Defence Forces pensioners/ family pensioners, Defence Pensioners' Associations to submit their representations suggestions/views on One Rank One Pension scheme to Ministry of Defence and Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW); and

(d) the time-line for submission of final report of One Man Judicial Committee?

#### **Amendment in FDI norms**

909. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to formulate any "Amendment in FDI norms" for defence sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how it will help to strengthen the defence sector of the country?

#### **Upgradation of Barak Missile System**

910. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed the upgraded version of Barak Missile System in collaboration with Israel, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how it would strengthen the external security of the country?

#### **Manufacturing of AK-47 rifles**

911. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AK-47 rifles

are going to be manufactured in the country very soon under Make in India initiative; and

(b) whether Russia has agreed to transfer technology of the rifle, and if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Soldiers killed in terrorist attacks**

†912. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian soldiers are being killed on the Pakistan border in frequent terrorist attacks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is not a matter of grave concern that the terrorist attacks are taking place year after year; and

(c) the action taken against them till date and by when such an enormous problem would be sorted out and the details thereof?

#### **Road project along McMahon Line**

913. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ambitious road project planned along the McMahon Line in Arunachal Pradesh has hit the Indian Army hurdle, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Army is opposed to constructing any road close to disputed border with China, if so, the details thereof and present status in this regard?

#### **Export of defence equipment**

914. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of defence equipment

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exported during the last two years; and

(b) whether Government has taken steps to improve research and development for increasing export of defence equipment and, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Threats faced by Trishul Airbase**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that after the terrorist attack on Pathankot Airbase, the security of all airbases has been tightened by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Trishul Airbase, Bareilly has written to administration regarding security threats and problems posed by a number of mobile towers, unauthorised construction, illegal slaughter houses and kite flying nearby it; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government so far in this regard; and, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Issuing of ECHS Smart Cards**

916. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all beneficiaries under the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme have been issued ECHS Smart Cards;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the projected time-frame by which it will be achieved; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been over payment of ₹ 3.51 crore to the

ECHS empanelled hospitals on account of inflated bills in excess of authorised package rates of ₹ 1.92 crore, and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revenue loss due to non-payment of service tax**

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

(a) the details of revenue loss due to instances of non-payment/short-payment of service tax, incorrect availing/utilisation of CENVAT credit and non-payment of interest on delayed payments in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that arrear collection in Financial Year 2015 has fallen to 1.17 per cent as compared to 10.46 per cent in Financial Year 2014; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Tenure of RBI Governor**

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

(a) whether Government feels that a three year term for RBI Governor is enough;

(b) whether at any time the tenure for RBI Governor was more than the present tenure;

(c) what is the view of Government to the RBI Governor's suggestion to have a tenure for, at least 4 years like the Federal Reserve of the United States of America; and

(d) whether tenure of RBI Governor is a part of the Government's proposal to restructure the RBI?

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#### **Loan agreement with AIIB**

919. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has signed any loan agreement with AIIB (Asian Infrastructural and Investment Bank);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details regarding the terms and conditions and time-period of the above agreement?

#### **Non-agricultural growth rate in the country**

920. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state non-agricultural growth rate in March quarter of 2015 and that in 2016, and the details thereof?

#### **Black money collected under VDS scheme**

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

- (a) the total value of money expected to be collected under Voluntary Income Disclosure Scheme (VDS) before 31 March, 2017;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the total unaccounted money is estimated around 1.5 lakh crores and are mostly dumped in real estate and gold/diamond market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to give wide publicity for VDS and also to bring in Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries and financial consultants in this process; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Curb on gold smuggling at IGI Airport**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the fact that smugglers are using the duty-free shop at the Indira Gandhi International Airport to sneak gold into the country;
- (b) whether this has forced Government to step up vigil at duty-free shops to curb gold smuggling;
- (c) if so, what steps are being taken to curb gold smuggling from the duty-free shop at the IGI Airport; and
- (d) a detailed report on the *modus operandi* of the smugglers and persons involved in gold smuggling and the steps being taken or proposed to be taken for its curbing?

#### **Income Declaration Scheme 2016**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has commenced the Income Declaration Scheme, 2016, if so, the total amount disclosed on June 30, 2016;
- (b) the total number of individuals and the amount disclosed as part of the window for declaring undisclosed income abroad; and
- (c) whether the Government has already initiated action against culprits for failing to declare undisclosed income abroad, the details of the action taken?

#### **Panel for a change from financial year to calendar year model**

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

(a) whether Government plans to change the financial year to calendar year model;

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

(c) whether Government has set up a Panel to look into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the Panel will submit its report?

**Complaints against listed companies registered with SEBI**

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

(a) whether there is a rise in the number of complaints against listed companies in India;

(b) if so, the details of number of such complaints registered with SEBI during the last three years; and

(c) the total number of such complaints pending with SEBI as of now, if any?

**Checks on release of grants by the Government**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that release of grants by Government of India is the single largest item of expenditure for Government;

(b) what checks are applied to ensure that grants of such large magnitude are being spent for the intended purpose; and

(c) whether Government proposes to strengthen the accountability mechanism for ensuring that grants are not diverted/misappropriated?

**Government Panel on NPAs of PSBs**

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

(a) whether Government has set up a panel to look into non-performing assets (NPAs) of Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its terms of reference; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to evolve mechanism to plug the holes in the current loan approval/recovery process of the Public Sector Banks?

**Tax evasion and avoidance by MNCs**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the Multi-National Corporations (MNCs) are resorting to avoidance and tax evasion practices;

(b) if so, the details and the estimated loss of tax revenues; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government and Tax authorities to pre-empt tax evasion?

**Taxation policy for inclusion of income of private practitioners**

†929. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no policy has been formulated till date to bring the income earned by doctors and lawyers from private practice under tax bracket;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; whether this income will not encourage black money and tax evasion; and

(c) if not, the policy under which doctors and lawyer pay tax?

#### **Impact of cash transfers on economy**

930. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cash transfers have directly improved the economic levels of India's poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far it has raised economic efficiency and market distortions?

#### **Increase in emoluments of Government employees on Pay Revision**

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

(a) what average increase (in percentage) did Government employees get when pay revision was introduced in 1996 and 2006;

(b) what is the corresponding percentage proposed this time;

(c) what is the logic for reported decrease in average percentage increase in emoluments; and

(d) what is the ratio between the smallest pay and highest pay according to present revision?

#### **Discrepancies in calculation of GDP of the country**

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

(a) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

of country for financial year 2015-16, if calculated on the basis of previous parameters;

(b) GDP of country for financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15, if calculated by the present parameters;

(c) whether any "discrepancies" have been reported in calculation of GDP for financial year 2015-16 as per new parameters set for the said calculation;

(d) if so, total amount in rupees and in percentage of "discrepancies" reported in calculation thereof; and

(e) the objective behind calculation of GDP growth rate of country in a given financial year, and the details thereof?

#### **Crop loans for farmers in the State of Telangana**

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the banks are harassing farmers in sanctioning crop loans in Telangana and forcing farmers to turn to private money lenders;

(b) whether the banks are insisting on clearing the old loan with interest to become eligible for fresh loans despite the State Government's interest waiver scheme; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken to help farmers?

#### **Increase in borrowing limit of Telangana**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has increased the borrowing limit of



Telangana to 3.5 per cent from the existing 3 per cent of GSDP;

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

(c) what are the reasons that other States like Andhra Pradesh are also demanding an increase of their GSDP but Government has not increased their limit?

#### **Decline in loan growth of commercial banks**

935. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the loan growth of major commercial banks of the country has declined over the years;

(b) if so, the details of these banks and their loan percentage decline;

(c) which factors are responsible for low growth of loans of these commercial banks; and

(d) what are the proposed plan of Government to make this loan growth, a positive one?

#### **Loan waiver by Government**

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

(a) the names of the companies which had taken loans of more than ₹ 50 crores from the nationalised banks and did not repay it;

(b) whether Government has waived-off these loans;

(c) if so, the list of companies along with the amount of loan taken by them

and the amount of their loan waived-off;

(d) whether Government will take a decision to waive off the loans taken by farmers, on the same lines; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Utilisation of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Cess**

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

(a) the total amount of cess collected under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Cess since November, 2015 and the total amount utilised out of it;

(b) the details of the cess amount distributed among States, State-wise; and

(c) steps taken by the Ministry to duly use the amount and avoid the amount lying unused?

#### **Health insurance products for people living with HIV in India (PLHIVs)**

938. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1833 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th May, 2016 and state whether people living with HIVs (PLHIVs) are provided full coverage under public health insurance such as Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)?

#### **Performance of micro-finance companies in India**

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

(a) whether Government has any recent

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study about the performance of Micro-finance companies in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any cases of violation of norms from Micro-finance companies are reported during the last three years, and if so, the State-wise details thereof?

#### **Enhancement of central funds for Himachal Pradesh**

940. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment or survey of the financial condition of the States;

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

(c) whether some states including Himachal Pradesh are facing financial crisis, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government proposes to enhance funds to Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the aforesaid fund is likely to be released?

#### **Demand for Central funds from Kerala**

941. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala is facing scarcity of funds in financing plan and capital expenses;

(b) whether Central Government has received any request from Kerala Government for financial help; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Amalgamation of SBI Banks**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to merge all the State Bank subsidiaries into a single Bank, if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Association of Bank Employees has expressed their objections to the said merger, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Banks have called for Nation-wide strike against this move of Government, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in view of the Employee Union's strike and the steps being taken by Government to counsel the Unions to explain the advantages of the merger, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in rate of growth**

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

(a) whether the rate of economic growth has improved significantly during the past two years and at present it is more than estimation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that inflation is continuously decreasing as a result of continuous surge in the rate of economic growth;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the rate of inflation of some foodgrains has so far been abnormally high; and

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(f) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

#### **Losses posted by PSBs**

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

(a) whether 20 PSBs have posted cumulative loss of ₹ 14,283/- crore in last quarter of 2015-16;

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

(c) the details of losses posted by PSBs in the year 2015-16 along with the losses and profits of Private sector banks, bank-wise; and

(d) the reasons for huge losses by PSBs?

#### **Wilful defaulters of Punjab National Bank**

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

(a) whether Punjab National Bank has declared a list of 913 wilful defaulters who have total outstanding dues of ₹ 11,486 crores;

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

(c) the details of action Government has taken to recover the outstanding loans from wilful defaulters along with the details of defaulted loans recovered so far, defaulter-wise;

(d) whether PNB has posted biggest ever quartely loss by any Indian bank during 4th quarter of last year; and

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

#### **Collection of cess/surcharge imposed by Government**

946. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cess and surcharge imposed by the Government on different heads and for different schemes during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 along with year-wise details thereof; and

(b) total amount collected by the Government in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 on account of cess and surcharge from different schemes and heads the details thereof year-wise?

#### **Disbursal of share of unpaid taxes/duties of States**

947. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has failed to devolve ₹ 81,647.70 crore to States on account of share of taxes and duties for the last ten years;

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

(c) how soon Government shall disburse such unpaid shares of the States and the details thereof?

#### **Schemes for enhancement of income of farmers, contract workers and unorganised sector**

†948. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would consider a proposal providing for right to recommend facilities like Pay Commission for all the

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sections of the society so that conditions of the farmers and the persons working in the unorganised sector can be improved;

(b) the details of the schemes being run to enhance the income of the farmers, the contract workers and the people working under unorganised sectors and upto what extent they got benefited; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Ministry for making regular appointments instead of contract workers?

#### **Setting up of Asset Reconstruction Company**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to set up an Asset Reconstruction Company to buy NPAs and bad loans from the PSBs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the date of operationalisation of the proposed Asset Reconstruction Company?

#### **Tax exemption to co-operative societies doing agricultural business**

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

(a) the details of quantum of loss incurred due to bringing loss making co-operative institutions located in the State of Rajasthan under the Income Tax ambit; and

(b) whether Government intends to provide exemption in the income tax earned by the co-operative societies from

agricultural business, if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Payment of Dearness Allowance to family pension beneficiaries**

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

(a) whether any beneficiary who receives family pension will be paid dearness allowance on basic pay by both the Departments *i.e.* pension and serving in case he/she gets a Government service; and

(b) the details of the guidelines issued by Government in this regard?

#### **Closing of co-operative Credit Societies doing banking Jobs**

†952. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered co-operative Credit Society in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is a fact that co-operative credit Societies are doing banking jobs; if so, the steps taken by Government to stop them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Rajasthan High Court has ordered to close-up the co-operative Credit Societies which are doing banking jobs, if so, the full details thereof?

#### **Globalizing AYUSH medicines**

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

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(a) whether the globalization of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) medicines is also a part of the policy of Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has partnered with the United States to collaborate on research and development of traditional medicines for various diseases including cancer care for global acceptability for AYUSH medicines; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

#### **Loans disbursed to farmers**

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

(a) the total amount of loans disbursed in the Financial Year 2014-15 and 2015-16 to farmers and their families, affected by drought in the country; and

(b) the steps taken, if any, by Government to ease the process of loan disbursement to farmers in drought affected areas at nominal rates of interest?

#### **Waiving off of interest on crop loans**

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

(a) whether Government provides short-term crop loans under the Interest Subvention Scheme for various durations to farmers; and

(b) if so, the interest rate charged on such loans and whether the interest have been waived off and if so, the number and percentage of such farmers whose interest was waived off in the financial year 2015-16?

#### **Government dues to banks on interest subvention scheme**

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

(a) what is the total amount of money disbursed as interest subvention on agriculture loan during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) what is the amount of dues on Government to banks on interest subvention schemes in the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what steps are taken to reduce the Government dues on these loans; and

(d) whether it is a fact that interest subvention on agriculture loan was moved from Finance to Agriculture Ministry in Union Budget 2016-17 thereby increasing allocation of money to Agriculture Ministry, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Guidelines against Banks involved in banking frauds**

957. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines/norms issued by Government for imposing penalties on banks which are found involved in banking frauds and violations including failure to carry out diligence with regard to suitability of products to users not having risk management policies;

(b) whether these guidelines are insufficient and irrational and need to be revised and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would amend the norms/guidelines and if so, the details thereof?

**Investments in Make in India Programme**

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

(a) the details on the investment from within India and made by foreign investors under the 'Make in India' scheme between 2014 and 2016; and

(b) the estimated annual revenue generation through various sources like taxes and duty from both sources of investment?

**Revenue generated on termination of fake/duplicate beneficiaries**

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

(a) the scheme-wise information on the revenue generated by various Departments through the termination of fake and duplicate beneficiaries from social subsidy schemes under Government of India since 2012;

(b) the details of the methodology and details by which this revenue was calculated; and

(c) the details of facts on the number of fake beneficiaries identified in these schemes State-wise and income-wise?

**Reduction in Central Assistance to States**

†960. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has reduced the amount of assistance being provided to States for the Central schemes like Indira Awas, MGNREGA, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether the amount meant for Jharkhand has also been reduced heavily as a result of which the public works are getting delayed there; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Decline in customs revenue as a ratio of GDP**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that customs revenue as a ratio of GDP has been declining in last two years;

(b) whether custom revenue of ₹ 20,808 crore demanded up to March, 2015 was not realised by the Department at the end of Financial Year 2015; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Recovery of NPAs of PSBs fraudulently transferred abroad**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the view expressed by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) that a significant part of NPAs of Public Sector Banks may never be recovered as a significant part of it could have been obtained fraudulently as advances and may have been transferred abroad;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to strengthen the regulatory system to check effectively such frauds in the banking sector; if so, the details thereof?

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### **Strategic sale of IDBI Bank**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes strategic sale of IDBI Bank;
- (b) if so, the proposal of Government regarding the NPAs of IDBI Bank; and
- (c) the details of financial and administrative plan proposal regarding restructuring of IDBI?

### **Extension of advances by banks despite rising NPA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the non performing assets of the banking sector of the Country has risen during the last two years;
- (b) if so, details thereof bank-wise NPA study report during 2012-2013 to 2015-2016;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that despite a rise in NPA, banks have extended more advances during these period; and
- (d) if so, rebalancing and/or readjustment proposals therefor?

### **Agricultural credit by PSBs**

965. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the quantum of agricultural credit given by Public Sector Banks, State-wise and Bank-wise;
- (b) what is the percentage of this agricultural credit given to urban areas and rural areas and details thereof State-wise and Bank-wise for the last three years;

(c) whether the agricultural credit given in urban areas is much higher than the credit given in rural areas;

(d) what are the reasons for this huge gap between the agricultural loans given in urban and rural areas when it is more required in rural areas; and

(e) what efforts are being made to give more agricultural loan in rural areas?

### **Opening of accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana**

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

(a) the formalities to be completed by the account holders of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana to get the benefits of insurance policy, overdraft etc.;

(b) whether this information is being/ has been given at the time of opening the account, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of account holders who presented their claims for accidental insurance till 31st March, 2016 and the number of them who got benefited thereof and the number of applicants who were given the facility of overdraft; and

(d) the reasons for not providing facilities of accidental insurance/overdrafts to all applicants?

### **Widening of tax net**

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

- (a) whether Government gave a target

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to tax officials for widening India's tax net to at least 10 crore tax payers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether facilitation should be the core of the eco system and the fear of the law rather than the law enforces should be the maxim on which tax administrators should work, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Expanding immunization coverage**

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

(a) the number of children immunised under Mission Indradhanush in the last two years;

(b) the States which are being provided vaccines for Japanese Encephalitis and Haemophilus influenzae type B, and whether there are plans to expand it to all States;

(c) whether Government has achieved its target of expanding full immunization coverage from 65 per cent to 90 per cent; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Opening of AIIMS branch in Kumaun region**

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

(a) the names of States in the Country in which Government has decided to open new AIIMS and cancer hospitals;

(b) if so, the names of the places where these hospitals will be opened;

(c) whether it is a fact that people of Kumaun zone of Uttarakhand are not getting benefited with the AIIMS opened in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand;

(d) if so, whether Government will consider to open a branch of AIIMS in Kumaun zone; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Utilisation of funds under NHM**

†970. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released along with their purposes in the last three years and current year under National Health Mission (NHM), State-wise;

(b) whether released funds have been utilised by State Governments in the last three years and, if so, number of States that have submitted utilisation certificates; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **TB research in the country**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India was once at the forefront of TB research with studies done at the erstwhile TB Research Centre, Chennai shaping global policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of India's role in research for TB vaccines, diagnostics and drugs;

(c) what is the budgetary allocation for the TB research in the Country during the financial year 2016-17; and

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(d) whether there is provision for TB research/drugs/diagnostics in the new 'Make in India' initiative?

#### **Patients with mental illness**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in many parts of the country, the number of patients suffering from mental illness is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete steps to stop this; and

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

#### **Impact of sustained radiation exposure on asthmatics**

973. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:  
SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that people working in a closed office environment where there are many computers are at risk of sustained radiation exposure, which can cause several ailments including asthma;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to come out with any remedial measures to prevent asthma for the people working in such environment; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are more than 15-20 million asthmatics in India and that upto 15 per cent of children have asthma and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Corruption in MCI**

†974. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating constituting a new organisation by dismantling the Medical Council of India (MCI) to meet the shortage of doctors and to bring reforms in the field of medical education; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of corruption charges levelled against the officials of MCI in last three years and the action taken against such officials; and

(c) the factual position thereof?

#### **Decline in IMR**

975. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether infant mortality rate (IMR) in the country has declined in recent years;

(b) if so, the names of the States;

(c) whether some of the States fail to improve their positions in infant mortality table;

(d) if so, the details of these States; and

(e) what are the steps Government contemplates to adopt to improve National average infant mortality rate in the country?

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**Reducing maternal mortality rate**

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

(a) whether India has achieved the Millenium Development Goal (MDG) target of reducing maternal mortality rates;

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

(c) the latest figures of maternal mortality rates, category-wise rural and urban, SC, ST, OBCs and others;

(d) the total percentage of birth attended by skilled health workers, category-wise, rural and urban, SC, ST, OBCs and others for each State; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in the last two years to reduce maternal mortality rate in the country with special reference to SCs/STs?

**Blood banks with NAT facility**

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

(a) the total number of Blood Banks in the Country *vis-a-vis* the number of Blood Banks using Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT);

(b) the estimated percentage of total blood units tested by NAT; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop blood pooling in Blood Banks and to make the Individual Donor-Nucleic-Acid amplification Test (ID-NAT) mandatory across the country?

**Coverage under RSBY**

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

(a) the number of families and persons covered under RSBY in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the amount of premium paid out by Government to private insurance companies under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) in the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the amount of claims raised by insured people in the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the amount of claims paid out by insurance companies to empanelled hospitals in the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the preventive health interventions possible under the scheme?

**Incompetent medical graduates**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the health professionals were not able to meet the basic health needs of the country;

(b) whether the Medical Graduates coming out of medical colleges are ill prepared to serve in poor resources setting like primary health centres;

(c) whether the medical graduates lacked competence in performing basic health care tasks; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Medical Council of India was not able to spearhead any serious reforms in medical education, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Delinking of medical devices from drugs**

980. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to delink medical devices from drugs and pharmaceuticals under Drug Rules, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) whether it will be regulated by a different set of Rules/Regulations; and

(c) if so, position thereof?

**Comprehensive healthcare coverage**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people living in both urban and rural areas of the country are not in a position to get treated for serious diseases involving heavy expenses owing to financial incapability, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether in view of this serious situation Government is considering implementation of a comprehensive healthcare coverage and if so, the details thereof?

**Committee to oversee functioning of MCI**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that medical education and profession in the country is at its lowest ebb and suffering from total system failure due to corruption and decay;

(b) whether Government has constituted a committee to oversee the

functioning of the Medical Council of India for at least a year; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the MCI is unable to cope with task of managing medical education in over 400 colleges, if so, the details thereof?

**Recall of adulterated spurious drugs**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some medicines have failed the tests conducted by the country's drug regulation body in the recent past, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Drug Regulator/ Government has asked manufacturers of medicines categorised as spurious substandard adulterated or misbranded to recall these drugs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the drug manufacturers thereto; and

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

**Supply chain and logistic management for immunisation coverage**

984. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of quality supply chain and logistics management system pose a major challenge for Government as well as public health agencies working to expand the immunisation coverage in the country;

(b) what are the reasons which affect the quality supply chain and logistics management systems; and

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(c) whether Government has taken steps to improve the quality supply chain and logistics management system; if so, the details thereof?

**NEET exemption for AP and  
Telangana**

985. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has special provisions under Article 370 D of the Constitution and the Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have requested to exempt them from National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET);

(b) if so, why Government is making NEET mandatory for both the States;

(c) whether in view of the judgement of the Supreme Court, the Ministry will intervene and apprise the Hon'ble Supreme Court about special constitutional provisions relating to these States; and

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

**Fixed capital formation public  
investment in the country**

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

(a) gross fixed capital formation or investment in public as well as private sector during the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof?

**Raising retirement age of doctors**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently raised the retirement age of doctors working under Government;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to issue an advisory to the State Governments to take similar action by raising the retirement age of doctors working under them; and

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

**Deaths from tobacco-related diseases**

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

(a) whether India is second largest consumer of tobacco and about one million Indians die annually from tobacco-related diseases;

(b) whether about 35 per cent of Indians in age group 15 years and above use tobacco, 33 per cent adult males and 18 per cent adult females in the country consume smokeless tobacco products;

(c) whether according to Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2006, 14.6 per cent of students aged 13-15 years in India use some form of tobacco, 4.4 per cent smoke cigarettes and 12.5 per cent use other forms of tobacco; and

(d) action taken to protect Indians from adverse effects of tobacco usage?

### **Reviewing of different treatment methods**

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

(a) whether Government has a policy of bringing treatments under various systems of medicine under the same roof so that patients will be more benefited;

(b) whether Government will continuously review different methods of treatment to weed out unscientific and ineffective ones; and

(c) whether this year's allocation in the budget will be sufficient to meet expenses of treatment and investments?

### **Performance of Mission Indradhanush**

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

(a) the objective behind the launch of Mission Indradhanush;

(b) the details of performance of this Mission in the first and second phase of its operation; and

(c) the names of districts of Maharashtra covered by this Mission?

### **Shortage of trained nurses**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of trained nurses in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present nurse-patient ratio in the country;

(c) the total number of Nursing Diploma Schools and Nursing Colleges functioning in the country and the number of students getting training in them, State-wise;

(d) whether Government proposes to open more such educational institutions to impart nursing training across the country and particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

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

### **Screenings under RBSK**

992. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK);

(b) how often are screenings done under RBSK;

(c) the details of deficiencies and disorders detected among children in the last three screenings State-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to follow up on whether children detected with deficiencies and disorders are receiving proper treatment; and

(e) how many funds have been allocated for this scheme under the National Health Mission and the data for last three years?

### **Construction of new airports**

†993. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the places at which proposals to

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construct airports have been received by Government during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, year-wise;

(b) the number of proposals accepted by Government, year-wise; and

(c) the number of proposals received from Gujarat and the number of proposals accepted, year-wise?

#### **Brain disease in children**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the disease of damage of enlarged brain membrane among children has been noticed;

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to take any steps to stop this; and

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

#### **High rate of cancer cases in the country**

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

(a) whether around 3.5 lakh people in India, which is one of the countries among World Health Organisation (WHO's) Southeast Asian region, succumb to cancer every year as per WHO World Cancer Report, 2015;

(b) with the Southeast Asian Region being home to 14 of the World's top 20 polluted cities, whether the World Health Organisation has called for urgent preventive steps to check pollution which can increase the risk of cancer;

(c) in view of the WHO's suggestions, what measures Government has taken in the matter; and

(d) a detailed report thereon?

#### **AIIMS-like institutes in Jammu & Kashmir**

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

(a) whether Government has decided to set up two AIIMS-like institutes in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) whether the sites for the two AIIMS-like institutes have been cleared by the Union Health Ministry and, if so, names of the sites along with the amount earmarked for establishing the institutions; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to have AIIMS-like institutes in Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra also and, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Star rating of community health centres**

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

(a) whether Government has drawn up elaborate guidelines for star rating of community health centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;

(c) whether the star rating guidelines would be applicable to private health centres/nursing homes;

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

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to the public and the health centres as a result of star rating?

#### **Acute shortage of IPV in Kerala**

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the acute shortage of Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in both Government and private hospitals in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to make available sufficient IPV to the State?

#### **Reconstitution of NBE**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the governing body of National Board of Examination (NBE) has been reconstituted recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the members of NBE?

#### **Special polio immunisation drive**

1000. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO team proves suspected polio case in UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for polio cases;

(c) whether the country continues to maintain a highly sensitive surveillance system for polio, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has launched a special immunisation drive in the high-risk areas of Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts in Telangana as a preventive measure, if so, the details thereof and results yielded so far?

#### **AIIMS in Guwahati and Sikkim**

1001. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to establish an AIIMS in Guwahati for the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, what is the status of this AIIMS and how much time will be taken to make it fully operationalised; and

(c) whether Government will consider to establish a regional centre of AIIMS in Sikkim in view of its topography and distance from Guwahati?

#### **HIV infection through blood transfusions**

1002. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that numbers of individual have reported being infected with HIV during blood transfusions;

(b) if so, State-wise report thereon;

(c) the action which have been taken against the medical centres therefor; and

(d) action taken by Government for the patients who have been infected with HIV during transfusion therein?

### **Shortage of essential drugs**

1003. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria to declare drugs as essential or life saving along with the number of such enlisted drugs in the country;

(b) whether shortage of certain essential or life saving drugs including Human Serum Albumin (HSA) have been reported in Delhi and certain parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to overcome the problem?

### **Promotion of small family norm**

1004. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether the Centre is considering to promote small family norm with renewed vigour in view of population growth rate, if so, the details thereof?

### **Enhancing of retirement age of doctors**

1005. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Cabinet has recently enhanced the retirement age of doctors to 65 years;

(b) if so, whether it is applicable to doctors working in Central Government hospitals or is also applicable to doctors working in State Government hospitals;

(c) to what extent Government considers this move shall lead to better health facilities in the country;

(d) whether Government would allow students who studied MBBS in other countries to practice in the country to deal with shortage of doctors; and

(e) to what extent exit exam will help to improve the quality of healthcare in the country?

### **Percentage of Muslims in Government jobs**

1006. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Muslims as a community in India has the lowest employment percentage in public as well as private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the representation of Muslims in Government jobs *vis-a-vis* their share in population?

### **Welfare schemes for Muslims**

1007. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minorities, particularly Muslims covered under various schemes run by Government for their welfare during 2014-15, scheme-wise and community-wise;

(b) the details of per capita allocation and expenditure on minorities during each of the last three years under various schemes, community-wise; and

(c) the details of per capita allocation of fund under various schemes during 2014-15, community-wise and scheme-wise?



**Social and physical infrastructure  
development for minority  
communities**

1008. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposals/suggestions for the improvement in current infrastructure for the minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested for substantial funds for physical and social infrastructure development for minority communities in the State; and

(d) if so, the details and steps taken by Government for the fulfilment of Maharashtra Government's request so far during the last two years?

**Financial assistances to poor people  
from minority communities**

1009. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial support provided to Minority people under the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) in the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(b) the various steps taken by Government to provide financial support for unorganised sector workers from minority communities in the country in the coming years;

(c) whether Government has allocated adequate funds for providing financial assistances to poor people from minority

communities and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total funds allocated by Government in the last three years, State-wise?

**Schemes run by NMDFC**

1010. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes run by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC);

(b) the procedure to avail benefits of those schemes;

(c) whether it is a fact that owing to complicated procedure, most of the applicants are not in a position to avail benefits of those schemes; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to simplify the procedure?

**Study on conditions of Muslim  
population in the country**

1011. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has commissioned any research to study the conditions of Muslim population in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not commissioning such a study even 10 years after Sachar Committee report;

(c) whether Ministry has taken cognisance of Dr. Mahmoodur Rahman Committee Report on conditions of Muslims in Maharashtra, if so, Ministry's stand on the same; and

(d) whether Ministry has taken cognisance of a recent report titled Living Reality of Muslims in West Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

**Recognition to Paralympic Committee of India**

1012. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently granted recognition to the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) after the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) announced lifting of suspension imposed on the PCI;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for suspension imposed by the IPC on PCI;

(c) whether the recognition granted to PCI would enable our Indian contingent to participate in Paralympic Games in Rio this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of steps taken by Government for promoting Paralympic sports and for the welfare of the Paralympic sportspersons of the country?

**Assistance to athletes under TOP scheme**

1013. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of preparedness of athletes under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to provide all possible assistance to athletes to ensure that their training

progresses smoothly and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure that athletes get timely supplements and consistently high quality food during their preparedness period for Rio and Tokyo Olympics?

**Proportions to unique sports traditions of the Himalayan region**

1014. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed an action plan to promote the unique sports traditions of the Himalayan region, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has also invited the neighbouring countries of the Himalayan Region to join India's initiatives, and their response thereto?

**Encouragement to women participation in sports**

1015. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes implemented by Government to encourage women sportspersons in sports in the country, especially from rural India;

(b) whether Government has prepared any action plan to encourage women sportspersons in the country especially from the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh; and

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

**Achievements and targets of the Ministry**

1016. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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

(b) where Ministry has fallen short of its targets and, where it has excelled;

(c) the targets set for the coming three years and roadmap to achieve the same;

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

(e) the details of core areas the Ministry is going to focus on in the coming three years; and

(f) how Ministry and Federations have prepared for Rio Olympics and expected performance from Indian sports men and sports women at Rio?

**Indian contingent for Rio Olympics, 2016**

1017. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that India is sending a contingent of around 100 persons to participate in Rio Olympics, 2016 to be held from 5 to 21 August, 2016;

(b) whether Government is of the view that it is sufficient to send around 100 participants considering the huge population of India *i.e.* 1.21 billion; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any programme to increase the present size

of contingent of around 100 participants upto 300 for next Olympics and if so, the details thereof?

**Delay in release of funds under TOPS Scheme**

1018. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry and Sports Authority of India had approved some funds under its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS);

(b) if so, the quantum of the fund sanctioned for each discipline or event and name of the recipient;

(c) whether Rio training plans has gone awry due to non-release of funds on time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Sponsorship for Rio Olympic contingent**

1019. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sports and athletics in India, supported by sponsorships from public sector companies, are now likely to find new sponsors from private sector with as many as nine companies signing up as sponsors for the Indian contingent at the Rio Olympics; and

(b) whether the holder of commercial and marketing rights chosen by the Indian Olympics Associations expects a good response from brands for sponsorship deals for the Indian team at the Rio event and if so, the details thereof?

**New sports-stadia in States**

1020. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:  
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports stadia set up  
in various States and the names of States  
where sports stadia have not been set up,  
State-wise;

(b) the proposals received from the  
States including Jharkhand to construct  
new stadia in the States along with action  
taken thereon, State-wise;

(c) the names of places where  
construction work of stadia are pending  
due to non-allocation of land and the  
remedial steps taken by Government in this  
regard;

(d) whether Government proposes to

promote outdoor sports in the country;  
and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken and  
the funds allocated/released for the purpose  
so far, State-wise?

**Expenditure made under NSDF for  
betterment of sports**

†1021. DR. SATYANARAYAN  
JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to  
state the details of latest position of  
direction issued, funds received  
institutionally, participation and  
expenditure by Government for National  
Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for  
development of sports and setting up of  
infrastructure?

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