

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, July 28, 2015/Sravana 6, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Scientific validation of traditional/ herbal formulations

801. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how AYUSH is collaborating with ICMR in scientific validation of traditional and herbal formulations for various diseases;

(b) whether any projects, in collaboration with ICMR, have been taken up by AYUSH; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the same?

Compulsory teaching of Yoga in educational institutions

802. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any programme to make the teaching of Yoga compulsory in all educational institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the incentives being offered to the State Governments and private educational institutions to implement the programme; and

(c) if not, any other steps being taken by the Ministry to motivate students to take to practicing Yoga?

Enhancing of Budgetary allocation for AYUSH systems of medicine

803. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated in the budget for promotion of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathy and Unani systems during 2014-15 and 2015-16, separately, State-wise;

(b) whether the budget allocation made for Karnataka in the previous year has been utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to enhance the allocation in these systems by Government?

Procurement of yoga mats from China

804. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government procured around 37,000 yoga mats from China for the Yoga Day celebrations at the Rajpath in New Delhi on 21 June 2015;

(b) if so, the reasons why the procurements were made from China and not locally;

(c) the details of amount spent on these purchases; and

(d) whether these procurements are in consonance with Government's Make in India campaign?

Medicinal herbs research institute in Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether in view of the availability of the rare life enhancing herbs in Uttarakhand, Government would consider opening a research institute in the State for research, promotion and conservation of them;

(b) whether, in view of the limited resources of the State, the Central Government would provide support to the State for research and promotion; and

(c) if not, the ways to conserve the life enhancing herbs which are on the verge of extinction?

Special status for yoga college at Munger, Bihar

†806. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is a very old yoga college of international level at district Munger in Bihar;

(b) whether Government has received any such proposal from the State Government of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to accord a special status to it by providing Central assistance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure for improvement of AYUSH infrastructure

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

(a) the number of Ayurvedic doctors posted in Government hospitals and total number of AYUSH doctors in the country;

(b) the amount spent by Government in the last one year for the betterment of the AYUSH infrastructure; and

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(c) by when the 18 AYUSH colleges are planned to be established and whether the private sector has also shown interest in opening of these colleges ?

Expansion of air services in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Government proposes to expand air services in the State of Rajasthan in view of the unprecedented rise in the number of air travellers in Rajasthan during the last few years;

(b) the number of flights discontinued during the last three years from Jaipur and Jodhpur airports together with the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to increase the number of domestic and international flights from Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur airports?

Near miss of aircrafts over Mumbai air space

809. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of near miss of aircrafts in Mumbai air space during the last two years, year-wise; and

(b) what action Government and Directorate General of Civil Aviation have taken on these incidents?

Disinvestment of AAI

810. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to list the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the Stock Market; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal to disinvest the AAI, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the projected amount that will be realized from the disinvestment?

Air connectivity to district headquarters

811. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop and modernize some airports in the country under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ Union Territory-wise along with their present status;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide air connectivity to district headquarters across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

Expansion of Jodhpur city airport in Rajasthan

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

(a) the progress made in the Jodhpur city civil airport expansion scheme in Rajasthan and the time by when this expansion will be completed;

(b) the names of the private airline companies which submitted proposals for

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providing air services in Jodhpur the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the fares of Air India are very high in comparison to the fares charged by private companies for providing air services, if so, the reasons therefor?

Regular air service between New Delhi and Shimla

813. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trial run of a 42-seater plane has been conducted at Shimla's airport at Jubbarhatti by the national carrier Air India's subsidiary, Alliance Air if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to restart regular service between New Delhi and Shimla; and

(c) if so, the time by which regular air service is likely to be commenced between New Delhi and Shimla?

International air services from Jaipur

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

(a) the number of international airports in Rajasthan and the places in the State where international airports are proposed to be set up;

(b) whether the Central Government proposes to increase the frequency of international flights from Jaipur in view of its religious and cultural importance, the scope of tourism and fame of jewellery

business at international level, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Central Government plans to start new air services from Jaipur to international destinations such as Singapore, China, Bangkok etc., if not, reasons therefor?

Cleanliness of aircrafts in India

815. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aircrafts in India often remain dirty as cleaners do not have time to clean the planes due to quick turnaround time demanded by them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-cleaning of aircrafts exposes travelers to high levels of germs and bacteria causing diseases like influenza, E-coli and listeric etc.; and

(c) if so, what are the guidelines for cleaning aircrafts as per IATA standards and what step Government proposes to take to ensure that all airlines in India are given sufficient time to clean the aircrafts?

Losses incurred by AI in international sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that international operations are bleeding Air India (AI) heavily, and the national carrier posted another huge loss in the year ended March, 2015;

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(b) if so, what is the estimated loss on international sector for the last year; and

(c) what are the details of the losses incurred on international sectors, sector-wise and the steps taken by Government to turnaround the loss-making airline?

Withdrawal of restriction on advance ticket booking by airlines

817. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has withdrawn the restriction of advance airline tickets booking upto 12 months to their customers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has made any bi/tri-partite agreement to ensure the bookings and journeys thereof, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Revenue generated from international passengers and cargo flights

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

(a) whether Government is generating revenue from the international passengers and cargo flights using our international airports and air space;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revenue generated in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government has increased the revenue generation from the CNS and ATS in the domestic and international airports from the foreign passengers and cargo flights during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total revenue generated from these airports in the last three years, year-wise, airport-wise?

Making Delhi airport zero diversionary

819. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of domestic and international flights cancelled due to fog in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for failure in use of very high quality low visibility landing equipment during fog conditions;

(c) the steps taken by Government to make Delhi Airport a 'Zero Diversionary' one at the earliest; and

(d) the further steps taken by Government to look into the issue pertaining to international operations during foggy seasons?

Action against aviation companies

†820. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has, so far, been taken by the Ministry against the aviation companies which are charging arbitrary fares and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) by when a system for monitoring the air fares will be in place;

(c) whether common man are bearing the brunt of the connivance of some companies; and

(d) whether some days ago the Civil

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Aviation Ministry had expressed its dissent to fix the airfare and if so, the reasons for considering this now by the Ministry?

FDI in domestic airlines

821. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government is proposing FDI in domestic airlines including the public sector, Air India and if so, the details thereof?

Death of CISF personnel in Calicut Airport

822. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:
SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed about the anarchic situation and infighting between staff, causing death of a CISF personnel in Calicut International Airport, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps were taken to avoid such situation in the future; and

(c) whether Government is initiating any serious steps to make the Security Forces and other officials in the airports more passenger friendly?

Social obligation of airlines companies operating in India

823. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of Air India (AI) to reserve adequate seats

for last minute booking with affordable fares, for persons travelling in medical emergency and persons accompanying a corpse or for the next of kin in case of bereavement in a family, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal of Air India to give concession to financially weak students who are going for higher studies to far off areas of the country and cannot afford the air travel, if so, details thereof; and

(c) what are the social obligation of airline companies operating in India?

Dreamliner aircrafts

824. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India has procured and operating Dreamliner aircrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether manufacturer has claimed certain qualities of the said aircraft at the time of negotiations;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which such claims have been found true by the Air India in the said aircraft; and

(d) the details of action taken against the manufacturer in case of non-fulfilment of such claims so far?

Poor quality of meals served in Air India flights

†825. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the meals served in the domestic and international flights of the Air India are of poor quality;

(b) whether Government has received complaints from the passengers travelling on the Air India flights; and

(c) if so, the number of complaints received and the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

Air connectivity to cities in MP

†826. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects are being formulated in order to make aviation services in the country modern and equipped with better facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering a scheme to connect major cities of the country with the regular air services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of the cities in Madhya Pradesh which are being considered for connecting with regular air services?

Unscheduled landing and halts of foreign aircrafts

827. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign aircrafts which made unscheduled landing and halts in the Indian airports during last three years;

(b) the reasons for foreign aircraft's unscheduled landing and halts in Indian airports; and

(c) the details of expenditure, if any, incurred by Government in facilitating the unscheduled landing and halt of foreign aircrafts in Indian airports?

Air services from Jalgaon in Maharashtra

828. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Route Dispersal Guidelines for scheduled air operations issued by Government;

(b) whether various airport projects are facing problems in roping in airlines for their operation in various sectors of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any corrective steps to start/run Jalgaon (Maharashtra) airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it will be going to start air services at Jalgaon (Maharashtra)?

Aviation safety infrastructure in tier II and III cities

829. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to strengthen the aviation safety infrastructure in the country in Tier-II and Tier-III cities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the measures recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) that studied safety concerns followed by an audit by the US Federal Aviation Administration (USFAA); and

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(c) the status of implementation of these recommendations?

Revamping of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security

830. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of revamping the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the threat perceptions and untoward incidents are increasing world-wide in the aviation sector; and

(c) if so, to what extent revamping of BCAS will provide fool proof safety for fliers and aircrafts?

Privatisation of Kolkata Airport

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

(a) whether Government has plans to privatise Netaji Subash Chandra International Airport and whether the decisions have been delayed, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the date which Government has set to finalise the reports after request for qualifications have been filed?

Strengthening of SFIO

832. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases investigated by Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO);

(b) how many of these have been disposed of and how many are pending; and

(c) whether Government proposes to further strengthen the SFIO and if so, the details thereof?

Removing anomaly in pensions of ex-servicemen

833. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no time targeted roadmap for removing anomaly in the pension being given to the various categories of ex-servicemen in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated "One Rank One Pension Scheme" to remove the anomaly in the pensions of the ex-servicemen;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of ex-servicemen to be benefited by the said scheme; and

(d) the mechanism put in place by Government to address the demands of ex-servicemen and to resolve their grievances expeditiously?

Disappearance of Coast Guard surveillance aircraft

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a surveillance aircraft of Indian Coast Guards disappeared suddenly on 10 June, 2015;

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(b) the reasons for the disappearance of the surveillance aircraft;

(c) the reasons why signals could not be received from the surveillance aircraft; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such an unfortunate situation in future, particularly in the situation of not receiving signals from aircrafts?

Procurement of defence transport equipments

835. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to procure defence transport equipments from foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details of procurement of different defence transport equipments during the last three years; and

(c) the recent development in defence contract procedure on choppers and helicopter procurement?

Violation of ceasefire agreement by Pakistan

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

(a) whether Pakistan is violating the agreement of ceasefire time and again;

(b) if so, the details of violations of ceasefire during the years 2013-14 and 2015 till June;

(c) the details of the number of casualties of Indian civilians and Indian Army during these periods; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government?

Chinese submarines for Pakistan

837. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the military co-operation between China and Pakistan has been increasing and China has agreed to supply submarines to Pakistan, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Pakistan is increasing its strength in Indian Ocean with the help of China, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the country's defence requirement and enhance surveillance in the Indian Ocean region?

Setting up of professional and training institutions under CSR

838. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current rules of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) allow companies to set up professional and training institutions;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that contrary to above provisions, under the instant rules the industry specific companies can not set up their domain specific technology institutions on a presumption that the passed out students may join the company;

(c) whether the Ministry has issued any clarification in this respect, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether a clarification will be issued allowing the companies to establish their domain specific technical institutions for the benefit of country?

**Defence manufacturing projects in
Telangana**

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up Pinaka rocket, infantry combat vehicles and infantry combat vehicles manufacturing projects in Telangana; and

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

**Ex-servicemen status for injured NDA
cadets**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that injured NDA candidates are not given status of ex-servicemen in the country, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) the year-wise details of total number of candidates who were declared unfit and retired during training due to injuries in the National Defence Academy (NDA) for last three years;

(c) whether Government has any specific scheme for the welfare of such cadets;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government is considering any such schemes; and

(e) how much amount Government has spent for the treatment of injured cadets in the Academy?

Modernisation of defence sector

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

(a) what are the steps taken for modernisation of defence sector of our country;

(b) the details thereof as compare to other developed and developing countries; and

(c) the steps taken for protection of the families of defence personnel who died in various military operations?

**Self-reliance in defence equipment
production**

842. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state by when India will not depend on others to procure defence materials including arms and ammunition, under the Make in India Policy and the details thereof?

**Future Ready Combat Vehicle for the
Army**

843. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the army has invited proposals from domestic and foreign firms for manufacturing Future Ready Combat Vehicle (FRCV) intending to replace Soviet-origin Main Battle Tanks (MBTs), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is already working on a futuristic tank for the Army and they are stuned by the Army's Request for Information (RFI), if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Army has earlier been at logger-heads with DRDO over Arjun-Tank that it had developed, if so, the details thereof?

Compulsory military training to citizens

844. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the countries which are providing compulsory military training to their citizens;

(b) if so, whether Government has ever considered making military training compulsory for all the youths of Maharashtra on similar lines;

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

(d) whether Government has received any proposal from Maharashtra in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

Phasing out of INSAS rifles

845. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to phase out indigenous Indian Small Arms System (INSAS) rifles a few years back;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in phasing out defective and outdated INSAS rifles; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to replace INSAS rifles by new generation rifles in order to save the lives of Jawans of Indian Army?

Promotion policy for women officers in the armed forces

846. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the extant promotion policy for women officers in the armed forces, service-wise;

(b) whether different criteria are followed for granting promotions to women and men officers in the armed forces;

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

(d) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Launching of INS Visakhapatnam

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

(a) whether Indian Navy launched INS Visakhapatnam for naval defence operations;

(b) if so, its salient features and the details thereof;

(c) the time by when it is likely to be commissioned in Indian Navy; and

(d) the estimated cost and the percentage of indigenous manufacture and the details of collaborators?

Contracts secured by Goa Shipyard Ltd.

848. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goa Shipyard Ltd. have

secured any new contracts in the last six months;

(b) if so, the details of the contracts/business;

(c) the employment each of these contracts/business going to generate in the State;

(d) what will be the employment policy in this regard; and

(e) which are the contracts which are being executed by the company at present?

Computerisation of personal records of the Army

849. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army will roll out a new software for computerising personal records of the over 1.21 million jawans and junior commissioned officers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a pilot project was carried out across seven centres and after satisfactory results a go ahead was given for a pan-India roll out to cover the 45 record offices, if so, the details thereof?

Crash of DHRUV Helicopters

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

(a) when was the DHRUV Helicopters inducted into the Defence forces;

(b) how many of these Helicopters have crashed ever since their induction;

(c) how many of these crashes were

subjected to a Court of Inquiry and what were their reports and the details thereof; and

(d) is there any proposal to bring in a better version of this Helicopter removing all the defects?

Meeting of Army's requirement by OFB

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

(a) the details of the contribution made by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in meeting the Army's requirement;

(b) whether Government felt any need to augment the OFB's contribution to fulfil the requirement of the Indian Army; and

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

Conscription and selective conscription

852. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ever mooted the idea of having 'Conscription' or 'Selective Conscription' in the country; and

(b) whether NCC can be converted into some type of conscription and converge into skill development project also?

Purchase of Rafale fighter aircrafts

853. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has placed a confirmed order for purchase of Rafale

Fighter Jets from the French manufacturer Dassault Aviation during the Prime Minister's recent visit to France;

(b) if so, the details thereof including capability of the Rafale Fighter plane *vis-a-vis* other fighter planes;

(c) whether a number of tenders pending for purchase of fighter aircrafts by Indian Air Force have been withdrawn or cancelled as a result of the decision to buy Rafale Aircrafts;

(d) the total number of aircrafts agreed to be purchased in the coming years; and

(e) whether Dassault Aviation agreed to shift the manufacturing of these aircrafts to India for the subsequent tranches of the supply?

Submission of OROP proposal

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

(a) whether the Ministry has submitted a concrete proposal to the Finance Minister on One Rank and One Pension (OROP) Policy, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when OROP would be granted to the former defence personnel?

Shortage of ammunition with the Army

855. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report of CAG, army is facing severe ammunition shortage and cannot fight war beyond 15 to 20 days, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for inability of the ordnance factories to meet the demand of Indian forces; and

(c) the steps Government would take in this regard?

Cooperation of private sector in defence equipments manufacturing

856. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Defence Development, Design and Technology has been established for manufacturing defence equipment as desired by Defence Minister recently;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to bring the production processes and technologies being utilized, but not yet adopted, under the purview of this Institute; and

(c) whether Government would consider taking cooperation of private sector in this regard?

Developments of Kaveri fighter engine

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian designed Kaveri fighter engine is yet to achieve success despite efforts to make it functional for the last 20 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for unsuccessful efforts so far;

(c) the total expenditure incurred so far on development of Kaveri fighter engines; and

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

Revamping of Hindustan Aeronautics

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

(a) whether Government is considering to revamp the working of Hindustan Aeronautics, drastically;

(b) whether it is a fact that its product quality and maintenance is very poor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Rolls-Royce has downgraded the time between engine overhauls of the Jaguars and Hawk advanced jet trainers being manufactured by the HAL, if so, the details thereof?

Coast Guard Station at Hazira, Gujarat

859. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Coast Guard has received any representation in the last two years to review its decision for setting up Coast Guard station at Hazira of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Indian Coast Guard has received any communication from Department of Atomic Energy on security matter for its heavy water producing unit at Hazira; and

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

Approval for investments in defence sector

860. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved 16 licenses for investments

in Defence Sector worth ₹ 613 crore, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this move is expected to provide boost to defence manufacturing sector under the Make in India initiative and help attract the private sector, if so, the details thereof?

Defence Universities

861. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence universities in the country today, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up new defence universities in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of each of such universities and the time frame proposed to establish them?

Guidelines for writing off bad debts by PSBs

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

(a) whether there is any transparent procedure or guidelines to write off thousands of crores of rupees as bad debts by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

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

(c) the total amount of bad debts written off by the PSBs during last three years, year-wise and bank-wise; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to formulate and issue guidelines for writing off bad debts by the PSBs?

Waiving of interest on loans of farmers

863. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has waived the interest on loans of farmers in several States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that loan/interest taken from Banks in some States by farmers have not been waived so far, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when decision to waive loans of farmers from Bank will be taken?

Management of NPS Funds

864. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government employees who have opted for the NPS Scheme would be eligible for retirement gratuity as is paid under the old pension scheme;

(b) whether the returns under the NPS Scheme have been much lesser than comparable mutual funds over the last one year when the stock market has performed exceedingly well;

(c) what has been the total quantum of the overhead costs of NPS since its inception year-wise along with comparative statement of other mutual/pension funds; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take to ensure better management of funds under NPS besides ensuring transparency?

Indigenous production of security paper

865. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous production of security paper has been started at Hoshangabad Mill;

(b) if so, the details along with the production capacity of the Mill;

(c) whether it is a fact that after production of currency Note Paper, import bill of exchequer will come down; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which circulation of fake currency notes in the country will be checked after the use/circulation of such currency notes?

Opening of SBI Branches in Himachal Pradesh

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

(a) the number of State Bank of India (SBI) branches presently functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of branches of SBI which are fully computerized/ATMs installed, State/UT-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether Government proposes to open new branches in Gram Panchayats of Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when these new branches are likely to be opened?

**Advise of RBI to create awareness
among borrowers**

867. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised banks to create awareness among their borrowers for hedging agricultural commodity price risk, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this would help to develop strong risk management capabilities to manage agri commodity price risk, if so, the details thereof?

**IT exemption for employees working
in Singareni Collieries**

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

(a) whether the State Government of Telangana has requested the Centre to exempt the employees working in Singareni Collieries from paying Income Tax (IT) because they are working in hazardous environment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far?

**Comprehensive package for State-run
Banks**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to provide any comprehensive package for State-run Banks which are running huge bad loans, if so, the details thereof;

(b) which are the State-run Banks identified to be given this package; and

(c) if not, the steps taken/being taken by Government to rescue those banks?

TDS on PF withdrawals

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to impose restrictions and levy tax on withdrawal of Provident Fund of an employee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Simplifying loan procedures for
customers**

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

(a) whether Government is keen enough and willing to provide various types of financial support and loans for common people to fulfil their financial needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the types of loans provided to common man and their volume;

(c) the concrete measures taken by Government to support common people and students in getting such loans from Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(d) whether the procedures adopted and followed by the PSBs to provide loans for common people and students are time consuming, complicated and cumbersome in nature; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to make loan procedures easy and fast?

Manufacturing cost of currency rates of low denomination

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

(a) whether it is a fact that printing of ₹ 1 notes were discontinued because of high manufacturing costs;

(b) whether printing of ₹ 2 and ₹ 5 notes has also been affected by the high manufacturing cost; and

(c) whether Government is now considering to put in circulation of currency notes in one rupee denomination or in 2 and 5 rupees denomination also and if so, the details thereof?

GST on books

873. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the introduction of Goods and Service Tax (GST), all books (other than text books) and Art works would be subjected to GST rates as determined by the GST Council;

(b) whether it will not adversely impact promotion of our culture; and

(c) whether Government will consider keeping these out of the GST ambit?

Fraud cases and NPAs with PSU Banks

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

(a) whether PSU banks have reported more than 2100 fraud cases involving a sum of ₹ 11,022 crore during 2014-15; if so, Government's response thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the NPA of the banks and their loss is mainly due to corruption and mismanagement of the banks; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check all the NPA loans and fix responsibilities by punishing the culprits?

Public grievances against financial institutions

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

(a) whether grievances relating to deficiency in customer service, opening of accounts, loan disbursement, ATMs, etc. have gone up significantly in the banks and other central public financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details of grievances received during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16, so far, bank-wise and financial institution-wise;

(c) the number of grievances disposed of during the period and those pending along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government/RBI/Regulators have taken any penal action against any banks/financial institutions during the above period for delay in settling issues; and

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

Bringing of new item under DBT

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

(a) the details of schemes that have so

far been brought under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT);

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to bring in food, kerosene and other items under the DBT fold, if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much money Government has been able to save by bringing items under DBT last year; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that only 25 per cent of leakages under LPG has been able to be plugged by DBT, if so, the steps taken to plug the entire 100 per cent leakages?

Bhartiya Mahila Bank

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhartiya Mahila Bank was floated for women in the year 2013 by the then Prime Minister with an amount of ₹ 1000 crores;

(b) the number of its branches as of now and the total amount of money deposited in them;

(c) whether Government proposes to shut down Bhartiya Mahila Bank; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Health of Co-operative banking sector

878. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Co-operative banking sector in India is facing major issues and the sector is not able to utilise its full potential, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Y.H. Malegam Committee had give certain recommendations including establishing a Board of Management for the Co-operative banks; and

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to insist the Co-operative banks to implement the said Committee's recommendations?

Health insurance products for HIV people

879. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Life Insurance and Health Insurance Products available for People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in India;

(b) whether HIV is excluded from almost all health insurance policies available in India;

(c) if so, whether any strict action has been taken by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) to address the issue of 'denial of insurance' of PLHIVs; and

(d) whether the Committee of experts on health insurance, constituted by IRDA, to visit/re-visit various areas in the regulatory framework applicable for health insurance, has made specific recommendations on Insurance products for PLHIVs?

Loans extended to States

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

(a) the quantum of loans given by Government to the States during the last

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three years along with the outstanding liabilities of the States, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has received complaints regarding the misuse of the said loans by the States, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the erring States/UTs for last three years?

Burden of NPAs on PSBs

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

(a) whether the banking system as a whole has been witnessing higher level of Non Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) continue to be under stress on account of their past lending; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State-run-Banks continue to report higher bad loans and the gross (NPAs) as on March 31, 2015 stood at 5.17 per cent, if so, the details thereof?

SIDBI's Make in India Fund for MSMEs

†882. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has created a 'Make in India Fund' for MSMEs under Make in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken this step to convert the medium, micro and small units into world-class manufacturing hubs;

(c) if so, whether SIDBI has identified the units of MSMEs in various States under this scheme, for which loan is to be provided at a concessional rate;

(d) if so, the details thereof, especially in Odisha; and

(e) the details of role of SIDBI in micro-finance sector?

Simplification of IT recovery

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

(a) the number of such income tax payees in the country who owe tax liability over ₹ 10 crores;

(b) the number of such tax payees during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to simplify the recovery procedure of Income Tax?

Proposal to set up PDMA

884. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government proposes to set up a Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) to ensure that the transition is smooth and there is no disruption, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are several complications for transition of the borrowing programme from the RBI to the new agency; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken by Union Government to settle the issue?

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Fall out of new tax sharing model

885. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI ARVIND KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new Centre-State tax sharing model has promised 10 per cent increase in the share of States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware that after the new tax sharing model, the States like Uttar Pradesh have suffered a funding loss of thousands crores of rupees during current year and resultant increased financial burden in comparison to previous year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the tax sharing/budgetary support to Uttar Pradesh during last three years and the current year and the reasons for the same?

Remittance received from Gulf countries in Kerala

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

(a) the number of NRI Account holders in Kerala as on March, 2015;

(b) the deposit received by Keralities in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in Kerala during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether the remittance from the Gulf countries in Kerala is the maximum, if so, the details thereof?

Inquiry into waiving of interest by bank

887. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 978 replied on 5 May, 2015 in the Rajya Sabha and State:

(a) whether inquiry has been completed in illegal waiver of interest by Purvanchal Bank, Narahi branch to fraudsters;

(b) if so, the details and finding thereof, and if not, the reasons for delay;

(c) by when inquiry is likely to be completed and illegally waived interest to fraudsters would be recovered;

(d) whether mortgaged land of fraudsters still stands mortgaged with Purvanchal Bank, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how the illegally waived interest would be recovered from fraudsters?

Sovereign Gold Bond

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

(a) whether Government has decided to bring Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) in various denominations with some fixed tenor;

(b) whether these SGBs will earn some interest;

(c) whether SGBs will be restricted to the resident Indians with some annual cap per person and if so, what will be the annual cap; and

(d) whether Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Post Offices will collect money on behalf of Government and redeem bonds with loan-to-value ratio similar to that of gold loans, if so, the details thereof ?

Instructions to banking sector

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

(a) whether Government has given any instruction to the banking sector to depend upon their own deposits instead of taking loan from International agencies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Bringing Co-operative banks under the ambit of income tax

890. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has proposed to bring the Co-operative banks under the ambit of income tax by putting them in the category of commercial banks;

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

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Non-activation of PINs of PMJDY accounts

891. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) have not become functional due to non-distribution and non-activation of Personal Identification Numbers (PINs);

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for effective implementation of PMJDY?

Black money parked abroad

892. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any step for bringing back the black money parked externally by the Indians, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has assessed about the probable amount of black money related to the Indians, if so, the details thereof?

Devolution of Central taxes to State

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

(a) whether the devolution of Central taxes to States has been increased from 32 per cent to 42 per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the total transfer of Central Budget to States has been reduced from 6.1 per cent to 5.8 per cent of GDP; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and what corrective measures the Centre is taking to increase the Central Budget to States?

Recovery of tax arrears

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

(a) the total outstanding direct tax arrears as on April 1, 2015;

(b) whether there are Individuals/Companies who owe Government more

than ₹ 1000 crore in tax arrears, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to recover these amounts over the last one year?

Mounting level of NPAs

895. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) are rising over the years in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present level of NPAs in the country *vis-a-vis* existed two years ago;

(c) the details of the reasons for mounting NPAs; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce the level of NPAs including modification of existing rules /regulations/ criteria for arriving at NPA?

Health insurance coverage

896. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 70 per cent Indians do not enjoy health insurance cover, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the action-plan to encourage such families to go for the above health insurance benefits to control death-rate in the country; and

(c) whether Government proposes to subsidise poor families to show interest for such a cover, if so, the details thereof?

Performance of NRHM

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

(a) whether NRHM has addressed the promise of it being the answer to rural India's health needs since its implementation for the last ten years from 2005 to 2015;

(b) how many rural centres have come up under NRHM since 2005, State-wise, against the target;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after its implementation for the last ten years, there is a shortage of 70-80 per cent of doctors;

(d) if so, where the Mission went wrong and how Government is planning to rectify it;

(e) the expenditure made on NRHM since 2005, year-wise and State-wise; and

(f) the health indicators in 250 identified districts in 2005 and status thereof in 2015, district-wise details thereof?

Review of ban on edible products

898. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is cognizant of the fact that a certain brand of edible product that was banned in several States for containing certain ingredients in excess to prescribed limits, have been allowed in certain markets abroad by respective country's authorities; and

(b) in view of above, whether the State Governments are considering to review the decision of ban?

Increase in circulation of spurious medicines

†899. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the volume of spurious medicines have been increasing day by day in the country and Government has failed in preventing it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the spurious medicines are manufactured mostly in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the number of such cases which have come to the notice of Government and the appropriate steps taken by Government to prevent the same?

Measures to contain deaths from anti-biotic resistance

900. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per data of World Health Organisation (WHO), anti-biotic resistance may cause rise in death of Indians to 20 lakhs per year by 2050;

(b) if Government does not concur with data of WHO, what is its own data in this regard and the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for containing death due to anti-biotic resistance and the details thereof, and;

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

Medical care for cancer patients in Government hospitals

901. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that men are most prone to mouth cancer whereas women to breast cancer in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lung cancer is the top cause of cancer deaths for men, breast cancer for women;

(c) whether stomach cancer claims the most lives of men and women combined;

(d) whether it is also a fact that between 1990 and 2013, fresh mouth cancer cases registered in India has more than doubled and was among the highest in the world, which went up from 55,480 to 127,168; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide much needed medical care for the cancer patients in Government-run hospitals?

Fulfilling of regulatory norms by food companies

902. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has rejected the product approval to Tata's Starbuck, Kellogs and McCann as they were unsafe for human consumption;

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

(c) what steps FSSAI has taken after Maggi episode to ensure that all Indian and foreign food companies meet norms of Indian Regulators?

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Black-marketing of blood

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of a number of casualties on account of shortage/unavailability of blood in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with annual requirement and collection of blood in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether black-marketing of blood has been reported from several parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government thereon, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(e) whether it is a fact that poor people in metro cities sell their blood in the guise of donors to earn money, if so, the details thereof?

Opening of super-speciality hospitals in West Bengal

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

(a) whether the Ministry has any proposal to build super-speciality hospitals in the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard, if any;

(c) how much assistance has been given to the State of West Bengal for the prevention of communicable diseases in last two years;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is lack of doctors in the Central Government run hospitals in the State;

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

(f) how much expenditure has been made by Government for medical education in the State during the last two years?

Dominance of private sector in health care sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 70 per cent of illnesses were treated in the private sector including clinics, hospitals and charitable institutions;

(b) whether private doctors are the most important single source of treatment in both rural and urban sectors;

(c) whether because of the long waiting in Government-run hospitals, people are forced to turn to private healthcare providers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide timely and quality medical services and the details thereof?

Special care for mental health

906. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether any special care has been taken for mental health by Central Government, identifying the disease in early stage for preventive measures by which they will be less problematic?

Measures to prevent food adulteration

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

(a) how many cases of food adulteration have been registered during last three years in the country;

(b) in how many of them multinational companies are involved; and

(c) though State Governments are responsible to prevent adulteration in food items, in what way Central Government intends to ensure that food items injurious to health of people are not distributed and sold?

Upgrading infrastructure of Government hospitals

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

(a) whether to meet the increasing patient load and improve the medical facilities, Government proposes to revamp and expand the existing infrastructure in Government hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the strength of doctors and para-medical staff in Government hospitals do not exist as per ratio of population; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that the patients are provided best possible treatment in Government hospitals?

Medical facilities provided by Government for treatment of various diseases

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

(a) the total number of patients suffering from T.B., AIDS, Diabetes and heart-related diseases in the country along with the number of persons died of these diseases and the details thereof;

(b) the medical facilities being provided by Government to the persons suffering from the said diseases and the number of persons getting benefits of the same;

(c) the details of average expenditure incurred for the treatment of said diseases;

(d) whether it is a fact that the cost for treatment and medicines for the said diseases is increasing day by day; and

(e) the details of increase in the costs of medicines for the said diseases during the last two years?

Coverage evaluation survey of Mission Indradhanush

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

(a) whether Government has examined the data and findings of Rapid Survey of Children conducted during 2012-13 recently submitted by the UNICEF relating to vaccination coverage across India;

(b) whether it shows that while the total immunization coverage in the country, rose from 61 per cent to 65.2 percent, the coverage fell significantly across north-eastern States;

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(c) whether Government is reviewing the data contained in the survey report for a final call on the issue; and

(d) whether the UNICEF had attempted a coverage evaluation survey of Mission Indradhanush vaccination programme by the Ministry in 201 districts of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in infant mortality rate

†911. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the infant mortality rate has increased in the country especially in Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) if so, the year-wise details thereof, particularly in the backward and tribal areas and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to check this increasing trend?

Upgradation of IMS, BHU to AIIMS

912. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to accord status of AIIMS to the Institute of Medical Science (IMS), Banaras Hindu University along with Sir Sunder Lal Hospital attached to it;

(b) whether this institute has all necessary infrastructure in place for being declared AIIMS and a very little amount has to be spent for the upgradation; and

(c) whether the previous Government

had consented to this proposal of upgrading IMS, BHU into AIIMS?

Checking of food items for adulteration

913. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's Annual Public Laboratory Testing Report for 2014-15 revealed that out of 492590 items it tested during the year, one fifth of the items were found to be adulterated and/or misbranded;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard and the details thereof; and

(c) whether licence of any such manufacturers or seller of adulterated food and drink products have been cancelled and/or any one of them arrested?

High percentage of dengue patients in the country

914. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India emerges as the country with the world's highest dengue burden, with about 34 per cent of all such cases occurring here;

(b) whether in India 33 million apparent and 100 million asymptomatic infections occur annually;

(c) whether it is a fact that India was home to the most dengue patients globally;

(d) whether it is also a fact that

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incidence of dengue has shot up 30 fold in the past 50 years; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent the further growth of dengue in the country?

Late disbursal of salaries to health workers in J&K

†915. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that employees/doctors working in Jammu and Kashmir under various schemes of the Central Government like RNTCP, NRHM and National Aids Control Programme are getting salaries after a gap of six months or a year;

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

(c) the details of Government's plan to give salaries to such employees every month on time?

Mechanism to check pesticides in food items

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

(a) whether Government has evolved any mechanism to check the presence of pesticides in food stuff, potable water, fruits, wine, etc.; and

(b) if so, the number of laboratories set up in the country under this mechanism and the locations thereof, together with the annual checking capacity thereof?

Non-defining of junk food under Food Safety Act

917. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that junk food has not been defined under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, resulting in rampant sale of junk food causing adverse impact on health;

(b) if so, will the Ministry now consider defining junk food under the Act and also put restrictions to minimize ill-effect of junk food;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Nutrition and ICMR have conducted a study on junk food; and

(d) if so, the findings of the study and action taken by Government on the same?

Increase in cancer cases

918. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of cancer has grown over the last decade in India although the rate of mortality has fallen;

(b) whether it is a fact that India has a lower incidence of cancer than the global average with just half the number of new cases recorded every year per capita than the global average; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the incidence has grown from over 700 new cases per million population to nearly 1,000 new cases per million people?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Laboratories for testing imported medical devices

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

(a) whether India does not have laboratories to test medical devices imported from abroad in the country;

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

(c) whether it is now proposed to get such labs that would be funded by the Commerce Ministry to give a boost to manufacturing sector in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Budget allocations for CGHS Unani system

920. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Budget allocations for CGHS Unani system during the last three years, year-wise and the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that adequate funds are not being made available for proper and speedy development of Unani system; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken to improve the situation?

Compulsory testing of packaged food products

921. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will agree to

compulsory testing of all packaged food products; and

(b) if so, whether Government will also agree to test them in Indian Test Laboratories prior to allow their marketing in the country?

Violation of food safety norms

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been rising incidence of violation of food safety standards by foreign and Indian manufacturing companies for packaged food and ready to eat meals;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered and the actions taken thereon;

(c) whether the Food Safety and Standards norms for fats, salts, sugar and preservatives in the packaged food made in India meet the International norms; and

(d) the number of certified testing laboratories in India and the steps for testing all packaged food items?

Target set for operation of cataract

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

(a) whether a target has been set under National Programme for Control of Blindness for operation of cataract if so, the details thereof, State-wise/district-wise; and

(b) the number of operations carried out district-wise *vis-a-vis* the set target in Uttar Pradesh and Assam during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Improving infrastructure of food testing laboratories

924. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media reports that food regulators are toothless and are ill-equipped, and understaffed to test the increasing number of packaged foods;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve food regulatory regime; and

(c) whether there is any move to improve the infrastructure of food testing laboratories in various States particularly Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, if so, the details thereof?

Rehabilitation of mentally challenged patients

925. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mentally challenged patients in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of various Government and non-Government hospitals specialising in the care of mentally challenged patients in the country, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated for special care of mentally disadvantaged patients, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has any schemes running to rehabilitate mentally

challenged patients back in society after recovery?

Awareness programme on ill-effects of fast food

926. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the ill-effects of fast food particularly on the youth and kids of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has launched/proposes to launch any awareness programme/campaign in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Regulation of surrogacy industry

927. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that the surrogacy industry in the country has tipped to be 2.3 billion dollars annually with nearly 20,000 such clinics operating across the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to regulate this booming industry through a new law if so, the details thereof?

Standardisation of fees charged by private hospitals and laboratories

†928. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that about 86 per cent of rural and 82 per cent of urban populations are not covered through any Government scheme or private scheme for support during their treatment as a result of which private hospitals charge high fee from them, as has been said in the recent report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to overcome this problem; and

(c) whether the Ministry would prescribe any standard fees to be charged by private hospitals and laboratories from common men on the line of CGHS beneficiaries?

Employees working on contract basis in health projects in J&K

†929. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:
SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

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

(a) the details of number of employees/ doctors working on contract basis under

various schemes of the Central Government such as RNTCP, NRHM and National Aids Control Programme, State-wise;

(b) the main reasons for rendering of services by such employees for ten years together on contract basis in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) by when Government is planning to regularise their services?

Regulatory board for optometrists

930. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nursing Council of India and Dental Council of India are centrally integrated licencing and regulatory boards to grant licences to the personnel engaged in this field;

(b) if so, whether any such centrally integrated and regulatory board exists for optometrist personnel;

(c) if so, the name of the regulatory board, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the authority authorised to validate the educational qualifications of optometrist taking foreign assignments; and

(e) whether Government proposes to set up centrally integrated and regulatory board for optometrists, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Drug resistant TB Cases in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether it is a fact that of late cases of drug resistant TB are increasing very fast in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such TB cases registered during the last three years, year-wise, State and UT-wise; and

(c) what remedial measures Government proposes to take to effectively deal with drug resistant TB in Maharashtra and rest of the country?

High cost of medical expenditure

932. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of different types of medical colleges in India and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether medical education expenditure is going up;

(c) if so, whether it is not going to hit common man's healthcare expenditure; and

(d) whether Government can take appropriate steps to avoid unnecessary expenditure, because of different unwanted norms, which are impractical?

Deployment of manpower in various centres

933. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released by

Government for deployment of manpower in various vision centres established under National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) during the last five years;

(b) whether certain complaints have been received by Government regarding deployment of untrained, unqualified manpower in various vision centres under NPCB, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Universal health coverage

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

(a) whether Government is considering the proposal for adoption of universal health coverage (UHC), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to make UHC tax-funded and cashless at delivery, if so, the details thereof and time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(c) the steps taken by Government to strengthen public health system from the lowest level; and

(d) the manner in which Government proposes to provide medicine and diagnostics at all public health facilities and referral linkages, patient transport system, etc. integrating the primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities?

Xpert molecular test for TB diagnosis

935. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the latest

study has found that using Xpert molecular test as an initial diagnostic test for TB in public health facilities increased the rate of TB case notification by 16 per cent and of bacteriologically confirmed TB by 39 per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rifampicin resistant TB cases notification increased by five fold; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the study was undertaken in 18 TB programme units, if so, the details thereof?

Challenge to TB control programme

936. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's tuberculosis (TB) control programme is facing a big challenge recently, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a cut in health budget is one of the main reasons for the challenge; and

(c) if so, how Government plans to overcome the situation?

Requirement for PHCs and CHCs

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

(a) the number of PHCs and CHCs required in the country as per its current population;

(b) the number of CHCs and PHCs available in the country as on date; and

(c) the number of CHCs and PHCs required in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and

Maharashtra and the number of existing CHCs and PHCs in these States?

Upgradation of Government Medical College, Tirunelveli under PMSSY-3

938. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government Medical College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu will get 8 Super Speciality Departments considered under PMSSY-3 and the number of additional PG seats created in relation to PMSSY-3;

(b) by when the agreed positions arrived at the meeting regarding Preliminary Gap Analysis Reports submitted by Tamil Nadu Government on PMSSY Upgradation-Phase III held on 30 September 2014 at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi would be implemented;

(c) if so, the number of beds relating to Super Speciality Department, number of operation theatres and medical equipments that would be additionally created under PMSSY-3;

(d) by when its sanction orders would be issued; and

(e) whether the Draft Guidelines have come into force?

Turning back of cancer patients by AIIMS, Delhi

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

(a) whether Government is aware that

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the cancer patients coming to AIIMS, Delhi are not being treated on the ground that they were on treatment for the same elsewhere;

(b) whether such conduct on the part of AIIMS is proper on humanitarian grounds;

(c) whether it is undesirable for the cancer patients to take primary treatment at the local level; and

(d) if not, the steps Government would take to ensure that such kind of conduct is not meted out to such patients by AIIMS, Delhi in future; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Changes in rules for organising cataract operation camps

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

(a) the number of operations of the cataract performed under National Programme for Control of Blindness scheme during the last three years and the amount spent on it, and the State-wise details in this regard;

(b) whether there has been any change in the rules regarding organisation of cataract operation camps by the NGOs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there has been a decline in the number of cataract operations due to this amendment, especially in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

Blackmailing of food industry by NGOs

941. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the food industry is facing blackmail from NGOs in the wake of "Maggi crisis"; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to address the issue and to impart clarity to the Food Safety Act?

High rate of tobacco consumption

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

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

(b) whether 35 per cent of Indian adults in the age group of 15 years and above use tobacco in one form or the other;

(c) whether about 33 per cent adult males and 18 per cent adult females in the country consume Smokeless Tobacco Products (STPs);

(d) if so, the measures taken to educate citizens about the ill-effects of consuming tobacco; and

(e) the steps taken to persuade citizens to quit smoking/use of tobacco in all forms to live healthy life?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Independent functioning of DD,
Prasar Bharati and Censor Board**

†943. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government desires that the organisations like Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati and Censor Board may function independently; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to free them from Government pressure; and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Role of digitisation in the growth of
media and entertainment industry**

944. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a consistent growth recorded in the field of media and entertainment industry in the country in the recent years;

(b) if so, the annual turnover of the industry during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(c) the role of digitisation in increasing the business of the said industry?

**Promotion of gender equality
education among youth through TV**

945. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of

Government that women are portrayed in indecent way through dirty jokes, violence and vulgarity and it is on the rise in advertisements, films and television serials including print media in the country;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received by Government in this regard along with the details of action taken by Government during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for providing and promoting gender equality education amongst youth through TV programmes as a media drive on crimes against woman?

**Reservation policy in appointment of
station artists in AIR and DDK**

946. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of station artists, instrumental as well as actors, employed in AIR Stations and Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) across the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of salary/remuneration/ payment made to them during last three years;

(c) the details of programmes/concerts performed by them each year, during last three years;

(d) whether reservation policy is strictly followed in the appointment of station artists in AIR and DDK; and

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

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Resignation of the Governing Council members of FTII

947. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three members of the Governing Council of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) have resigned recently;

(b) if so, who are these members and what is the reasons for their resignation; and

(c) whether Government held any talk with these members?

Piracy of commercial films

948. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the piracy of films and fake unauthorised CDs of commercial films, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also aware about the serious incidence of leakage of censored copy of a Malayalam film from the responsible places; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken to protect Film Industry from piracy?

Performance of public FM Stations vis-a-vis private ones

949. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified many cities across India for auction of FM Stations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the quantum of revenue expected to be generated from such a move;

(c) whether Government analysed the performance of the existing public FM Stations *vis-a-vis* the private ones, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to improve the performance?

Promotion of languages included in Eighth Schedule

950. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken to promote languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and popular dialects by the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated during the last three years for launching the regional language channels and other means of media; and

(c) the details of the private channels in vernacular languages and their viewership?

Alternative authority to CBFC for certification of films

951. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any other authority other than the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC);

(b) if so, which are the other authorities who can preview prints of feature films

and those films which need certification from the Censor Board, for awarding censor certificates; and

(c) what are the norms set for such authorities?

Advertisement of Man Ki Baat

952. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the quantum of amount spent by Government on advertisements to publicise "Man Ki Baat" addressed by the Prime Minister, from time to time, through print and electronic media, so far?

Development programmes for minorities

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

(a) the details of the development programmes for minorities;

(b) the funds allocated by the Central Government for implementation of these programmes during the last one year; and

(c) the details of funds that could not be utilised during the above period, State-wise?

Defunct companies in Karnataka

954. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 43 given on 21 July, 2015 in the Rajya Sabha and state the number of defunct/inactive companies in Karnataka during the last two years?

Scholarships to Minority students

955. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minority students who have been provided scholarships in the country in the current year;

(b) the details of scholarships provided for pre-matric, post-matric and higher education in the current year; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government for the improvement of minority students?

Post metric scholarships for minority students

956. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding allocation made under the scheme of post metric scholarship for students belonging to minority communities for the year 2014-15;

(b) whether students belonging to minority communities in Karnataka were given such scholarships; and

(c) the details of amount released for Karnataka under this scheme?

Status of welfare schemes for minorities

957. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI K.C. TYAGI: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and achievements

made under the welfare schemes for minorities being implemented by Government in the country during the last one year, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of persons belonging to minority communities benefited under these schemes during this period, State-wise?

Welfare programmes of minorities in Jharkhand

958. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Jharkhand for sanctioning the programmes to be run/being run for the welfare of the minorities in Jharkhand; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned by the Central Government out of the proposals received along with the number of pending proposals; and

(c) by when the pending proposals are likely to be sanctioned by the Union Government'?

Implementation of recommendations of Sachar Committee Report

959. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted the Sachar Committee recommendations in their entirety;

(b) if not, the reasons for not accepting some of the recommendations;

(c) the status of consideration and implementation of the recommendations; and

(d) the expected timeline for full implementation of all recommendations of the Committee?

New system for leasing of Waqf properties in Punjab and Haryana

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

(a) whether Government is aware that Punjab and Haryana Waqf Boards are facing a lot of problems due to the new system of lease of Waqf properties put in place by the Central Government recently;

(b) whether those Waqf Boards represented to the Central Government to review the system;

(c) whether Government is also aware that the revenue of Punjab and Haryana Waqf Boards have gone down drastically because of the new system of lease of Waqf properties; and

(d) if so, what action Government proposes to take to remedy the situation?

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