

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 28, 2017/Chaitra 7, 1939 (Saka)*

**(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

International demand for AYUSH products

2877. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AYUSH products from India have a lot of demand in the international markets ;

(b) if so, whether any survey/study has been carried out to find out the potential of markets for India's AYUSH products; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons that export of AYUSH products is coming down since 2013-14 and efforts being made to scale it up in the coming years?

AIIMS-like AYUSH hospitals

2878. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced last year an AIIMS-like hospital for AYUSH in Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said AIIMS-like AYUSH hospital has been set up;

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

(d) whether such AIIMS-like AYUSH hospitals will be established in other States too; and

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

Recognition to AYUSH colleges not fulfilling criteria

†2879. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that many AYUSH colleges in the country have been given recognition inspite of their not fulfilling the requisite criteria;

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(b) if so, the list of the AYUSH colleges that were accorded recognition during the financial year 2016-17;

(c) whether Government agree that AYUSH colleges, that do not fulfil the requisite criteria, are playing with the future of the students; and

(d) if so, whether Government is willing to get such colleges established without fulfilling the requisite criteria probed by a high level Committee?

Export of Ayush medicinal herbs

2880. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of exports of Ayush medicinal herbs and other value added products for the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) country-wise export details for the same period?

Promoting Yoga and AYUSH in J&K

2881. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to promote Yoga and AYUSH in Jammu and Kashmir?

New Ayurvedic medicine for kidney related diseases

2882. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a recent newspaper report stating that a new medicine named "Neeri KFT" has been developed which has been found to be effective in treating renal diseases, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government will get the claim verified through CSIR laboratories and come out with facts?

Shortage of skilled workers in Aviation Sector

2883. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a shortage of skilled workers in the Civil Aviation Sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what impact has this had on the Civil Aviation Sector; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that there are enough skilled workers for the further development of this sector?

Privatisation of Amritsar airport

2884. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to privatise Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee (SGRD) International Airport, Amritsar; and

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

Hybrid till model for all the airports

2885. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP), 2016 has called for adopting a hybrid-till model for all the Airports under Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) whether there is a move to club the aeronautical and the non-aeronautical revenues to calculate the passenger fee and subsidise the Airport costs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether such a move will benefit the passengers?

Seaplane service between Kochi and Lakshadweep

2886. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Seaplane service is to start shortly between Kochi and Lakshadweep;

(b) whether all the required clearances have been granted to the concerned company for starting this service; and

(c) which are the other places where Government proposes to commence such services in order to provide additional mode to passengers?

Expansion of airstrips/runways in the country

2887. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to undertake modernisation of major airstrips/runways in various States/Union Territories of the country;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether inadequate length of runways of some airports in Gujarat and Jharkhand makes landing and take-off operations difficult for aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for its expansion?

Closure of non-functional airports in the country

2888. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are around 24 airports in the country which are non-functional;

(b) whether it is also a fact that expenses incurred in managing these non-functional airports is far more than the revenue generated by these airports;

(c) whether Government will come forward to shut these non-functional airports, which have remained a burden for Airports Authority of India (AAI) for more than five financial years; and

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

Construction of new greenfield airports in the country

†2889. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes the

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construction of new greenfield airports and revamping/upgradation of the existing airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of various airport projects currently underway, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the details of the proposals received in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated and spent during the above period for this purpose, State/UT-wise and year-wise?

Commencement of M.P. State Aviation Services

†2890. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state by when the Madhya Pradesh State Aviation Services will be started by Madhya Pradesh Government under tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

Privatisation of Air India

2891. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to privatise Air India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government has assessed the profit-loss booked by the National Carrier Air India during the last three financial years; and

(c) what is the rate of profit Air India

has gained during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Disinvestment of Air India

2892. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to either disinvest or privatise Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the present debt of Air India and what measures are being taken to reduce the debt burden of the National Carrier; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the economic viability of Air India?

Exodus of pilots from AI

2893. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:
SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of pilots/co-pilots of Boeing 787 Dreamliner have sought No Objection Certificate from Air India to quit it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that co-pilots have alleged that their juniors are being made commanders on A-320, while they remain co-pilots on Boeing 787;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for (a) and (b); and

(d) what steps are being taken to address the grievances of these pilots?

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Greenfield airport at Rajkot

2894. MAHANT
SHAMBHUPRASADJI
TUNDIYA:
SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study for the proposed site of greenfield airport at Rajkot has been carried out by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), if so, the findings of the pre-feasibility report, what studies and surveys will be required and what clearances and NoCs will be required for the purpose;

(b) what methodology will be adopted for the greenfield airport at Rajkot;

(c) whether it will be a Central Government, Government of Gujarat or a PPP project; and

(d) what will be the time-frame of the completion of the project and the cost involved therein?

Utilisation of heliport in Delhi

2895. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether heliport at Rohini, in Delhi has been opened for air service recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including sector-wise and passenger-wise strength details of the number of helicopters that have operated from there till date;

(c) whether all sorts of helicopters including large-scale fixed-wing helicopters

would be handled in Rohini heliport, the details thereof;

(d) whether it would also be used for disaster management, helicopter emergency medical services and law and order surveillance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Navi Mumbai Airport Project

2896. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a much delayed Navi Mumbai Airport Project has been awarded to GVK led Mumbai International Airport Ltd. (MIAL); and

(b) by what time the whole process involved in the project is likely to be completed and the work would start, the details thereof?

Theft of passengers luggages at IGI airport

†2897. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of theft of passengers luggages are continuously happening at airports and particularly at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport;

(b) whether the employees working at airports have also been found involved in these incidents of theft;

(c) the reasons of failure to check incidents of theft of passengers luggages;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure stress-free journey for passengers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Percentage of profit spent on CSR by PSUs

†2898. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs/companies functioning under each Ministry, the details of profits earned/losses made by each of them during the past three financial years; and

(b) if so, the percentage of profit spent on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by each of them the details thereof?

Percentage of profit to be spent on CSR by companies

†2899. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state the percentage of profit prescribed by Government to be spent on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by public and private sector companies and whether any mechanism is in place to ensure compliance of Government's directions and the review in this regard and the details thereof?

CPSU-CSR related projects

2900. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consolidated report on various CSR supported projects run by Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) are available; and

(b) if so, details of each projects and the respective amount spent thereon, State-wise?

CSR activities of companies

2901. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CSR activities being implemented by companies are not up to the mark and some malpractices have been identified, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any such malpractices have been identified or have come to the knowledge of Government, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government for effective implementation of CSR activities by the companies; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to compel the corporate houses to comply with the rules, strictly taking into account the needs of the society actively?

Ceasefire violations by Pakistan

2902. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Starred Question 135 answered on 14th March, 2017 and state:

(a) how many times Indian officials and leaders met their Pakistani counterparts since May, 2014 and details thereof; and

(b) with there being an increase in the number of ceasefire violations and attacks on Indian Army facilities, what steps Government is taking to de-escalate tensions with Pakistan?

Women personnel of the Armed Forces

2903. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of women

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employed in the three wings of the defence forces, *i.e.* army, air force and navy;

(b) whether Government has noted an increase in the number of women joining the defence forces in the last four years and in the current year; and

(c) details of the schemes being introduced by Government to incentivise women and increase their participation and involvement in the defence forces?

Navy facing staff shortage

2904. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Navy is facing huge shortage of personnel, officers and men;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite shortage of personnel, officers and men, the efficiency of Navy has not been affected;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was high attrition among naval officers in the wake of the allegation that the service had got a raw deal in the Seventh Pay Commission; and

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

Illegal transfer of defence land

2905. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come across any cases of illegal transfer of Government land in cantonment areas across the country during last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what important measures are taken to prevent incidence of such cases in the future; and

(c) whether Government has

undertaken any investigations in the irregularities or corruption cases during this period?

DRDO laboratories and their research activities

†2906. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of laboratories/units of DRDO and the areas of their research activities;

(b) the various products developed by DRDO along with defence and food products for civil use in each year during last two years and current year; and

(c) the details of the allocations made for research work to DRDO during above period?

Self-sufficiency in defence production

2907. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has attained self-sufficiency in the defence production;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the imports of defence equipment during the last two years, country-wise origin;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target for import of defence equipment for the current and the next two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the year-wise budget earmarked for the purpose?

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Court cases against disabled soldiers

2908. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals filed against soldiers with disability between 2014-2016 in the Supreme Court;

(b) what percentage of all appeals filed by Government are against soldiers with disability and in how many cases has the appeal been ruled in Government's favour;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the litigation against soldiers with disability; and

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

Infiltration by Pakistani terrorists

2909. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of infiltration by Pakistani terrorists into India on the Line of Control in the previous year; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to have peaceful bilateral talks with Pakistan to resolve this issue, if so, the details thereof?

Funding crunch in DRDO

2910. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether budgetary allocations to the Ministry is only a modest 6 per cent hike in comparison to the previous years;

(b) if so, details thereof and the impact thereof;

(c) whether the budget allocations towards the DRDO has been reduced causing number of research works/projects being held up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that DRDO is not suffering with any fund crunch?

Aerospace University of HAL

†2911. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) have decided to set up an Aerospace University in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for this purpose along with the estimated expenditure on it; and

(c) the names of expected International Institutions likely to be affiliated with the above University and the Faculties/ Departments to be under special focus in this University?

VVIP Chopper deal

2912. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Swiss-based middleman who was instrumental in fixing the Indian Air Force's VVIP chopper deal has confessed that he had met a former Air Chief 6-7 times;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he confessed that he paid 12 million Euros to the former Air Chief, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has blacklisted

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the company, apart from putting other bans?

Shortage of light combat aircrafts in the Air Force

†2913. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any shortage of light combat aircrafts in the Air Force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the present status of availability of light combat aircrafts in the Air Force; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make available the light combat aircrafts?

Meagre hike in defence budgetary outlay

2914. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's defence budget has been hiked by a measly 6 per cent to ₹ 2,74,114 crores for 2017-18, dashing hopes of any major jump in military modernisation despite heightened tensions with its neighbours;

(b) whether two vital elements—revenue stores and capital modernisation, which together plays a vital role in operational preparedness of the forces, have their combined share slashed by 55-56 per cent in 2007-08 to 40 per cent in 2016-17; and

(c) whether underutilisation of funds has become a recurring feature of India's defence budget, despite improvements in procurement procedures over last two and half decades?

Funds paucity hampering modernisation of the Armed Forces

†2915. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of funds is adversely affecting the modernisation of the Armed Forces; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the armed forces have been sanctioned ₹ 64,000 crore for infrastructural development but it has received only ₹ 4000 crore till date due to which the condition of all the three Armed Forces of the country *viz.* Army, Navy and Air Force is very bad, if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government for strengthening the Armed Forces of the country?

Use of IAF planes for transporting currency notes

2916. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the planes of the Indian Air Force were pressed into service for transporting currency notes post November 8, 2016, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these planes even flew abroad to bring in security thread used in the new currency notes, if so, details thereof; and

(c) details of the total expenditure incurred in these sorties of the Indian Air Force planes?

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Death of Army orderly in suspicious circumstances

†2917. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assistant/orderly system of British era has been maintained as it is at present due to which Jawans are under mental stress as their officers are treating them as servants;

(b) whether a Jawan from Kerala whose video related to such a system was released on the internet was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Devlali, Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the findings of the inquiry done in this respect and whether Ministry would take initiatives to do away with the present assistant/orderly system, and the details thereof?

Fleet shortage in the Indian Navy

2918. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has shortage of fleet in view of decommissioning of its fleet including INS Viraat;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan made for acquisition of latest vessels including aircraft carrier for its operations;

(c) whether all formalities have been completed for acquisition; and

(d) how many decommissioned ships are proposed to be converted into museum or tourist spot or hotel, and details thereof?

Towards self-reliant in defence production

†2919. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is imperative to become self-reliant in the production of various ammunition and defence equipment in order to meet the defence requirements of the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated appropriate schemes and policies in this direction, if so, the details of the schemes, policies and achievement made in this regard by now?

Carrier-borne fighter jets for the Navy

2920. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after declaring the naval version of the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas' unfit for operating from aircraft carriers in its present form, the Navy has launched a global hunt for a carrier-based multi-role fighter aircraft, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to procure 57 multi-role carrier-borne fighters for the Navy, if so, the details thereof?

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**Issuance of lower denomination notes
with enhanced security features**

2921. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India, is going to issue very soon currency notes of denominations ₹ 10, ₹ 20, ₹ 50 and ₹ 100 with enhanced security features for circulation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has received cases of circulation of fake currency notes of small denominations in the market and if so, the steps taken by Government to curb this?

Implementation of GAAR

2922. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to implement General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) which is aimed at transactions made specifically to avoid taxes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the guidelines issued by CBDT to remove apprehensions of traders in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to bring transparency in implementation of this system?

**Airports in Gujarat under
RCS**

2923. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Airports/Airstrips of

Gujarat will be considered under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);

(b) whether Central Government has floated the tenders under the tripartite MoU entered between Government of Gujarat, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India; and

(c) what type of aircraft will be deployed by the operators under RCS and of what passengers capacity?

**Monitoring mechanism for utilisation
of funds allotted to States/UTs for
development**

†2924. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allotted by Government for the development of States/UTs are being utilised properly;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allotted/ utilised, State/UT-wise including the State of Haryana, during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether Government has devised any monitoring mechanism to ensure the allotment of funds and making the same available to the targeted beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

**Strict laws to curb cheque bouncing
cases**

2925. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether now-a-days cheque bouncing is major problem being faced by common man;

(b) if so, whether culprits escape very

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easily due to lengthy legal procedures; and

(c) whether Government is taking steps to make strict laws to provide justice to the victims of cheque bouncing, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Reduction of subsidy on sugar

2926. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidy on sugar has been reduced by Government; and

(b) whether this decision has been opposed by the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies, if so, the details thereof?

Renegotiation of Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

2927. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) with just two months left for the existing model Bilateral Investment Treaty-1993 to expire, how many countries have come forth to renegotiate BITs with India in accordance with the new model text;

(b) which are the countries in this list including India's key trade partners;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a resistance from EU on these negotiations; and

(d) if so, whether Government intends to show some leniency towards them?

Increase in cross-border infiltrations

†2928. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the incidents of cross-border infiltration and terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the incidents of infiltration, terrorist activities and the soldiers martyred from January, 2016 to till date?

Boost to rural income demand and consumption

2929. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural income has contracted considerably leading to decreased rural demand/consumption during the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce any programmes/schemes to boost rural income, demand and consumption; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released under the schemes to Himachal Pradesh?

Action against shell companion

2930. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private companies have been found operating as shell firms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against these shell firms?

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Imposition of tax under GST

‡2931. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to impose Goods and Services Tax (GST) on insurance premium, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any representations from insurance companies to keep insurance premium out of the ambit of GST, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to impose GST on foreign e-commerce companies and tax on e-commerce related companies besides an additional tax; and

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

Dramatic fall in certain debt mutual fund schemes

2932. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/SEBI has received any complaint regarding dramatic fall in certain debt mutual fund schemes by more than 10 per cent on a single day in February, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken against those responsible for putting investors money to unwarranted risks;

(c) if not, whether Government is contemplating action after taking *suo-moto* cognizance in the matter, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has examined or contemplates to examine possibilities of

collusion among fund managers, operators, borrowers; and

(e) whether any steps are being taken for protection of investors' money in financial markets?

Strengthening the SHGs

2933. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) including those being run by women/Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)/Other Backward Classes (OBCs) functioning in the country, State/Union Territory-wise with special reference to Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) the amount allocated/utilised by SHGs in the country during the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to increase the number of SHGs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to strengthen the SHGs?

Re-activation of frozen Jan Dhan accounts

2934. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of accounts opened under Jhan Dhan Yojana which have been frozen on account of lack of any transaction in the last one year; and

(b) the steps taken by Government, if any, to reactivate the said accounts and the details thereof?

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**Infrastructure for proper
implementation of Jan
Dhan Yojana**

2935. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to develop infrastructure required for proper implementation of Jan Dhan Yojana, the details thereof?

**Implications due to opening of public
account**

2936. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of legacy loan while opening public account during 2007; and

(b) what are the reasons for crediting the legacy loan with the public account at that time?

**Life insurance products for special
needs children**

2937. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no life insurance products for special needs children in the country;

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government to introduce certain life insurance products for special needs children on the line of LIC's earlier products viz. Jeevan Aadhar and Jeevan Viswas?

Fake currency notes

2938. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how Ministry looks at the recent seizures by BSF and NIA of fake currency notes from Pakistan entering into the country *via* Bangladesh;

(b) how fake currency notes have been able to replicate almost all the 17 security features of 2000 note; and

(c) whether it means that terror financing has started within no time of demonetisation and how Government is planning to stop this?

**Impact of demonetisation on rural
economy**

2939. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the effect of demonetisation on the rural economy, particularly Self Help Groups (SHGs) Microfinance and rural credit;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ease the burden of demonetisation in rural areas; and

(c) the details of proposals undertaken to make the rural economy cashless?

Disinvestment of Pawan Hans

2940. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to disinvest in Pawan Hans, if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(b) whether any assessment has been made on the impact of disinvestment on

connectivity and access to transport in remote and hilly areas?

Operational Jan Dhan accounts

2941. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regular and operational bank accounts in the country;

(b) the number of Jan Dhan and No-frills accounts which have deposits and are operational; and

(c) the total number of Jan Dhan accounts opened and the number of operational accounts having deposits of more than ₹ 5000?

Window dressing of balance sheet by banks

†2942. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the directions issued or the rules framed by Government for banks to check 'Window Dressing of Balance Sheet' by banks, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that banks resort to evergreening of loans to improve their performance which results in an increase of NPA; and

(c) if so, the names of the banks and the detail of total amount and accounts wherefor evergreening has been done during the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Agricultural loans to farmers

†2943. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan disbursed to farmers by Public Sector Banks in the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 in pursuance of the target fixed in this regard;

(b) the total number of farmers who applied for agriculture loans and the number of farmers who were provided such loan, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the average loan provided to each farmer, State-wise?

MoUs with other countries to counter smuggling and fake currencies

2944. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a number of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with a number of countries to prevent and counter smuggling and circulation of fake currencies, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has yielded desired results, if so, details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor?

Recovery of black money after demonetisation

†2945. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very less amount of black money has been received as compared to the estimates by Government, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, the quantum of money in circulation till 8th November, 2016 and the

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amount of money that was earmarked as black money; and

(c) the total amount of money deposited in the banks after demonetisation?

High cash use causing inflation and corruption

2946. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether deposits are liability on banks on which they have to pay interest; and

(b) whether high cash use causing inflation and corruption is also baseless as countries like Japan and Hong Kong have much higher cash GDP ratios than India, yet lower inflation and corruption?

Gains and costs of note ban

2947. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the proscribed currency notes returned to the banking system by December 30, 2016;

(b) how much black money and fake currency were unearthed since November 8, 2016;

(c) how many illicit cash hoarders and terrorists were caught;

(d) what gain has accrued to the exchequer and what have been the fiscal costs of the note ban; and

(e) by when the supply of new currency notes would normalise and the limits on cash withdrawal will be removed?

Measures to improve condition of cooperative and rural banks

2948. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the news-item wherein it has been reported that the share of Cooperative and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in priority sector lending has been steadily declining in States particularly in Haryana and the share of commercial banks in priority sector lending has increased, resulting in the Cooperative Banks in dire situation; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve condition of cooperative and rural banks?

Jurisdiction over tax assesses and GST

2949. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has shared with the States a model GST law as it prepares for the roll out of Goods and Services Tax from April 1, 2017; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is also working on multiple options apart from horizontal and vertical division for deciding on jurisdiction over tax assesses; if so, the details thereof?

Capital infusion into SBI

2950. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to infuse ₹ 1894 crore capital into State Bank of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the State Bank of India to obtain necessary approval for the fund infusion; and

(c) whether it is also further a fact that Government has approved to increase the paid up capital of SBI by way of preferential allotment of equity shares, if so, the details thereof?

Shelving of printing of new higher denomination currency notes

2951. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether the proposal for printing of new higher denomination currency notes has been shelved for the time being, if so, the details thereof?

Financial package for Uttarakhand

†2952. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned a timebound package for construction work, power, drinking water and rehabilitation in the State of Uttarakhand following the recommendation made by a Committee constituted after the State was hit by a calamity on 16th June, 2013;

(b) if so, the amount of funds sanctioned and the dates on which this amount was to be provided to the State Government; and

(c) whether Government has provided funds to the State on time if so, the financial year-wise details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases under Benami Transaction (Provision) Act, 1988

2953. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases being investigated by Government under Benami Transaction (Provision) Act, 1988;

(b) the number of cases in which charge sheet are filed;

(c) the number of cases in which charge sheets have been filed after Benami Transaction (Provision) Amendment Act, 2016 came into force;

(d) whether any property under Amended Act has been attached;

(e) the value of the property attached so far after Amended Act came into force; and

(f) the types of punishment provided under amended provisions?

Impact of GST on the revenue earning of Goa

2954. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any State-wise study with respect to impact of GST on their revenues;

(b) if so, the details of the impact likely to be caused on Goa;

(c) the compensation which Goa will get once the GST comes into force;

(d) whether the various types of revenue collected with respect to the activities of casinos in the rivers and the

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casinos installed in the hotels are likely to be impacted; and

(e) the provisions in the GST Bill under which, if at all, revenue collected by the State Government, from casinos, is proposed to be compensated, the details thereof?

Excessive profiteering by business establishments under GST

2955. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total business establishments registered under GST; and

(b) whether Government is considering any measures to address possibility of excessive profiteering by business establishments in the GST regime?

Regulator for issues relating to electronic payments

2956. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on setting up of a separate regulator to look into the electronic payments issues, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Reserve Bank of India is not in favour of constitution of a regulator, if so, the details thereof?

Senior Citizen Pension Bima Yojana

2957. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a new Varisht Pension Bima Yojana as a social security scheme for the senior citizens

of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how it will be beneficial to senior citizens?

Population control measures for States with high TFR

†2958. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the details of the States with good result with respect to population control as per the data related to fertility rate figuring in fourth National Family Health Survey;

(b) State-wise data related to Total fertility rate (TFR) in last three years; and

(c) whether Ministry is considering to place more emphasis on population control in the States having high fertility rate; and the details thereof?

Crack down on online advertisements of sex determination

2959. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that advertisements relating to pre-natal determination of sex continue to appear online despite the practice being illegal;

(b) whether any action has been taken against the guilty parties who are responsible for these advertisements, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to stop these advertisements from appearing online?

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Financial risk due to virtual currencies

2960. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government shares the reported comment of RBI that virtual currencies pose a financial risk; and

(b) if so, how will it address the problem while pushing for a cashless economy?

Check on opium cultivation

2961 DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports that opium is being cultivated on a large scale in the agency belt of North Coastal Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Government has any plans to check such cultivation?

Exchange of old currency notes by passport holders of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2962. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chennai branch of RBI has been accepting old currency notes of ₹ 500/- and ₹ 1000/- denomination from passport holders from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana since January 1, 2017;

(b) how many passport holders with addresses in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have deposited or exchanged old notes up to February 28, 2017;

(c) the steps proposed to create more

desks and counters to accept such deposits efficiently at Chennai RBI; and

(d) whether handicapped people from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana can use the postal system to exchange such notes, if not, reasons therefor?

FDI in service sector

2963. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether service sector has received the highest FDI during the current financial year till November, 2016, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the areas under service sector which have received FDI and the source countries?

Misuse of Jan Dhan accounts during demonetisation

2964. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of zero balance Jan Dhan accounts on November 8 and December 30, 2016;

(b) the total balance in Jan Dhan accounts on November 8, 2016 and December 30, 2016;

(c) whether Government believe that Jan Dhan accounts were misused to exchange and deposit old currency notes during demonetisation by people who were not owners of those accounts, if not the reasons therefor;

(d) if so, whether Government anticipated this situation before announcing demonetisation;

(e) if so, whether Government

undertook a multi-stakeholder deliberation on this; and

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

Non-issue of policy certificates under PMSBY and PMJJBY

‡2965. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons insured under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Jiwan Jyoti Bima Yojana, the details thereof State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that majority of the insured persons have not been given policy certificates, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether without having policy certificates, the nominee of the concerned insured person would be entitled to insurance claim in event of any accident?

Frozen accounts of State Bank of Sikkim

2966. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has frozen 52,000 accounts of State Bank of Sikkim (SBS) on the ground that SBS was not covered under the Banking Regulation Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister of Sikkim has urged Government to allow the banking operations on these accounts; and

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

Pending cases for collection of different types of direct and indirect taxes

2967. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases pending in different appellate bodies for collection of all types of direct and indirect taxes, the details thereof appellate body-wise and tax forms-wise;

(b) the total amount of tax revenue locked due to these pending tax disputes in the litigation process;

(c) the details of cases where Government spent more than locked tax revenue on tax dispute cases since 2014, year-wise; and

(d) the total number of cases where Government lost the cases against assesses, the details of cases involving more than ₹ 25 lakhs?

Unfulfilled target of 20 per cent Y-o-Y credit growth to MSMEs by PSBs

2968. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI's guideline of achieving 20 per cent credit growth rate to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for every Public Sector Banks (PSBs) has remained significantly unfulfilled by many PSBs;

(b) if so, the names of PSBs which were not able to achieve the target of 20 per cent, the details thereof, year-wise since 2014; and

(c) the details of action taken against these PSBs which have not fulfilled the target?

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Tax revenue loss due to free data offers

2969. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has lost huge tax revenue collection from mobile operators due to free data offers by Reliance Jio and other operators during the last six months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how much revenue has been collected by Government in forms of service tax etc. from the mobile operators and its subscribers during the last three years?

Economic growth rate of the country

2970. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent report of IMF, India's GDP growth estimate is 6.6 per cent during 2016-17 due to cash shortage and payment disruptions due to demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per Government data, India's economic growth is 7 per cent during 3rd quarter of 2016-17; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the basis for such high growth rate during 3rd quarter?

Achievement of targets under amnesty scheme-2016

†2971. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amnesty scheme-2016

proposed by Government for declaring undeclared income;

(b) the number of applications received by Government under the above amnesty scheme proposal and the total amount declared, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has some other proposal whereby maximum amount can be earned from such disclosures, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that ₹ 6500 crore under the above scheme as referred to by the Prime Minister in his speech made from Red Fort have been received?

Upgradation of payment banks to commercial banks

2972. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of payment banks operating in the country as on 28 February, 2017;

(b) the number of such banks likely to come up in next six months;

(c) how these banks are different with other commercial banks; and

(d) whether Government will upgrade these banks to commercial banks in near future?

Disinvestment of listed and unlisted PSUs

2973. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of listed and unlisted Public Sector Units (PSUs) which are under consideration for disinvestment;

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(b) the names of both the listed and unlisted PSUs under consideration for disinvestment;

(c) the total target amount under disinvestment during 2016-17;

(d) by when the process of disinvestment will start; and

(e) what will be the procedure of disinvestment for listed and unlisted PSUs?

Research report on currency supply to banking system

2974. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of India has prepared a research report on currency supply to the banking system post demonetisation, if so, the highlights of the report; and

(b) the details of measures proposed to be taken by Government in the light of findings of this report?

Medium Terms Crop loans at par with crop loans

2975. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government is considering to provide relief on interest rate and interest subvention as in the case of crop loans so that Medium Term Crop (MTC) loans to the affected farmers can be provided at par with crop loans, if not the reasons therefor?

Extention of banking facilities for the rural population

†2976. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the percentage of Indian population still without access to banking services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by Government to provide access to banking services by all such people; and

(c) the number of Panchayats in Bihar which do not have any banks and the efforts being made by Government to provide for the rural population an access to banking services in order to promote cashless or digital economy?

Harassment of people in depositing old notes

2977. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the long lines and delays and harassment to people outside various offices of the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that higher management of RBI have never visited the harassed people to find out their problems;

(c) in what way Government will modify its existing orders to allow repatriating Indian workers to use their own banks to deposit their old notes; and

(d) whether there is a deliberate motive in RBI creating delays and thereby denial of economic rights of Indian workers abroad?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Charges on cash deposits and transactions

2978. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain banks have imposed charges on cash deposits and transactions at non-home branch under the grab of supporting Government's efforts towards cashless economy;

(b) if so, whether RBI has any idea about these charges or they have issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether Government will pull up India's out of control banks for their lustfull act of financial terrorism and provide relief to common man and small traders?

Deducting money from farmers' accounts for free weather information

†2979. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that despite weather related free information given by Government to farmers, the leading bank of the country, State Bank of India has deducted a sum of ₹ 990 crores from the accounts of the farmers in about 25 States including Madhya Pradesh in the month of February;

(b) whether Government has taken any action against the bank for this fraud; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken and the details of the steps being taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such a fraud in future?

Suicides due to chit fund scams in West Bengal

2980. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a large number of cheated people have committed suicide after losing their deposits in the Sarada and Rose Valley Chit Fund scams in West Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

Difficulties faced by Banks due to NPAs

2981. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether piling up of bad loans is increasing the difficulties of nationalised banks as well as private banks like ICICI and Axis bank;

(b) whether these banks are facing difficulties as acquisitions of bad loans by Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARC) are fetching them only 25-40 per cent of the value; and

(c) whether NPAs have become another stumbling block in the way forward of the economy?

Sale of non-core assets by PSBs

2982. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed all State-owned banks to dispose off their non-core assets, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the estimated cost of non-core assets of the State-owned banks, bank-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Listing of profit making PSUs

2983. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind Government's proposed move to list all profit-making Public Sector Units;

(b) the details of PSUs that are making profits in the last three years and the current year, year-wise and PSU-wise;

(c) whether listing is one of the methods through which Government wanted to achieve its strategic sale to mop up ₹ 72,500 crores in 2017-18; and

(d) if not, the reasons for listing the companies?

Introduction of currency notes in 5,000 and 10,000 denominations

2984. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether with a view to reduce the expenditure on printing of currency notes in future, Government has any plans to bring currency notes in 5,000 and 10,000 denominations, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Elimination of cess and surcharge on customs duty and direct taxes

2985. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government considers eliminating cess and surcharge on the customs duty and direct taxes gradually in a phased manner?

Allowances of Government employees

2986. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formed a Committee for taking decision about the allowances to the Central Government employees and removal of anomalies in their pay scales announced by the Seventh Pay Commission;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the main features thereof and if not, the reasons for delay in submission of report; and

(d) the time by which recommendations of Seventh Pay Commission regarding the allowances are proposed to be implemented?

Demand/supply of cash after demonetisation

2987. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has the capacity of printing of 16 billion pieces of currency notes per year;

(b) if so, the total number of currency notes of ₹ 1000 and ₹ 500 have been deposited after demonetisation upto 31st January, 2017;

(c) the number of pieces of ₹ 2000 and ₹ 500 have been circulated upto 31st January, 2017; and

(d) the proposed number of currency notes to be printed to balance the demand/supply of cash in the country?

Dispensing of fake notes by ATMs

2988. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI SAROJINI
HEMBRAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that fake notes of 2000 rupees were dispensed by the ATM of SBI in the Capital recently and if so, what are the details of cases registered by Government;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry to find out the persons involved in the incident and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the instances of issue of dispensing of fake currency notes by other ATMs have come to its notice earlier also and if so, the details thereof?

Designating Hyderabad branch of RBI for exchange of old currencies

2989. SHRI VIJAYASAI REDDY:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has designated the Chennai branch of the Reserve Bank of India to receive applications from NRIs and Indian Gulf workers to deposit their old notes from January 1, 2017;

(b) whether it is a fact that the applicants from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have to travel to Chennai for this purpose;

(c) what are the reasons for Government not designating the large Hyderabad branch of the RBI to accept old notes; and

(d) the steps proposed to ease the hardships and expense of workers and others who want to deposit old notes with the RBI?

Penalty on non-maintenance of minimum balance in bank account

†2990. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is now considering making it mandatory to have a minimum balance of at least ₹ 5000 in the bank account after demonetisation, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is also considering imposition of service charges on the penalty of minimum balance separately;

(c) if so, who is going to be benefited thereby;

(d) the reasons for reintroducing maintenance of 'Minimum Average Balance' (MAB) and the steps taken by Government; and

(e) whether imposing charges on withdrawing cash from the ATM more than three or four times arbitrarily is not detrimental to the interest of account holders?

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Problems faced by NRIs in exchanging old currency notes

†2991. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangement has been made by Reserve Bank of India to exchange old currency notes of ₹ 500/- and ₹ 1000/- of NRIs only in a few cities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NRIs at the time of their arrival in India are issued a slip for exchanging only ₹ 25000 at airport on the basis of which they can exchange their old currency notes; and

(c) whether Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by NRIs due to demonetisation and the steps taken to address the same?

Measures to increase financial literacy

2992. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase financial literacy in the country;

(b) what is the male and female ratio *vis-a-vis* financial illiteracy and digital divide in the country; and

(c) whether steps have been taken to bring about changes in the attitudes and perceptions related to female physical intervention in the financial sectors, if so, the details thereof?

Prevention of water-borne diseases

2993. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of water-borne diseases prevalent in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to ensure control and prevention of such diseases, particularly in the monsoon season?

Misleading drug advertisements

2994. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent days, misleading drug advertisements are becoming rampant, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has advised the State Governments to keep a restraint on such advertisements, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken directly by Government to stop such misleading advertisers before it has advised the States to take a stringent action against those misleading advertisers?

Countering rumours against anti-measles drug

2995. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rumours are being spread on social media against anti-measles drug; and

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(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to curb such type of misleading campaign?

Penalising patients for registration without Aadhaar number

2996. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has announced that patients registering without an Aadhaar number will have to pay a charge of ₹ 100, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this proposal was approved by Government before its introduction, if so, the details thereof?

Devising new health projects

2997. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any new initiatives and policies for the overall development and improvement of health sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount spent in the last three years, year-wise, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has chalked out any comprehensive health plan and new strategy to involve all stakeholders, Academia-Industry, NGOs and Non-Profit Organisations in envisaging the new health projects and their proper implementation particularly in the rural areas, if so, the details thereof?

Establishing tertiary cancer care centres in Gujarat

2998. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) which States have been identified to provide one time financial assistance to develop capacity for tertiary care for cancer under the National Programme for Prevention of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS);

(b) what are the criteria to identify the institute to provide one time financial assistance under NPCDCS;

(c) how many proposals have been received to establish Tertiary Cancer Care Centres in various districts of Gujarat;

(d) how many proposals have been accepted for Gujarat; and

(e) how many proposals have been rejected for Gujarat and reasons therefor?

Exemption from appearing in NEET

2999. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received requests from Government of Tamil Nadu to exempt students from Tamil Nadu from appearing National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) exams for UG/PG Medical admissions;

(b) if so the details thereof and Government's stand on this;

(c) whether Government has made any research and collected data on the performance of rural students in Medical Education in the past two decades and the

effect of NEET like exams on their career prospects in the medical field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this very serious issue?

Quality control of processed food items

3000. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has laid down any mechanism to ensure quality control of processed food items, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are any guidelines for mentioning nutrition values of processed food on its packaging, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism to verify the veracity of nutrition values mentioned on packages of processed food items, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

Malnutrition among pre-school children

3001. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large percentage of pre-school children in India are vitamin A deficient and also suffer from anaemia caused due to iron deficiency;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to remove the malnutrition among children across the country?

Rising problem of multi-drug resistant deaths

3002. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a rising problem of multi-drug resistant deaths in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government aims at taking to reduce the overuse and unsupervised use of antibiotics by patients?

Distributing drugs and medicines for free

3003. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to distribute life-saving drugs and generic medicines free of cost to enhance healthcare services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial and operational provision for the same;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide all drugs/drug formulations included in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) under the said scheme;

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

(e) the measures being taken by Government to ensure quality, safety norms and standards of the medicines?

Swine Flu in Puducherry

3004. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Swine Flu is getting proliferated in the Puducherry Union Territory which has already taken the death toll to six, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any remedial measures for stopping the proliferation of the deadly disease and the details thereof?

Impact of Mission Indradhanush

3005. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the success of Government's Indradhanush mass immunisation programme for children, so far;

(b) in which States implementation of this programme for achieved greater success;

(c) which are the States that have lagged behind; and

(d) whether there has been any significant and measurable impact of this programme on health conditions of children, if so, the details thereof?

Task force for quality health services

†3006. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary to constitute a special task force involving health services

of both Government and private sector in order to provide quality health services to all the citizens of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken steps for constituting such a task force and if so, the details thereof?

Measures for providing quality health-care services

†3007. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of human resources, inadequate basic infrastructure and lack of supply of essential medicines in the healthcare sector has been a major problem in providing quality health services to all the citizens of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether effective policy measures have been taken during the last 2 to 2-1/2 years for resolving such problems related to the health sector for which desired results have been achieved till date and if so, the details thereof?

Services provided in Government hospitals

3008. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of services provided in Government-run hospitals and human resource to deliver such services;

(b) the doctor-patient ratio, State-wise, and the measures taken to improve the ratio;

(c) whether Government has formulated any scheme to cover rural population with health insurance, if so, details thereof along

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with criteria/guidelines laid down for funding; and

(d) the funds allocated/utilised for the scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

Pay structure for nurses

3009. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the recommendations made by the Committee set up by Indian Nursing Council recommending equal pay for private and State-run hospital nurses;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to implement these recommendations; and

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

Caesarean deliveries

3010. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data of caesarean deliveries being conducted;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to make it mandatory for hospitals to declare number of caesarean deliveries, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry is conducting an inquiry against those hospitals/clinics with abnormally high C-section rate?

Use of Khadi products in hospitals

3011. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to use Khadi products like-doctors' coat, bed, bath linen and soaps in Government hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government hospitals have issued tenders to Khadi industries to supply such Khadi products during current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details of these hospitals and the orders placed for Khadi products?

NFHS-4 data on anaemia cases in children

3012. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the child data prepared by the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) has been released recently, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the children between the age group of 0-5 years are affected more by anaemia;

(c) if so, the percentage of children affected by anaemia during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(d) the steps to be taken by Government to control this disease in future?

Withdrawal of penalty on minimum balance

3013. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cost of operation of Jan Dhan accounts by various banks, bank-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether SBI is not able to manage the burden of Jan Dhan accounts and hence it has imposed minimum balance penalty on other customers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response and outcome of the advice of Government to withdraw the penalty on minimum balance, bank-wise?

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)

3014. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) is being implemented for helping the poor across the country and to provide social security and welfare of the unorganized workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many hospitals registered under RSBY in Assam in the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has empanelled various Insurance Companies under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of insurance cover provided by them in North Eastern Region?

Death from complications during child births

3015. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 5 women die every hour in India due to complication during child birth as per WHO;

(b) if so, reasons for such a high MMR;

(c) how many abortions are being done in a year; and

(d) how many are done illegally?

Averting importation of polio from neighbouring countries

3016. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been declared as polio-free country;

(b) if so, when was it done;

(c) what is being done to avert importation risks from neighbouring nations; and

(d) how long will such an effort continue?

Preventing fire at hospitals

3017. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of hospitals in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether all these hospitals are equipped with fire-fighting systems and trained staff to deal with the fire emergencies;

(c) whether all hospitals in the country are in possession of renewed fire no-objection certificate;

(d) the number of hospitals where fire has broken out with the number of casualties and injured during the last three years; and

(e) what steps Government has taken to stop such fire recurrence in the hospitals as has recently been in SUM Hospital in Bhubaneswar (Odisha)?

Implementation of RNTCP in Rajasthan

3018. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recovery of Tuberculosis patients in Rajasthan has increased and the default rate has reduced as a result of effective implementation of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);

(b) if so, both by how much and what strategies were adopted to make RNTCP more effective; and

(c) whether any technology (e.g. Softwares) were used for better patient-tracking mechanism, if so, the details thereof;

Status of AIIMS, Raipur

3019. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state by when AIIMS at Raipur will start functioning fully?

Children suffering from Asthma

†3020. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children are suffering from Asthma due to consumption of contaminated water;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any step to save such children from Asthma; and

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

Rehabilitation of people living with HIV/AIDS

3021. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some experts have visited India to know the status of HIV/AIDS affected children in some parts of the country in the recent past, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures undertaken multilaterally/bilaterally by institutions/international NGOs in the country to tackle this menace and rehabilitation of people living with HIV/AIDS and the details thereof?

Broad policy to eliminate chronic diseases

3022. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to make a broad policy to eliminate several chronic diseases from the country; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government has refixed the target to eliminate several chronic diseases by 2019 and if so, the details thereof?

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Quality of education in nursing colleges

†3023. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of nursing colleges coming under Government as well as private sector in the country, at present;

(b) whether Government has received complaints about the quality of education being imparted in these colleges; and

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

Selection of Director, AIIMS, New Delhi

†3024. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received about neglecting seniority among names forwarded by selection committee for the post of Director in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps taken in view of the seriousness of the complaints; and

(c) the details of the procedure adopted for selection against the said post and the details thereof?

Schemes under NHM for promoting menstrual hygiene

3025. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes run by Ministry under National Health Mission (NHM) to promote menstrual hygiene among women;

(b) the details of funds allocated under NHM for such schemes, State-wise, year-wise, from 2014 onwards;

(c) the details of funds spent on such schemes and number of beneficiaries, State-wise, year-wise, from 2014 onwards; and

(d) findings of Common Review Missions and other monitoring reports prepared by Ministry on impact and effectiveness of such schemes, and if no such monitoring has taken place, reasons therefor and whether it will be conducted now?

Increase in misleading advertisements on medicines

†3026. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the number of misleading advertisements about medicines are increasing;

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

(c) the details of norms prescribed for chemists for selling medicines/units by Government; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to

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ensure compliance of above norms by chemists and the action taken against erring chemists by Government?

Status of Waqf Boards

3027. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Waqf Boards in the country at present;
- (b) the details of properties belonging to Waqf Boards at present;
- (c) the details of earnings of Waqf Boards year-wise for last three years; and
- (d) the Nodal Central Authority to control the Waqf Boards?

Allocation of Haj quota

3028. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Saudi Arabia has hiked India's Haj quota;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how will the Ministry allocate the Haj quota to each State in the country including Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana?

Recommendation of Sachar Committee Report

3029. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of schemes formulated by Government for economic, social and educational up-gradation of minorities, in the light of the recommendations made by the Sachar Committee;

(b) the details of allocations made by Government for implementation of these schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise for last three years; and

(c) the norms set for spending the allocated amount?

Tribal Youth Exchange Programme

3030. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the details of the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme conducted by the Ministry; and
- (b) how many tribal youth have participated in these programmes till date the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Conversion of vacant land for sports activities

3031. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes conversion of vacant grounds in metro cities for sports activities; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of coaches for sports facilities in rural areas

3032. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the facilities created by Government of India in rural areas for sports development;
- (b) the details of stadiums and facilities available in rural areas, District-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of coaches in various sports disciplines; and

(d) the details of measures that the Ministry has taken to recruit coaches for such facilities in above stadiums?

Promotion to wrestling in the country

3033. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote wrestling in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the detailed list of the cities of various States in the country where training facilities are being provided to the wrestlers, State-wise?

Assistance to private sector to encourage sports

†3034. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing any assistance to the private sector to encourage sports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of women football in the country

3035. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Team India Women football ranking has been significantly better than Team India Men football ranking;

(b) what steps are being taken to promote women football in the country;

(c) the details of the budget allocation for women football in 2017 in comparison to that of men football; and

(d) the reasons for the Indian Women League being treated so poorly with poor marketing resulting in an average of only 50 audiences at the stadium despite free entry and broadcasting only the final match, that too on Facebook alone?

Modern facilities/training to the sportspersons in Himachal Pradesh

3036. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented to encourage sports in the country, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government is aware of shortage of funds in providing modern facilities/training to the sportspersons particularly from Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

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