

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, November 29, 2016/Agrahayana 8, 1938 (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

AYUSH medicines for treating blood pressure and diabetes

†1441. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any Ayurvedic medicines through the Ministry of AYUSH after completing a scientific research for the increasing number of patients suffering from blood pressure and sugar related diseases in the Country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is planning to promote the Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy to protect the citizens of the country from the side-effects of the allopathic medicines, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines for testing AYUSH medicines

1442. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) recently released guidelines relating to standards to be adhered for testing medicines by AYUSH so as to bring them closer to allopathic medicines and the manner in which these are to be implemented; and

(b) the areas in which the said guidelines will deal with in emerging fields of research?

Clinical trial for Ayurvedic medicines

†1443. DR. SUBHASH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is any plan for clinical trials of Ayurvedic medicines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Ayurvedic medicines are being sold on a large scale at present without test and trial; and

(c) if so, the strategy being formed by Government in this regard?

Development of Hodopathy system of medicines

†1444. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicinal products are found in the forest area spread on 29 per cent land area of Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 26 per cent Scheduled Tribe population of the State practices indigenous treatment through Hodopathy based on herbal medicines but there is lack of institutional development of Hodopathy; and

(c) if so, whether Government would establish a research training-cum-medical institute in the Scheduled Tribe dominant areas of Jharkhand for development and utilization of Hodopathy and herbal medicines, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Air India flights from Raipur to Delhi

†1445. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air India flights operating between Raipur and Delhi, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to introduce new flight; and

(c) the details thereof?

Second airports in metro cities

1446. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Airport Authority of India (AAI) to tackle the issue of runway saturation in airports in the metro cities;

(b) whether Government is planning to construct second airports in the metro cities with high air traffic congestion, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in more airports in India to improve efficiency and reduce runway saturation, if so, the details thereof?

Heliport at Safipur in Greater Noida

1447. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given approval for a heliport in Safipur in Greater Noida;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work on this project is expected to commence and completed?

Airports built and maintained by AAI

1448. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country built and maintained by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the details thereof, State-wise; and

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(b) how Government proposes to use these facilities for civil or military purposes, the details thereof?

National Civil Aviation Policy

1449. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister proposes to bring in National Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, by when it will be brought before the Parliament, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is planning to take the Regional Connectivity initiative for connecting the unconnected areas; and

(d) which are the places that the Minister would prefer to include in his first list?

Extension of runway at Vagaikulam Airport

1450. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any detailed plan including extension of runway from existing 1350 meters to 2000 meters and then upto 3000 meters for the development and creation of additional facilities at Thoothukudi Airport at Vagaikulam in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

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

Pending cases of height clearance

1451. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications are pending in

metro cities for height clearance by Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the period of their pendency and the reasons therefor;

(c) has the new rule for this helped expedite these cases; and

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

Air services from non-operational airports

†1452. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to connect non-operational airports situated in different cities of the Country through air services;

(b) if so, by when air services would commence;

(c) whether Government has identified those airports from where air services would commence;

(d) whether Government is taking any concrete steps in order to bring uniformity in the air fares of various airline companies;

(e) if so, by when that would be implemented; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Maintenance and operation of airports by overseas operators

1453. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received proposals to operate and maintain airports in the Country from overseas operators;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is now considering to invite international Bidding Process for choosing the entities to operate and maintain some of the domestic airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Violation of safety norms by airlines

1454. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the increasing number of safety violation norms by Air India and private operators ;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has issued any fresh guideline regarding strict compliance of air safety norms by the airlines; and

(c) the number of violations of air safety norms by Air India and private operators during the last three years and the action taken thereon, year-wise and operator-wise and the details thereof?

Accumulated losses of Air India

1455. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total accumulated loss of Air India; and

(b) whether any plan is in place to cover the accumulated loss of Air India?

Battery operated carts in Delhi T-3

1456. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether outsourced facility of battery carts in Delhi Terminal-3 has

resulted in nil or negligible benefits even to senior citizens who are compelled to commute long distances in the terminal; and

(b) if so, what corrective measures will be taken by the Airports Authority?

Increase in air services at 'C' category airports

1457. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been accepted and implemented towards upgradation/creation of airports and to increase air services of National and private airlines including helicopter service at existing 'C' category airports in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Affordable air travel for common people

1458. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government came out with a Regional Air Connectivity Scheme (UDAN), to make air travel affordable to common people, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the amount of surcharge to be levied on flyers on regular routes to fund the subsidy; and

(c) the number of airports ready to fly aircrafts under the Regional Air

Connectivity Scheme and the details of the airlines that have come forward and from what date?

pilots who got flying licence on the basis of fake documents and if so, the details thereof?

Foreign registered aircraft for regional connectivity

1459. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
SWAIN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to allow foreign registered aircrafts for regional connectivity in the country if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has signed any agreement with aircraft lessors for regional connectivity recently and if so, the details thereof?

Fake pilot scam

†1460. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of flying aeroplanes by fake pilots have come to notice who got fake flying licence on the basis of fake documents;

(b) if so, to what extent it is dangerous for the air passengers;

(c) whether the role of concerned officers seems suspicious in this matter and if so, the details of the action taken against such officers; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that action has not been taken as per rule against such

UDAN Scheme

1461. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the UDAN Scheme launched by Government;

(b) by when this scheme will come into force; and

(c) whether adequate infrastructural preparedness has been ensured before the launch of the said scheme?

Withholding of matured fixed deposits by a private company

1462. SHRI CHUNIBHAI
KANJIBHAI GOHEL : Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Company Law Board (CLB) had in December, 2014 passed an order directing a private real estate company to return Fixed Deposit Amount to physically handicapped persons, which have matured long back;

(b) if so, details with number of physically handicapped persons who were affected following CLB's order;

(c) whether CLB have received complaints of withholding Fixed Deposit Amount of physically handicapped persons violating the orders of CLB; and

(d) if so, action taken or proposed to be taken for violating CLB orders and steps taken to ensure return of Fixed Deposit Amount and interest thereon to handicapped persons forthwith?

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Use of social media for redressal of grievances under Corporate Affairs Ministry

1463. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to rope in advantage of the effective use of social media networking to redress any grievances in Corporate Affairs;

(b) if so, details thereof and important Twitter handles in this use;

(c) whether there are large number of vacant posts to be filled in offices of Corporate Affairs including the Registrar of Companies (RoC) in the country;

(d) if so, the latest vacancy position; and

(e) the effective steps taken by Government to expedite the filling up of vacant posts in meeting of Corporate Affairs and RoCs in the country?

CSR funds for increasing forest cover

1464. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to utilise 25 per cent of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of the Nationalized Banks for increasing the forest cover in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reaction of Government to pool CSR funds of all Public Sector Undertakings for various welfare schemes launched by Government from time to time to overcome scarcity of funds, even if certain amendments are required in the Companies Act, 2013?

Procurement of VVIP helicopters

1465. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agreement entered into between India and Agusta Westland for procuring twelve VVIP helicopters;

(b) the details of legal implications that forces Government not to cancel VVIP helicopters deal with Agusta Westland and blacklisting Finmeccanica;

(c) whether it is a fact that CBI has come to the conclusion that *prima facie* there is a case of corruption in the deal; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not cancelling the deal?

Embraer deal

1466. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Embraer deal;

(b) whether DRDO has got reply from Embraer on the deal;

(c) if so, what is the reply given by Embraer; and

(d) the details of the preliminary report submitted by CBI on the deal?

New museum for the Indian Air Force

†1467. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering seriously to have a new museum for Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard, so far;

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(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government will consider to make it in the State of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, by when and where and if not, the reasons therefor?

Import of defence materials

1468. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total Military expenditure in 2014-15 and 2015-16;

(b) what was the quantum of defence materials imported in 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(c) what are the factors responsible for rise or decline in the aforesaid fields;

JCOs retiring from Indian Army

†1469. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Junior Commissioned Officers getting retired from Indian Army every year; and

(b) the plan to use the skills of these retired officers who achieved excellence in signal, mapping, intelligence etc. through JCO training and become a better trained bank than Commissioned Officer in their respective field, in Nation building through Government jobs other than banking (security, clerk) and police?

Troop deployment at Siachen Glacier

1470. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum tenure of any soldier on Siachen Glacier;

(b) the number of Officers, JCOs and Jawans lost by the country till date since the start of Operation Meghdoot in 1984 due to climatic and environmental conditions and other factors at Siachen; and

(c) the compensation offered by Government to the families of army personnel who lost their lives at Siachen and at some other tougher posts and the details thereof?

Suicides over OROP

†1471. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which Ex-servicemen organised protest and agitation in New Delhi for keeping their demand of OROP and how many of them committed suicide during these protests and the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ex-serviceman who committed suicide in Delhi was eligible for OROP and he was not getting pension under OROP and the details thereof along with reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to give martyr status to those Ex-servicemen who committed suicide, if not, the reasons therefor along with details thereof?

Billing private organisations for services extended by Army

1472. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any procedure to define how private organisations can be billed for services extended by the Army and if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) if not, the steps taken by Government to ensure that Army does not spend from its own pocket for the services extended to private organisations?

Requisition for Predator Guardian drones

1473. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has requested for 22 unarmed high-tech multi-mission Predator Guardian drones for maritime surveillance of the Indian ocean, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the response of Government of USA in this regard?

Manufacturing of fighter aircrafts in India

1474. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposal from U.S. aviation giants, Boeing and Lockheed Martin, to manufacture fighter aircrafts in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the proposal includes the transfer of technology and licenses and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much investment is likely to come for this project and by when the production centre is likely to be set up?

External threats through sea routes

†1475. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase

in external threats to nation's security through sea routes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reviewed coastal security system recently, if so, whether Government has any plan to procure modern equipments including radar for coastal security/monitoring; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the other measures taken to secure sea routes?

Assistance to families of martyred soldiers

†1476. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the defined policy of Government for providing assistance to the families of the martyrs;

(b) the provision for giving financial help and other facilities to the families of the martyred soldiers in the Uri attack; and

(c) the number of families of martyrs out of the above who have received complete assistance and the number of families of martyrs who are yet to receive the above financial help, and the reasons therefor?

Discrepancy in rank equation between Defence and Civil Services Officers

1477. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in its letter No. A/24577/CAO/CP Cell dated 18 October, 2016 has disturbed the rank equations between Armed Forces Officers and Civil Services Officers;

(b) if so, whether Government will

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consider correcting discrepancies that have arisen as a result of this disturbance of rank equations; and

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

District Sainik Kalyan Boards

1478. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of a study on the functioning of District Sainik Kalyan Boards, conducted by the National Commission of Women few years back;

(b) if so, whether Government had looked into and acted upon recommendations of the study;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that financial assistance given to martyrs' families after their supreme sacrifice without any counselling about its utilisation often invites certain problems; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider introducing comprehensive counselling to war-widows and martyrs' families?

Memorandum from NExCC

1479. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry received any Memorandum from National Ex-servicemen Coordination Committee (NExCC) (Regd.), Regn. No. 2171 of 1997-98 AIEExBE (Regd. TU.) in regard to the issues pertaining to the Armed Forces Veterans and their dependents; and

(b) if so, the name of nodal authority, whose orders are implemented uniformly in Central/State Governments/PSUs/PSBs/

SBI and its associates etc. pertaining to re-employed Ex-Servicemen for Pay-fixation, Seniority for Promotion and other allied matters concerning to them on re-employment?

Appointment of middlemen in defence deals

†1480. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed middlemen for the procurement of defence equipments;

(b) if so, whether all the middlemen appointed for procurement of defence equipments are Indians;

(c) if not, the names of all the middlemen including those from other countries; and

(d) the percentage of commission that has been fixed for the middlemen?

Checking ceasefire violation by Pakistan

1481. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is frequently violating the ceasefire during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of the incidents of violation of ceasefire by Pakistan;

(c) the details of the Indian soldiers killed and injured during the said violations

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indicating damage to property and exodus of people from the affected regions were also reported; and

(d) the details of preventive steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check such ceasefire violations at international border areas in the future?

(b) whether there is any MoU in-force with Sweden, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether any Swedish company is training our technicians for fighter aircrafts; and

(d) whether there is any role of Saab-a Swedish company in India?

Shifting of ammunition dump at Vallah, Amritsar

1482. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering shifting of ammunition dump situated at Vallah, Amritsar due to dense population in surrounding areas as the dump has become dangerous for the residents; and

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

Protest by Ex-Servicemen over OROP

1483. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ex-Servicemen are continuing their protest action for more than a year at Jantar Mantar, Delhi for the implementation of one-rank one-pension (OROP); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction to their demands?

Defence MoU with Sweden

1484. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any defence relationship agreement has been signed between India and Sweden, if so, the details thereof;

Manufacture of Kamov Helicopters in India

1485. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia has reached an agreement for the manufacture of Kamov Military Helicopters by India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Helicopters to be purchased and the cost of acquisition and the target date of delivery of the first batch to the Indian Air Force; and

(c) whether the agreement reached has a provision for manufacturing Kamov Helicopter and its spare parts in India in future through a joint venture, if so, the details thereof?

Countering threats to air bases

1486. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to counter sub-conventional threats to bases, the Indian Air Force have instituted several security measures;

(b) whether it is also a fact that new courses were being conducted with increased security training, consciousness, physical fitness and combat efficiency of the personnel; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the threats are no longer easy to identify now-a-days?

Purchasing of defence equipments

1487. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to purchase tanks, multi-barrel rocket launchers, mini unmanned aerial vehicles and 15 light combat helicopters;

(b) if so, the cost involved and from where such purchases have been made;

(c) the status of the blacklisting policy to prevent corruption in the defence sector; and

(d) whether Government is taking steps to ban or suspend arms contractors for their wrong doings?

Purchasing of fighter aircrafts from Russia

1488. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many fighter aircrafts are to be purchased from Russia as per the recent agreement between both the countries;

(b) the details of the agreements; and

(c) whether our country is in possession of any Russian fighter aircrafts presently; if so, the details thereof?

Policy for blacklisting defence firms

1489. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved

the blacklisting policy for the tainted firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the various parameters/criteria highlighted in the policy; and

(c) how many firms have been blacklisted by Government so far during the last three years?

Monitoring mechanism for OROP implementation

1490. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme;

(b) in view of sensitivity of the issue, whether any monitoring of the implementation is being made by a Committee or Cell constituted by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the redressal of public grievances system for ex-servicemen would be strengthened so that their grievances are addressed and redressed in a time-bound manner, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what is the mechanism available at present and what is its efficiency?

Scorpene submarine data leak

†1491. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that information

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has been received about leak of data related to Scorpene class submarine in an Australian newspaper and website; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the extent of success that can be achieved in weakening the combat capability of submarines being manufactured with leaked data; and the details thereof?

Shortage of arms and equipment

1492. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
KUMARI SELJA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army is facing shortage of ammunition, missiles and equipments;

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

(c) the details of measures being taken by Government to meet the shortage and challenges of present security scenario of the country?

DRDO's protein food for Jawans

1493. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has made a research in production of protein food for the jawans posted in remote and isolated parts of the country keeping in view the present situation on our borders;

(b) if so, the names of the various food products developed by DRDO during the last two years;

(c) the details of various food production units of DRDO existing in various parts of the country as on date; and

(d) the names of the other products likely to be developed by DRDO for the defence personnel in the near future?

Self sufficiency in defence manufacturing

1494. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Armed forces have to depend on foreign countries even today for getting modern arms and equipments, despite the claims of self sufficiency in every field in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country has not achieved the desired success in the field of defence research and innovation as per the circumstances and the needs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's approach in respect of defence research does not seem to come upto the reality; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Governments thinking in this regard?

Expenditure on grants-in-aid

1495. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the largest single item of expenditure of Government in the last two years is on grant-in-aid expenditure;

(b) the total amount of grants-in-aid released by Government during the financial years 2014- 15 and 2015-16;

(c) of the total grants-in-aid released as above, how much of it was released to the State Governments and to Jharkhand in particular;

(d) what mechanism is in place to ensure that expenditure being incurred is meeting the objectives of the grants-in-aid schemes; and

(e) whether there is any need to strengthen the accountability arrangements in this regard?

Money laundering and tax evasion through co-operative banks

1496. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the current framework to regulate and oversee co-operative banks and thousands of crores of deposits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are cases of co-operative bank failure causing loss to many depositors and the details thereof;

(c) whether weak or non-existent independent regulation and weak KYC norms are causing many co-operative banks to be used for money laundering and tax evasion and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has received complaints or reports in this regard and the details thereof?

Interest rate cut for long term saving schemes

1497. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the interest rate of Public Provident Fund (PPF), Kisan

Vikas Patra (KVP), Senior Citizens-Deposit Scheme, and the Girl Child Scheme were cut by 0.1 per cent per annum; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons/points of such interest rate cut for long term saving scheme, where millions of poor, retired and senior citizen's hard earned money are involved in investment?

Insurance policy for people in Madhya Pradesh

†1498. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether banks have maximised their efforts and insured 91 lakh people in Madhya Pradesh in order to make two of the ambitious Insurance Schemes, of the Prime Minister successful;

(b) whether after one year of completion of insurance policy term on 8-5-2016 there are such people also in Madhya Pradesh who don't have any money in their bank accounts;

(c) whether twenty lakh insurance policies would be eligible for renewal;

(d) the steps Government is taking to provide benefits of the insurance policy to the zero balance account holders; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Central loan to States for food procurement

1499. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loans disbursed by the Union Government to the States during the last three years for food procurement, State/Union Territory-wise;

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(b) whether Union Government is aware of any misuse of the loans by the States during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Reduction in Central Assistance to States

†1500. SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cut down assistance amount being provided to the States under various Central schemes such as Indira Awas, MGNREGA, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, etc.;

(b) whether this amount being provided to Bihar and Jharkhand has also been cut down heavily causing the works getting postponed there; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Status of Jan Dhan Yojana and Swabhiman Scheme

1501. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jan Dhan Yojana is complementary to Swabhiman Scheme;

(b) whether Swabhiman Scheme should be continued separately or merged with Jan Dhan Yojana; and

(c) what measures are in place to avoid fake/duplication of accounts?

Present status of Centre and State funding policy

1502. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) the present status of proposed ratio of 90:10 in Centre and State funding policy to different States of our country;

(b) project details on which the scheme and 90:10 funding policy was applicable and now is being covered under the present policy therefor; and

(c) State-wise disbursement of funds during the last two years under the special scheme therein?

Levy of Carbon Emission Tax

1503. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is already levying a Carbon Emission Tax which is pushing the cost of coal too high for gasification purpose for production of urea and generation of electricity in coming years; and

(b) if so, the future strategy of Government to lower down the cost for aforesaid purposes?

Amount of GDP spent on education

1504. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state total amount in percentage of the GDP spent on education during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16; and the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Check on frauds in PSBs

†1505. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has taken any steps or propose to take any steps to put a check on the increasing problem of fraud in public sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

Revision of NPS employees to Old Pension Scheme

1506. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Administrative Tribunal, Ernakulam bench has ordered the Central Government to revert the employees who had joined after 1st January, 2004 under NPS to Old Pension Scheme and has observed that date of vacancy should be the basis for inclusion under NPS or Old Pension Scheme instead of date of joining, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reverted them to Old Pension Scheme, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would issue notification for all Central/State Governments and Autonomous Organisations employees in this regard, as per the above orders, if not reasons therefor?

Impact of DBT on various schemes

1507. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes covered under Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme so far;

(b) what amount of savings have accrued to the Central Government and State Governments as a result of implementation of DBT;

(c) has the Comptroller and Auditor General of India conducted any study to assess the impact of DBT on various, schemes so far, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is considering to extend Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme to all agricultural inputs?

Loans to States and outstanding liabilities

1508. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loans disbursed by Government to the States along with the outstanding liabilities of the States during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware of certain misuse of the loans by the States during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Loan waiver for industrialists

†1509. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the industrialists alongwith their companies whose loans worth 1.1 lakh crore has been waived off by Government;

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(b) the details of the waived off principle amount and the total amount of interest, entrepreneur-wise;

(c) the details of principle amount, time when the loans were sanctioned and the names of the banks who sanctioned loans to these industrialists for the first time and then subsequently; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against these defaulters; if so, the details thereof?

Share of steel manufacturing companies in NPA

†1510. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of NPAs in public sector banks as on date;

(b) whether there is any improvement in the recovery of outstanding loans of the banks as a result of laws enacted by Government for recovery of loans;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the steel manufacturing companies are returning only a fraction of their outstanding loans; and

(d) if so, the total share of steel manufacturing companies in bad debts, and the details thereof?

Misuse of Jan Dhan accounts

1511. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a pressure on bank officials to reduce the number of zero balance Jan Dhan accounts by making one rupee deposits, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted by Government to find out the truth regarding reducing the number of zero balance Jan Dhan accounts; and

(d) if so, details of the probe?

CCTV cameras in PSBs

1512. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install CCTV cameras in each branch of the Nationalised Banks for the security, safety of the Banks and customers, in view of the spurt in the incidents of bank robberies and pick-pocketing in banks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

SBI loans for senior citizens, students and farmers

1513. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Bank of India (SBI) has given educational and other loans to farmers and students since 2008;

(b) whether it is a fact that SBI has shown predatory behaviour against elderly women and men of 70 years;

(c) whether SBI has confiscated Fixed Deposits of widows and elderly women who acted as Guarantors for family members; and

(d) reasons for Government directing SBI to spare big business and harass women, farmers and tribals?

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Fraudulent use of debit cards

1514. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints from customers about debit cards being fraudulently use had come to Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the total number of debit cards operational in India and how many fraudulent withdrawals took place with names of the banks;

(c) what is the total amount involved in the data compromise that took place and what corrective action have been taken by umbrella organization, National Payment Corporation of India and by the banks concerned; and

(d) any guidelines/precautions issued to avert such fraudulent withdrawals in future, if so, the details thereof?

Harassment by BOI in allotting lockers

1515. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines/instructions laid down by the Bank of India (BOI), concerning allotment of lockers;

(b) whether Bank of India harasses its customers and ask them to invest lakhs of rupees in mutual funds for allotment of lockers;

(c) the steps taken to streamline allotment of lockers; and

(d) the details of lockers lying unallotted in Bank of India in Delhi and since when?

RBI guidelines on safety of bank customers

†1516. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) amount involved in the fraud committed with 65 lacs ATM card holders due to carelessness of Banks and their subsidiary ATM gateway companies;

(b) action taken by Government against banks and their ATM gateway companies;

(c) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India had proposed the guidelines for the safety of customers instructing therein that customers shall be compensated in such cases of fraud and whether this proposal has been passed; and

(d) if not, whether the customers will not be compensated in want of rules?

Bank loans for the educated unemployed

1517. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the educated unemployed persons are facing a lot of difficulties to get loans for self-employment ventures;

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

(c) the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Action against NSEL defaulters

1518. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what action was taken to recover

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the amount from National Spot Exchange Ltd. (NSEL) defaulters and distribute the same to investors;

(b) whether action is taken against all the defaulters and brokers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether certain Banks provide PSS service to NSEL without RBI and GOI approval, if so, whether any action has been initiated against those Banks and if not, reasons therefor?

Action against fraudulent borrowers

1519. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1749 dated 2nd August, 2016 and Unstarred Question No. 1047 dated 3rd May, 2016 and state:

(a) the details of the outcome of inquiry initiated against SBI, Chitbaragaon, Ballia branch for not mentioning the fraud in NOC obtained by Union Bank, Chitbaragaon branch;

(b) whether Union Bank had sought NOC from Purvanchal Bank, Narahi branch wherein the fraudsters had also committed frauds and which is the only bank of the native place of fraudsters, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of legal action Union Bank of India has taken against the fraudsters for concealing their frauds while applying for loan after the receipt of representations of MPs/ex-MPs?

Increase in number of benches of ATFE

1520. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals received and

disposed off by the Appellate Tribunal for Foreign Exchange(ATFE) in the last three years;

(b) the total fund allocated and utilised for the functioning of ATFE in the last three years;

(c) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of benches of Tribunals considering the large number of pending cases with ATFE; and

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

IT declaration by roadside eateries in Mumbai

1521. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether owners of roadside eateries in Mumbai have declared about ₹ 50 crore in cash and properties under the IDS-2016 scheme, a development that comes about a week after the IT sleuths conducted raids on their premises;

(b) whether the eatery owners selling snacks will have to pay a tax of ₹ 22.5 crores on this previously unaccounted income; and

(c) whether the eatery owners were misled by lawyers that declaration under IDS 2016 could lead to harassment by IT people notwithstanding Government assurances to the contrary?

Standup India scheme

†1522. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to create 2.5 lacs entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled

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Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women by the Central Government under Standup India scheme; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a definite number of bank branches have been chosen from which each one has to convince/finance one entrepreneur from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and women; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Revamping of security of banks/
ATMs/cash vans**

1523. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing incidents of robbery, fraud and attack on customers in bank, cash vans, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) have been reported in various parts of country;

(b) if so, details thereof along with the total number of amount looted, cases filed during each of the last three years and current year, bank and State-wise;

(c) whether Government/Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has laid down/issued any guidelines to banks regarding safety and security of banks/ATMs and if so, details thereof; and

(d) steps taken/being taken by the Government/RBI to strengthen/revamp the security of banks, cash vans and ATMs to prevent such incidents in future?

**Revealing names of bank loan
defaulters**

1524. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a handful of persons are responsible for NPAs worth crores of rupees if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government will publish the names of those handful of persons;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to recover NPAs from them?

**Devolution of revenue from CFC to
Puducherry**

1525. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of outstanding loan of Government of Puducherry from different sources as on 31st March, 2016;

(b) the amount re-paid by Government of Puducherry as Principle against its loan amount as on 31st March, 2016;

(c) the amount paid as interest by Government of Puducherry against its loan amount as on 31st March, 2016; and

(d) whether devolution of revenue from the Central Finance Commission (CFC) is not granted to Government of Puducherry, being Union Territory with Legislature?

**Pay hike after implementation of
Seventh Central Pay Commission**

†1526. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Seventh Central Pay Commission;

(b) the percentage of increase in the salaries of employees after the

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implementation of the recommendations of Seventh Central Pay Commission;

(c) the percentage of increase in the salaries of employees after the fourth, fifth and sixth Central Pay Commission;

(d) whether the extent of pay hike this time is very less as compared to the previous pay hikes; and

(e) whether Government would reconsider it in view of the resentment among employees and pay anomalies?

Decline in foreign remittances

1527. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the remittances to India from gulf countries has witnessed a decline, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount remitted by Indians working abroad in the financial years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to address the situation?

Default by co-operative banks

1528. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a number of co-operative banks and rural banks are not in a position to pay money deposited by poor farmers in their accounts;

(b) if so, the number of such banks and number of farmers/depositors suffering, State-wise;

(c) the steps Government has taken to help the poor farmers;

(d) whether Government has taken up

this matter to settle the issue of defaulter banks; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delisting of BSE and NSE companies on SEBI's directions

1529. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies of the BSE and NSE identified, delisted for over seven years after the SEBI's directions for action against companies; and

(b) whether it is a matter of great worry for the investors and whether strong pragmatic steps are being taken by Government to protect the interest of the investors?

Early Implementation of GST

1530. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that differences exist between the Centre and States on the implementation of GST from the next financial year if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is optimistic of implementing the GST from the next financial year in the light of prevailing no consensus between the States and the Centre; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to persuade the States for early implementation of the GST?

Targets for loans to micro and small scale indus tries in Maharashtra

1531. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Banks have failed to achieve the target for providing loans to micro and small scale industries sector under priority sector lending in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, for the last two years, year-wise and bank-wise; and

(c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Permanent residency status for foreigners

1532. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is now giving permanent residency and other facilities to foreigners who invest ₹ 10 crores;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and to what extent this will help in increasing the FDI into the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that this scheme is not applicable to some countries; and

(d) if so, details of such countries and the reasons therefor?

Availability of new currency notes on account of demonetisation

1533. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would ensure printing of ₹ 100 notes and making them available in adequate quantity for circulation in view of demonetisation of old ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 currency notes, if so, details thereof;

(b) the amount of money, and the number of pieces each, in respect of denominations ₹ 1000 and ₹ 500 that had been made non-legal tender;

(c) whether Government made proper arrangements for the convenience of public, in view of sudden demonetisation and closure of Banks and ATMs for two days, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether 30th December deadline would be extended?

Restructuring the cadre of Physiotherapists

1534. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health has sent a proposal for a holistic restructuring of the Cadre of Physiotherapists as per the recommendation of the seventh CPC; and

(b) if so, by when the Government will consider the proposal and take a final call on this?

CGHS wellness centres in North Eastern States

1535. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether of the 11 new CGHS Wellness Centres to be opened in different cities (*Vide* No.188464/E-Coord.1/14 dated 07.11.2014) there is only one doctor, nurse, pharmacist and LDC sanctioned for each of the centres in North Eastern States; and

(b) whether the total staff is sufficient to run a Wellness Centre?

Data on incidence of TB

1536. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the WHO's revised estimates put the incidence of TB in India at 217 per 1,00,000 population in 2015 as against the previously estimated 127 per 1,00,000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereto?

Upgradation of medical colleges in Rajasthan

1537. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

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

(a) by when the construction work at medical colleges of Bikaner, Udaipur and Kota, which have been approved and upgraded in terms of initiated speciality facility under PMSSY-III, be completed;

(b) what will be the mode of running these super-speciality blocks;

(c) by when the work of super-speciality block would be started in SMS Medical College, Jaipur, which have been approved under PMSSY-IV; and

(d) how will these super-speciality blocks get the required number of super-specialist doctors to run them?

Health risks posed by GDM

1538. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the awareness

levels are low and the capacity within the healthcare system for testing and providing care on Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) is a cause of concern;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most women are still not routinely tested for GDM, thus contributing to high maternal and new born morbidity and mortality; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a woman with GDM has five times higher risk of developing Type-2 diabetes five years after her pregnancy, and nine times thereafter?

Setting up of low-cost cancer treatment cell

1539. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increasing cancer cases every year, Government has any plan of setting up of low-cost treatment cell for those who fall below poverty line, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has also recommended to Government to work on this front to provide the treatment benefit to large sections of below-poverty line people and the details thereof; and

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

Releasing of funds for medical colleges in Rajasthan

1540. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government will release second installment of funds for Jodhpur, Bikaner, Udaipur and Jaipur medical

colleges, which have been sanctioned schemes for establishment of Multi-disciplinary Research Laboratories (MDRLs);

(b) by when the projects will be sanctioned and funds released for Ajmer and Kota medical colleges, the proposal for which have already been sent by the State Government; and

(c) by when the proposals for establishing MDRLs at Jhalawar and Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur be sanctioned?

National Dialysis Programme

1541. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dialysis Programme as envisioned in Budget 2016-17 has started functioning;

(b) if so, the funds allocated to the scheme so far and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the list of States where the programme has started to be operational?

Conditions of healthcare system in rural areas

†1542. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the treatment of 70 per cent rural population is still not possible today due to shortage of doctors, health facilities and non-availability of costly medicines, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the National Rural, Health Mission (NRHM) Scheme has failed in its objectives; and

(c) if not, the details of availability of doctors at present in rural areas?

Lack of Doctors in the tea garden PHCs

1543. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many PHCs in Assam, especially in Tea Gardens area, the availability of Doctors are very less;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereto; and

(c) how many Doctors are required in each PHCs as per Government rules?

Health as Fundamental Right

1544. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to include health in the list of Fundamental Rights, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that allocation of funds to health is also being doubled in comparison to the present allocation and the details thereof?

Monitoring of ingredients used in food processing industries

1545. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to check quality of the ingredients used and quality of products produced in Food Processing Industries, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) the State-wise number of cases registered against the food processing industries for not maintaining the quality?

Setting up Medical Universities

1546. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intends to set-up Universities of medicines in the Country; and

(b) if so, the present status of this project?

Increase in reported cases of TB death

1547. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tuberculosis(TB) cases reported in India during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is increase in death cases of TB every year in comparison to its previous year, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to move much faster to prevent, detect and treat tuberculosis in the Country?

Kidney racket in hospitals

1548. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kidney racket is flourishing in big reputed hospitals and dialysis centres;

(b) if so, whether Government is going to take any step to curb this situation; and

(c) the number of doctors and middlemen found involved in these cases and the action taken against them during the last two years ?

Setting up of advanced hospitals in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

1549. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up a major hospital of the level of AIIMS or an advance Tertiary Care Center in Jabalpur to cater and serve the huge tribal population of Mahakaushal and Vindhya region of the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government plans to set up a Cancer Hospital and Research Center in the city of Jabalpur similar to ones announced for other cities of Madhya Pradesh, namely Bhopal and Gwalior?

Physiotherapist Cadre under 7th CPC

1550. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has recommended the holistic cadre structure for the post of physiotherapists as per the Seventh CPC; and

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

Beds availability in Government hospitals

1551. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of availability of beds in Government

hospitals in Delhi including State Government hospitals; and

(b) how many beds would be added in Government hospitals in the next 2 years in Delhi?

Yog Chikitsa Kendras in CGHS

1552. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any post of permanent Central Government yoga employees in the Ministry;

(b) what are their sanctioned and in position strength;

(c) when was the sanction of posts last done and whether there is any vacancy, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) how many permanent Yog Chikitsa Kendras are in the CGHS and where are they located;

(e) what is the nomenclature of the permanent Central Government yoga employees providing treatment at Yog Chikitsa Kendras; and

(f) what are their recruitment rules and when they were framed and the names, dates of appointments and dates of postings?

Permission to use Bromate in packaged drinking water

1553. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FSSAI has permitted limited amounts of Bromate in packaged

drinking water despite it being potentially highly hazardous to humans;

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

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

Doctors in the country

1554. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical graduates/PGs in the country as on 1 April, 2016 or any recent date;

(b) the number of doctors working in Government hospitals or in other Government institutions;

(c) the number of doctors in private service;

(d) Government's present target so far as doctors proportion is concerned; and

(e) the States which have not achieved it at present?

Harmful toxic chemicals in cold and energy drinks

†1555. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government approved limit of chemicals being used in cold/energy drinks;

(b) whether Government has received complaints about alleged act of mixing of harmful toxic chemicals in cold drinks more than the approved limit by some companies; and

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(c) if so, details thereof and name of chemicals being used and details of action taken by Government against manufacturers during current and each of the last three years?

Clinical research hubs

1556. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering of reducing processing and approval timeline and at the same time ensure quality parameters, Contract Research Organisation (CRO) with Good Clinical Practice (GCP) standard in order to create clinical research hub in the Country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) which are the cities identified for clinical research hub in the Country and the details thereof?

Roadmap for fire safety measures at hospitals

1557. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a rise of fire hazards in different hospitals in the Country recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during last three years;

(c) whether all hospitals in the Country have fulfilled fire safety measures as per the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Health Care (NABH);

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

(e) the proposed road map of Government to make fire safety measures as compulsory to get licence to open hospitals and the details thereof?

Toxic elements in soft drinks

†1558. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of toxic elements in many products of soft drink companies have been found in excess during the testing of soft drinks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the companies found guilty;

(c) whether Government has informed the citizens about the presence of toxic elements in soft drinks of those companies, so that they would refrain from consuming them;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent the ill effects of the said soft drinks among people?

Gap in reportage of TB data

1559. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the recently released Global Tuberculosis Report(2016) by WHO observing that India had under estimated TB data between 2000 and 2015, reporting only 56 per cent of the TB burden in 2014 and 59 pre cent in 2015;

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(b) whether the actual burden of TB in India will be known only after completion of a national TB prevalence survey scheduled for 2017-18; and

(c) whether India has decades of experience dealing with TB and the knowledge, capacity and professional manpower to tackle the TB menace, if so, the strategies Government plans to adopt in this direction?

Amending of PNDT Act

1560. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether clerical errors in Form "F" or non-display of notice board or not keeping handbook on PNDT Act are considered sex determination offences under PNDT Act and have led to harassment of radiologists;

(b) if so, whether Ministry proposes to suitably amend PNDT Act to decriminalize these practices;

(c) whether Ministry instead proposes to treat acts as lesser offences and provide suitable punishment;

(d) whether such offences at present result in sealing of ultrasound machines and cancellation of medical affiliation; and

(e) whether Ministry proposes to continue these punishments even if these acts are considered lesser offences?

Health for all

†1561. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a number of steps to meet the target of health

for all in the Country which have yielded positive results, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the participation of the private sector is essential and pivotal to meet the target of health for all and whether Government is taking necessary initiatives in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Preventing spread of Zika virus

†1562. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Zika virus infection that have come to light in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent this infection; and

(c) the details of the ways in which Government is coordinating with the States to prevent the spread of this infection in the Country, and the steps being taken to sensitize the masses about this, and the details thereof?

Appraisal of health safety aspects of GM mustard

1563. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many representatives of the Ministry are part of the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) that assesses health and environmental safety of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs);

(b) how many Health Ministry representatives were part of the technical sub-committee that appraised the safety of GM mustard for human health;

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(c) how many meetings were attended by Health Ministry members in such appraisal of health safety of GM mustard which was cleared to be safe for human health including long term health; and

(d) whether the Health Ministry have any plans to assess the safety of GM mustard for its long term impacts independently?

Deaths from dengue

1564. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government could not foresee and prevent dengue menace in the Country;

(b) if so, the number of persons affected positively and those died in different States due to dengue till now due to inadequate arrangements in Government hospitals; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent recurrence of dengue in the Country?

Donation of anti-TB drugs by USAID

1565. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had received a donation of 300 doses of Bedaquiline which is used to treat patients who have failed to respond to second line anti-TB medicines, from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with another batch of 300 doses to be donated next year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite receiving 300 doses of Bedaquiline from USAID, India has enrolled a mere 36 patients; and

(c) whether it is also a fact India has made a lot of promises about new drugs on paper but failed to deliver, if so, the reasons therefor?

Setting up of dialysis units in Tamil Nadu

1566. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received proposal to setup dialysis units in district hospitals in the State of Tamil Nadu under "National Dialysis Service Programme", if so, details thereof;

(b) whether all the proposals received from the State Government have been approved; and

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

Super Critical Treatment Centre in Tamil Nadu

1567. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Super Critical Treatment Centre in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

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

Norms for sharing medical seats in Puducherry medical colleges

1568. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted by MCI for all

private medical colleges in sharing of medical seats between Government quota and management quota;

(b) the quantum of medical seats shared by each private medical college in Puducherry under Government quota for the last three years;

(c) the MCI norms for increasing the number of medical seats by a private medical college in Puducherry;

(d) the number of medical colleges in Puducherry conducting PG courses and name of the college; and

(e) the number of PG seats shared by medical colleges in Puducherry under Government quota and management quota?

Monitoring of patient care quality and clinical governance

1569. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a standardised or uniform patient care system existing in the Country;

(b) whether there is any core guideline which a patient care centre has to adhere to;

(c) whether the Health Ministry has received or published any outcome data on patient care or treatment in India; and

(d) whether there exists any statutory system to monitor the quality of patient care and clinical governance?

Disease control strategies to control Malaria

1570. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Health

Organization has declared Sri Lanka as a Malaria free Country whereas India has reported more than 4,71,000 cases of Malaria during the current year;

(b) whether Government has any plan to change or review the present disease control strategies; and

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

Impact of JSY

1571. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study by University of Maryland, the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) which was launched in 2005 has led to an enhancement in the utilization of health services among all groups especially among the poorer and underserved sections in the rural areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that JSY had also helped to reduce the prevalent disparities in maternal care; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the gap in access to healthcare between the marginalized group of women and those who are financially better off has narrowed with JSY?

Budgetary allocation for family planning

1572. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major budget allocation for family planning is provided under the Budget Head 'Family Welfare and the National Health Mission';

(b) if so, the details of budgetary allocation, head-wise and year-wise, during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the formula being adopted by Centre and States in allocating funds to family planning;

(d) the details of money sanctioned, approved and released to various States to promote family planning during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the monitoring mechanism in place to stop diversion/misuse of funds so allocated?

Nationwide Emergency Medical Services

1573. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any reports about the functioning of Emergency Medical Services in India including the Centralised Accident and Trauma Services;

(b) whether such services are available in all the States;

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

(d) whether there are any concrete proposals to ensure nation-wide good quality emergency medicine services in India and if so, the details thereof?

Delay in promotion of Unani Officers in CGHS

1574. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the promotion of Unani Officers/Doctors in CGHS is long time due;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps which have been taken in this regard?

Tobacco consumption in the Country

1575. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tobacco consumption in urban and rural India;

(b) whether plain packaging of tobacco products under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008 has reduced tobacco consumption in India; and

(c) whether Government is planning to take any other steps to curb tobacco consumption?

Funds to NHMs

1576. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to release funds for establishment of Primary Health Centres in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Jharkhand; and

(c) the quantum of funds released/being released under this new plan?

Deteriorating quality of medical education

1577. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not permitted renewal of number of medical

seats in various medical colleges across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the number of medical seats permitted against the capacity in medical colleges during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken note of deteriorating quality of medical education due to shortage of professors and other teaching staff in the Government medical colleges across the Country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Universal e-health card

1578. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the introduction of universal e-health card for all citizens and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this will substantially reduce household expenditure on avoidable repetitive diagnostic tests?

Strategy to contain Alzheimer's disease

1579. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of Alzheimer's disease are on the rise in Maharashtra and the rest of the Country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what long-term as well as short-term

strategy Government proposes to adopt to contain this disease and provide door step treatment to the patients who are generally senior citizens?

Death caused by dengue and chikungunya

†1580. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the insufficient cleaning work by Municipal Corporation of Delhi has caused the spread of dengue, chikungunya etc. due to which a large number of people have been affected and the increase in death rate has been registered due to these diseases this year;

(b) the details of death caused by the seasonal diseases like dengue and chikungunya in Delhi in the last three years; and

(c) the amount spent on medicines and other preventive measures for seasonal diseases during the above period and the details thereof?

Road map to reduce TFR

1581. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that against the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 2.3 in India, 23 Districts have TFR more than per cent;

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(b) if so, the names of these Districts and the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the desired level; and

(d) what is the road map to bring it down?

Resurgence of Malaria in the Country

1582. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to control the increasing number of cases of the Malaria disease, in the battle against malaria;

(b) whether there are any eradication projects that are being considered by Government;

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

(d) what are the reasons for its resurgence in India given that malaria was supposed to have been eradicated already?

Treatment of Paraplegic disease

1583. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any cure of Paraplegic disease and how does it happen;

(b) whether there is any cure of the disease in Government or private hospitals and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) where should the CGHS beneficiaries suffering from paraplegic disease go for treatment?

Allocation for health programme and schemes in Madhya Pradesh

1584. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) total allocation of funds by Government towards various health programmes and schemes in Madhya Pradesh in last three years;

(b) different heads of spending in respect of utilisation in health programmes;

(c) whether funds were provisioned by Government for purchase of medicines under NRHM or under any programme or scheme in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether Government audited fund utilisation by State Government/ agencies of said schemes;

(e) if so, whether audit reports are available to public, if not, reasons therefor; and

(f) if any audits were done, whether said audit report/reports found any deficiencies or misuse in disbursement and/or utilization of these funds?

Expenditure on public healthcare

1585. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's current expenditure on public healthcare as percentage of the GDP;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is one of the lowest in the World;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what steps have been mapped out to improve the public healthcare system;

(e) what measures are under consideration to increase the accountability of the public and private healthcare systems; and

(f) whether Government is considering to provide universal health coverage anytime in the near future?

Schemes of loans for business

1586. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are schemes of loans for any type of business in Ministry of Minority Affairs;

(b) the details of schemes and amount of loan limit in each scheme;

(c) the total number of loan sanctioned to Muslims in each scheme, State-wise; and

(d) the amount of loan sanctioned under each scheme, State-wise?

Better assistance to veteran sportspersons

1587. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the poor treatment and assistance to veteran sportspersons in the country;

(b) whether Government has or plans to bring any policy for better assistance to veteran sportspersons; and

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

Priority-wise budget allocation under National Youth Policy

1588. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a clear division of budget allocated under each of the priorities identified by the National Youth Policy;

(b) if so, what is the yearly budget under each of the 11 priority areas identified since its inception in 2014;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what key changes have been brought in the 11 priority areas that were identified by the policy and the details thereof?

Exclusive policy for the youth of J&K

1589. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether Government has any plans to launch an exclusive youth policy for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir, keeping in view the fact that the Kashmir Valley has witnessed a turmoil phase in the current year, which has affected the whole population of the Valley, especially the youth?

Target for Rio Olympics

†1590. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not winning the expected number of medals in the Rio Olympic Games, 2016 and the details of the sportspersons unable to win medals, sports event-wise;

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(b) the sports events for which targets have been fixed to win medals in 2020 and the details of action plan made for this; and

(c) the names of undertakings, banks, institutes contacted to get National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) to raise the financial resources for sports and the details of assistance received?

Boost to sporting culture among young children in schools

1591. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recognizes that there is a lack of sporting culture and ethos in the country, in view of the poor show of Indian athletes in the recently concluded Olympics, 2016;

(b) whether Government aims at boosting sporting culture among young children in schools;

(c) whether there are plans of building world-class infrastructure facilities for the emerging athletes; and

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

Preparations for Tokyo Olympics

1592. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether preparations and the work of identifying medal prospects for 2020 Tokyo Olympics has been initiated by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government towards this end, if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenses on officials travelled with sportspersons

1593. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials who travelled along with sportspersons were permitted to travel in business class seats while sportspersons were not permitted for the same, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of officials who travelled to the Games apart from sportspersons and the expenses incurred with the detailed breakup on travel, accommodation and misc.; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the medals tally for the next Olympics and the details about increase in funding for training of sportspersons?

Funding of National Sports Federations

1594. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Sports Federations (NSFs) that exist in India and the details thereof, sport-wise;

(b) what are the main sources of funding for these NSFs and whether they also receive foreign funds from international sporting bodies, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that now NSFs are required to be registered as NGOs in order to receive Government grants, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this is likely to affect foreign funds given to these NSFs; and

(e) if so, whether this is likely to affect performance of these NSFs?

Funds spent on Target Olympic Podium Scheme

1595. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds spent on Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) prior to Rio Olympics, athlete-wise;

(b) whether there are any cases in which the funds disbursed did not match upto the funds allocated to any particular athlete, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any long term plan is being laid out by Government to ensure better training facilities for Indian athletes?

Nehru Yuva Kendras

1596. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras in the country, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the details of the initiatives and programmes implemented at these Yuva Kendras and the outcome and achievements of such programmes?

'Marks for Sports' scheme in schools

1597. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received proposals to introduce a 'Marks for Sports' scheme in schools across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation of the same?

Financial help for organising youth leadership training camps

†1598. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has taken or proposes to take any effective steps to provide assistance to youth leadership training camps and financial help for organising them for youth, student as well as non-student; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes and rewards for retired sportspersons

1599. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to offer gainful employment opportunities to retired sportspersons in the sports sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government plans to extend the sports pension scheme to the sportspersons who have represented the Nation at International level events; and

(c) the number of schemes and rewards announced by Government along with the number of their recipients during the last three years, State-wise, sports-wise and year-wise?

Action Plan for 2024 Olympic Games

1600. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NITI Aayog has prepared

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an Action Plan to achieve the target of winning 20 medals in the 2024 Olympic Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the *modus operandi* for selecting and training

the athletes for 2024 Olympic Games; and

(c) what checks and balances would be in place to ensure fair selection of sports persons to participate in National and International events?

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