

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019/Pausha 18, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Culture; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Tourism)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh for AYUSH schemes

2881. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/granted under various schemes of the Ministry to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds released under such schemes to the State during the last three years;

(c) the details of funds yet to be released/due to the State; and

(d) the time-frame fixed by which these funds would be released to the State?

#### Standardization of Ayurvedic drug production

2882. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken by Government for building up the brand value of Ayurvedic drugs manufactured in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether any step to standardize Ayurvedic drug production in the country has been taken by Government; and

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

#### Promotion of surgery in AYUSH systems of medicine

†2883. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of Government for promotion of surgery in Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy departments with a view to bring them at par with Allopathic medicine/department, as surgery is lagging far behind in Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy; and

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(b) the plans of imparting training of surgery in various departments in the medical colleges of these systems of medicine?

**Pharmacopoeia of homoeopathic medicines**

†2884. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether homoeopathic system of medicine is lagging far behind the other systems of medicine due to non-availability of any pharmacopoeia of homoeopathic medicine; and

(b) whether there is any plan to work on Indian Homoeopathy pharmacopoeia by conducting research in this direction, and the details thereof?

**Developing of herbal garden with foreign collaboration**

2885. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal from any foreign technology giant to develop herbal garden with prominent medicinal plants free of cost;

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

(c) the details about the current status on such proposal and the list of such lands to be used for such cause, so far?

**Research in Unani and Siddha**

2886. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that while Ayurveda and Homoeopathy systems are comparatively well established, Unani and Siddha lag behind in research and popularity;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to promote research in Unani and Siddha; and

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

**Setting up Yoga and Naturopathy institutes in tribal dominated areas**

2887. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institutions providing the services of Yoga and Naturopathy in Delhi and other parts of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up similar institutions in tribal areas of the country;

(c) if so, the time by which these are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Awareness regarding yoga in the country**

2888. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN:

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Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to create awareness regarding yoga in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent fake practitioners of yoga in training and therapy; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to set up a regulatory mechanism to improve the standard of yoga teaching and yoga therapy in the country?

#### **CSR funds invested**

2889. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state the CSR funds invested in Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh during financial years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18?

#### **Companies facing enquiry from NCLT**

2890. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several corporate companies are on the verge of closure due to financial constraints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of loans availed by corporate companies from Public Sector Banks (PSBs); and

(d) the names of companies facing enquiry from National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

#### **Utilisation of unclaimed amount of sham companies**

2891. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge unclaimed amount is lying with Government after Government has identified and debarred/terminated several lakhs of sham companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total amount found deposited in the accounts of such debarred/terminated companies;

(c) whether Government has taken any efforts to utilise such unclaimed amounts for the welfare and developmental activities for the poor people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the bottlenecks found in execution of the same?

#### **Changes in provisions of Competition Law**

2892. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the immense growth of Indian economy necessitates changes in the provisions of Competition Law to strengthen and re-calibrate to promote best practices in corporate sector;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to revisit the Competition Law as part of its initiative to upgrade legislations governing companies; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring in changes to the provisions of Competition Law and time-frame for its implementation, and the details thereof?

### **Regional Centres of NSD**

2893. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's proposal to establish five Regional Centres of NSD one each at Kolkata, Mumbai, Goa, J&K, Northeast to promote and attract regional talent in the field of drama for organizing various programmes, festivals, seminars, trainings and schemes has been implemented; and

(b) whether any specific date for commencement of classes in these centres has been finalized and if so, the details thereof?

### **Bronze Cancer Jeopardising ancient idols**

2894. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASI team found that a significant percentage of 1,100 idols screened so far in the Tiruvarur icon centre in Tamil Nadu, which house at least 4,380 antiques, suffer from bronze cancer, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the chloride corrosion of idols is incurable and sometimes contagious; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

### **Aims and objectives of NCF**

2895. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of National Culture Fund (NCF);

(b) the amount accrued in the NCF so far since its inception; and

(c) in what manner NCF helped in protecting, promoting and preserving India's culture and cultural heritage?

### **Implementation of National Mission on Libraries**

2896. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing a National Mission on Libraries (NML) for promoting the establishment of libraries in States and Union Territories, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has provided funds under NML to the State of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the number of Government libraries set up in the State during the said period, location-wise?

### **Funds for the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Museum, Punjab**

2897. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the disbursal of funds, for completion of project and ongoing maintenance and upgradation, for the Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Museum in Khatkar Kalan, Punjab;

(b) whether the Museum authorities, local bodies or civil society, raised any concerns regarding the disbursal of funds for the Museum;

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken any concrete steps to aid in, or fast track, the process of acquiring artefacts relating to Shaheed Bhagat Singh?

#### **Preservation of ancient inscriptions**

2898. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any sincere efforts to discover, decipher and publish ancient inscriptions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of ancient inscriptions found in the country, language-wise and chronology-wise;

(c) whether Government has provided financial support and infrastructure facilities through Epigraphic Survey of India, Numismatic Society of India and also the State Department of Epigraphy, University Departments in India with particular reference to Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Appointment of Registrar in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara**

2899. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Bihar is a deemed University under Ministry of Culture, Government of India since 2006;

(b) whether incumbent Registrar has been appointed in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara as per pay-scale and criteria of UGC *i.e.* ₹ 37000-67400 with AGP of ₹ 10000, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the Ministry would appoint a permanent Registrar in this

University as per UGC norms and pay-scale?

#### **Holding of private functions at ASI heritage sites**

2900. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand of conducting private functions at ASI heritage places in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal to rent any heritage places for revenue generations, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Development of historical and cultural sites in Mithila**

†2901. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan proposal of the Government of Bihar regarding development of Punaurya (Sitamarhi, Bihar), a mythological-historical-cultural heritage and birth place of Mata Sita, is under consideration of the Government for its approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the proposal would be approved soon or has been approved;

(c) the names of mythological-historical-cultural heritage sites of Mithila region in Bihar where developmental work is being carried out by the Government at present; and

(d) the details thereof?

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### **Achievements under cultural genres**

†2902. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state the achievements made in the different fields of cultural genres in the country in each of the last three years, details thereof, centre-wise and State-wise?

### **Banning of Indian currency notes above ₹ 100 by Nepal**

2903. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nepal Government has decided to ban Indian currency above ₹ 100;

(b) whether the Nepal Government has not notified legislation for new Indian currency notes;

(c) whether this move has affected the Indian tourists and Nepali people working in India, who carry the currency in Nepal for transaction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto?

### **Complaints on overcharging by consumer goods companies**

2904. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of customer complaints in recent weeks about companies not passing on the full benefits of tax cuts to consumers are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received so far by the National Anti-Profitteering Authority (NAA) relating to overcharging by the consumer goods companies; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure that customers get the benefits of tax cuts?

### **Implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme**

2905. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the timeline of implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(b) details of funds allocation under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(c) break-up of fund allocation under different procedures covered under the scheme;

(d) the deadline by which the scheme would cover 100 per cent population of India; and

(e) whether there is a clash between Government and hospitals over the rate that insurance companies would pay to hospitals under the scheme?

### **Amendments to GST Act**

2906. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to bring amendments to the GST Act to resolve a number of issues that company and industry associations have raised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the proposed amendments help industry such as pharmaceutical, biotech, manufacturing, etc., to withdraw their petition before courts?

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### **Withdrawal from New Pension Scheme**

2907. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed premature withdrawal from New Pension Scheme Fund in case of Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to allow Government employees to choose fund types and fund managers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Expenditure on recalibration of ATMs**

2908. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of the new ₹ 100 note is the fifth new currency introduced in the market since demonetisation;

(b) the amount of money spent on the recalibration of ATMs every time a new currency is introduced; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in maintaining the stability of the banking sector which is affected by the repeated expenditure of recalibration and other related activities?

### **Financial support to PSU Banks**

2909. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI and Government have decided to provide the financial support to the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for the their financial ill health;

(b) if so, the amount of financial support by the RBI and Government to each bank till date; and

(c) the present status of the functioning of PSBs?

### **Study on debt liabilities of farmers**

2910. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study regarding debt liabilities of the farmers and the number of indebted farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome therefrom; and

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

### **Minimum balance penalty on PMJDY account**

2911. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) since inception of the scheme;

(b) the details of the PMJDY accounts which are non-operational since its opening;

(c) total number of PMJDY accounts, which are actively running/operational at present;

(d) till date total number of PMJDY accounts, which have been closed by banks after opening the same, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any minimum balance penalty was ever imposed on any PMJDY account; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**TDS in foreign incorporated taxi service provider companies**

2912. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign incorporated taxi service provider companies like Ola, Uber are not subjected to Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) while Indian taxi service provider companies are subjected to TDS and thus denied equal level playing field; and

(b) if so, the details of such rules/provisions by which such relaxation at the cost of loss to the public exchequer has been extended to such foreign incorporated companies and by when necessary remedial steps will be taken to plug the loopholes?

**Status of merger of banks**

2913. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the proposal to merge Bank of Baroda, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank;

(b) whether more bank mergers are on the cards; and

(c) whether the planned merger will lead to consolidation amongst State owned banks?

**Interim dividend from RBI to meet fiscal deficit**

2914. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the expert

committee on the Economic Capital Framework has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the amount that RBI proposed to transfer to the Centre from its surplus during the last two years and in the current year;

(d) whether Government is asking for interim dividend from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), to meet the fiscal deficit target of 3.3 per cent of GDP; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**India's ranking in the Human Capital Index**

2915. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank report on human capital has ranked India at 115 position among 157 countries in the Human Capital Index (HCI), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has rejected this report, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of reports of the World Bank in which India has been ranked and whether these reports have been accepted by Government?

**Standard deduction for salaried employees**

2916. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to introduce standard deduction for salaried employees with respect to the Income-Tax Act, 1961;

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



(c) whether the Ministry has received any suggestions regarding standard deduction for salaried employees; and

(d) the details and the share of taxes received from salaried employees in the country out of the entire direct tax collection in the country?

#### **Long term capital gains on equity shares**

2917. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of taxes collected by Government in the form of long term capital gains on equity shares and equity oriented mutual funds since the introduction of the provision; and

(b) whether the levy of Securities Transaction Tax and long term capital gains on the equity shares amounts to double taxation?

#### **Policy changes in IRDA**

2918. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA) is proposing major policy changes to benefit the insurance policy buyers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reform of financial regulatory architecture**

2919. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crisis at Infrastructure

Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) is India's near Lehman Moment exposing the weakness in the financial regulatory architecture; and

(b) if so, what long term measures are planned to reform the system?

#### **Violations of norms in NSE**

2920. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stock market regulator SEBI is currently examining a complaint by a whistle-blower alleging a number of irregularities by a pharma major;

(b) whether the market regulator is attempting to expedite its adjudication against the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and other institutions for alleged violations of norms in a case relating to algorithmic trading;

(c) whether SEBI had *prima facie* found that some brokers got preferential access to the trading system through co-location facilities at the NSE premises; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Refusal of loan to transgender**

2921. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a transgender holding an account in one of the Corporation Banks in Karnataka has been refused a loan stating no reasons whereas others in the same bank were granted loan for the same purpose;

(b) whether there is any provision which debars the transgender from the entitlement for any loan even if they are fulfilling all the requisite eligibility terms; and

(c) if not, the number of transgenders so far granted loans for various purposes in the past three years and the details of all such beneficiaries?

#### **Closing of accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana**

2922. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jan Dhan Yojana initiated by Government has failed miserably as the banks are planning to shut down about 8,00,000 accounts opened under this scheme which are totally inoperative and the banks are unable to meet the operational cost of such accounts;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the bank employees have put money from their pockets to open such accounts under pressure from the Ministry to meet the target of the branch; and

(c) the number of bank accounts opened under the Jan Dhan Yojana which have been closed since the launch of the scheme?

#### **Impact of interest rate on development of life insurance sector**

†2923. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the current interest rate is affecting the development of life insurance sector of India adversely and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the growth percentage of new customers of life insurance during the year 2017-18; and

(c) the total number of people covered under life insurance in Delhi?

#### **Demonetised Indian currency notes in Nepal and Bhutan**

2924. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantum of demonetised Indian currency notes are lying in Nepal and Bhutan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of talks held with Nepal and Bhutan Governments to decide how to exchange the demonetised notes;

(c) the details of the reasons for not accepting the demonetised Indian currency notes lying with Nepal and Bhutan Governments; and

(d) the policy decisions taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Detection of undeclared foreign assets**

2925. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of illicit and undeclared foreign assets detected under the Black Money Act;

(b) the details of prosecution complaints filed under the Black Money Act during the last two years regarding the above;

(c) the details of asset holders asked to bring back black money from abroad through the payment of a penal tax; and

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(d) the details of the asset holders who failed to do so and are being prosecuted under the Black Money Act during the last two years?

**Rationalisation of staff and branches after merger of banks**

2926. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to merge the Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank will lead to rationalisation of staff and bank branches;

(b) whether the Boards of Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank have consented to the amalgamation of the three Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(c) whether the Boards of the concerned Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have representation of the bank officers and employees;

(d) whether turnaround plans for these Public Sector Banks (PSBs) were adopted earlier by the Banks Boards; and

(e) if so, what would be the status of the turnaround plans if the banks are merged?

**Capital infusion after merger of banks**

2927. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the amounts of taxes and dividends paid by the Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank to Government during the past three years;

(b) how much capital has been infused in the concerned Public Sector Banks (PSBs) by Government as a part of recapitalisation;

(c) whether Government expects the amalgamation of the three Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to lead to better financial results of the merged entity;

(d) if so, what would be the basis of such improvement; and

(e) the financial result of the merger of the present State Bank of India with its subsidiaries?

**Loan waiver to farmers**

2928. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total and average loans of the farmers of the country waived by Government till date during the last two years and as on date, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to waive off the loans of farmers upto rupees three lakhs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh?

**Unearthing of lottery and hawala rackets**

2929. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of unearthing of lottery and hawala rackets during the last three years across India;

(b) the total amount of money involved in these transactions;

(c) whether any foreign connection has been unearthed in management of these rackets; and

(d) the action taken by Government against people caught in India and also against those settled abroad?

#### **Recovery of NPA from a large group**

2930. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large corporate group has an NPA of over ₹ 72,000 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of NPA of that group as of October, 2018;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they has a debt of over rupees one lakh crores as of September, 2017, as per data published by Bloomberg;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action being initiated by Government to recover the dues from the group?

#### **Demonetised currency in Jan Dhan Accounts**

2931. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Dhan accounts in which demonetised currency of more than rupees two lakhs were deposited; and

(b) the action initiated by Government?

#### **Demonetised currency notes not returned to RBI**

2932. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of demonetised currency

notes which has not yet returned to RBI; and

(b) the details of such ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 notes?

#### **Reluctance of SEBI to re-open insider trading cases**

2933. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many promoters of private companies have been found indulging in insider trading;

(b) if so, whether Government and SEBI have received any complaints from whistle blowers for re-opening the insider trading issues;

(c) if so, whether the SEBI is reluctant to re-open insider trading cases against those companies that indulged in such activities as well as probing the alleged lapses by some of their promoters and other entities in raising funds from overseas; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this matter?

#### **More powers to RBI**

2934. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to give more powers to the RBI to enable it to regulate the state run banks in view of the recent state of scams involving some public sector banks (PSBs); and

(b) whether Government has initiated any consultation with different stakeholders in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Share of States in Central cess**

2935. SHRI DHARMAPURI

SRINIVAS:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have been deprived of their share in Central cesses being collected by Central Government under GST;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received submissions from States to provide proper share in Central cesses to compensate their revenue losses, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Harassment of customers by SBI's Credit Card Department**

2936. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH

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SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints for hacking and illegitimate usage of SBI credit cards received by SBI, Parliament Street branch during April and May, 2018;

(b) the details of action taken thereon, complaint-wise;

(c) whether tele-callers from SBI are harassing the customers inspite of police complaints for hacking and illegitimate usage;

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

(e) the details of action Government

would take against SBI personnel for harassing the customers?

**Jan Dhan accounts in Gujarat**

†2937. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accounts opened under Jan Dhan Yojana in the districts of Gujarat, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) the number of accounts set to be opened under Jan Dhan Yojana in these districts;

(c) the goals set during the last three years and to what extent the goals have been achieved; and

(d) the number of accounts whereunder the financial assistance from Government is being extended to people?

**Recalibration of Public Sector Banks' ATMs**

2938. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a significant number of ATMs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are yet to be recalibrated after demonetisation, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the number of ATMs recalibrated post-demonetisation, year-wise, for last three years?

**Sharing pattern of CSS for the States**

2939. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government will evolve a single window system for communication of annual allocation and sharing pattern of Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) to the States;

(b) whether Government will introduce the process of giving indications to the States about annual allocation and sharing pattern of CSS in order to impart a greater degree of certainty to the budgeting exercise for ensuing years; and

(c) whether the release under the CSS, especially Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) will be made commensurate to the annual programme communicated to States so that States are not made to contribute much higher than their share of 40 per cent?

#### **Restructuring of Income Tax Department**

2940. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ordered a fresh cadre review and restructuring of the Income Tax Department with an aim to create a caring but strict direct tax regime in the country;

(b) whether Government has ordered the creation of a 12-member committee of senior officials to accomplish the task within the next three months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the terms of reference of the committee?

#### **Detection of GST evasion**

2941. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of GST evasion detected in the present financial year;

(b) how much did these frauds amounts to;

(c) how much of this money has been recovered so far;

(d) how do these statistics compare with tax evasion and recovery figures from the pre-GST period;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up a dedicated fraud analytics system; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Unclaimed money with PSBs and insurance companies**

2942. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total unclaimed amount of money lying with Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for more than ten years;

(b) the total unclaimed amount of money lying with Public Sector Insurance Companies for more than ten years;

(c) whether Government is contemplating any action for forfeiture of such money that remained unclaimed for more than ten years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Performance related pay to Central Government employees**

2943. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action to implement the recommendation of 7th Pay Commission regarding

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performance related pay to Central Government employees; and

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

**Concealment penalties on Indians holding Swiss Bank accounts**

2944. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2017, money of Indian Swiss Bank account holders has risen by over 50 per cent to over ₹ 7,000 crores;

(b) the details as to the number of concealment penalties levied and the criminal prosecution complaints filed after Switzerland and India signed a Joint Declaration on the introduction of Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) on tax matters on 22.11.2016;

(c) whether Government has ever made any effort to access the information about Indian citizens having bank accounts with Swiss Banks; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Adverse effects of GST on micro scale industries**

2945. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:  
SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether around twenty lakh people have been affected directly and close to one crore indirectly by the inclusion of micro scale industries, like ice cream manufacturers, under 18 per cent GST regime;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether earlier such industries were under composition scheme which stipulated 1 per cent VAT to be paid on total sales to Government;

(d) if so, the details as to why such a step has been taken in the first instance; and

(e) whether Government is considering moving micro scale industries like ice cream manufacturers to some other tax rate under GST, if so, the details thereof?

**Angel Tax on startup companies**

2946. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRIMATI SHANTA  
CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is imposing Angel Tax on startup companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a group of founders of startups has requested Government for a change in valuation methods, ensuring no coercive action is taken and a notification be issued; and

(d) if so, by when notification would be issued?

**Bank officers' strike**

2947. SHRIMATI SHANTA  
CHHETRI:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of the nationwide strike, bank officers working in 20 nationalised banks have gone on one day strike on 21st December, 2018 in protest against the inaction of Government in conceding their demands, including pay revision;

(b) whether the All India Bank Officers Confederation (AIBOC) has rejected the pay hike offer of three or four per cent made by Government; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is taking to find an amicable solution to their demands when they have worked shoulder-to-shoulder with Government during the period of demonetisation?

**Reduction of GST on Kendu (Tendu) leaves**

2948. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to reduce GST on Kendu (Tendu) leaves from 18 per cent to 5 per cent as Kendu leaf is the financial lifeline of the tribal people of Odisha and a large cross section of the people of Odisha depend on Kendu leaves for their livelihood;

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

(c) whether thousands of quintal of Tendu leaves are lying at different godowns because of increase of GST; and

(d) whether Government has taken any decision regarding the request of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha to reduce GST on Tendu leaves?

**Decline in circulation of Indian currency in Nepal and Bhutan**

†2949. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH

YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR

PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA

VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after demonetisation the Government of Nepal and the Government of Bhutan had instructed their citizens not to keep Indian currency with them resulting in decline in circulation of Indian currency in these countries; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and since when such steps have been taken by the Government of Nepal and the Government of Bhutan?

**VRS by Government doctors**

†2950. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doctors of Safdarjang Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital and Kalavati Saran Hospital had applied for voluntary retirement from service (VRS);

(b) whether a departmental inquiry had been recommended against any one of them;

(c) whether the application from any individual had been disapproved;

(d) whether any one had started working in private hospital without permission; and

(e) the action being taken against them for this kind of conduct?

**Illegal kidney transplant**

2951. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are increasing incidents of illegal kidney transplant in private hospitals across the country;

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(b) if so, the details of such cases in the current year and along with the status of such cases; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to stop such crimes in the private hospitals?

**Expensive graduate and post-graduate medical education**

2952. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the graduate and post-graduate medical courses have become extremely expensive and are not in reach of poor and middle class people; and

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to make medical education accessible to all?

**Non-prescribing of generic medicines**

†2953. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the compulsion of prescribing generic medicine, the doctors have not been prescribing generic medicines to the common public, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any monitoring mechanism of Government works upon this, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, by when the doctors of urban and rural areas would start to prescribe generic medicines?

**Criminal trials by pharma companies**

2954. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that

pharmaceutical companies collect human samples to conduct clinical trials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether pharmaceutical companies are obligated to take consent of people before administering them with drug under trial; and

(d) whether there is any law to protect the people who become subject of clinical trials if any untoward thing happens to them?

**Review of Population Control Policy**

2955. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed its Population Control Policy;

(b) if so, when it was held; and

(c) outcome of the review?

**Healthcare initiatives undertaken in Kerala**

2956. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the major initiatives in health sector taken by Government in the State of Kerala especially after the recent floods in the State?

**Involving private sector in running district hospitals**

2957. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for private participation in

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district hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any districts have been identified to try the above model on pilot basis in any State, especially Rajasthan, if so, details thereof; and

(c) details regarding steps being taken to improve medical services at district level?

#### **Treatment of CGHS beneficiary in non-empanelled hospitals**

2958. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been a number of court rulings to the effect that if a CGHS beneficiary is admitted in a non CGHS empanelled hospital in an emergency situation then he/she is entitled for full reimbursement and will not be subjected to the CGHS rate ceilings;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such Courts of Law;

(c) whether those rulings have been implemented by Government; and

(d) if so, the details of such orders/ notifications issued in this regard?

#### **Preventing infant mortality**

2959. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to stop the infant mortality in the country, especially in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Bio-medical wastes**

2960. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to reduce the bio-medical wastes in the country;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the CAG report stating that most West Bengal hospitals lack facilities for disposal of bio-medical wastes; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action to address the issue, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Opening of Escrow accounts for PMJAY**

2961. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have opened Escrow accounts for Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and details thereof; and

(b) the number of States which have put in their share of money for the scheme and details thereof?

#### **Opening of outlets under PMBJP**

†2962. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sale outlets opened in rural areas of the country under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Scheme;

(b) the district-wise and State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for shortage of these PMBJP outlets in rural areas?

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**Study to ascertain shortage of doctors and nurses**

2963. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the shortage of doctors and staff nurses in Central Government hospitals/dispensaries and other health centres across the country, particularly in rural areas during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the functioning of all Government hospitals?

**Health Minister's Discretionary Grant**

2964. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discretionary grant is available to the Health Minister for providing financial assistance to poor patients suffering from serious illnesses;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria and the process for providing such type of financial assistance to the poor and needy patients;

(c) whether any recommendation is required to receive such financial help; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries and the amount of financial assistance provided during last three years?

**National Blood Bank Service in all States**

2965. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up National Blood Bank Services in all the States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether any all India help line number for blood banks operation will be considered so that in emergency/night time blood can be provided to the patient immediately?

**Guidelines for clinical trials**

2966. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised guidelines for clinical trials by pharmaceutical companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the total number of cases resulting in deaths or permanent disabilities of patients due to clinical trials in the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details of the compensation paid by Government and pharmaceutical companies for cases of deaths and permanent disabilities due to clinical trials in the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details of clinical trial sites, IECs (Institutional Ethics Committees) and principal investigators being accredited in the last three years?

**Rise in number of patients suffering from diabetes**

†2967. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of diabetes patients has been increasing constantly in the country, day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether any report of World Health Organisation has come out in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for proper treatment of diabetes patients?

**Increasing the remuneration of ASHA workers**

2968. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

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

(a) the number of ASHA workers operating in West Bengal;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the remuneration of ASHA workers for their supervisory visit charges and other duties that they perform;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated budget allocation for the said increase?

**Fatalities from breast cancer**

2969. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the breast cancer

related deaths in the country in the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that breast cancer is becoming a very common disease among the women in recent years;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to increase awareness and facilities related to breast cancer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Bribing of doctors by pharma companies**

2970. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of bribing of doctors by pharma companies which came to the notice of Government during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the reasons for Government's inability to bring legislation to punish pharma companies that bribe doctors;

(c) the status of the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices propounded since 2014 and why it is not being brought in in spite of top 20 pharma companies approving the same; and

(d) by when the Ministry will get it cleared from NITI Aayog?

**Rise in number of tobacco users**

2971. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS)-2, overall use of tobacco went up from 16.2 per cent in 2009-10 to 20 per cent in 2016-17 in Tamil Nadu, if so, the reasons therefor;

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(b) the percentage of smokeless tobacco users vs. tobacco smoking usage;

(c) the details of the GATS-2 survey, State/UT-wise- and

(d) the steps taken by Government to curb the availability of cigarettes at stores, indicating easy availability?

**Regulatory mechanism for controlling healthcare cost and quality**

2972. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that access and quality of healthcare have reduced whereas cost of care has increased in India; and

(b) whether Government will set up any regulatory mechanism to monitor the cost and quality of India's health system, if so, the details thereof?

**Regularising services of contractual employees of AIIMS, Bhopal**

†2973. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working at All India Institute of Medical Science, Bhopal on outsourcing and contract basis since 2013;

(b) the rules under which the provident fund deduction is being made in respect of outsourced employees and the names of companies which were involved in this process till date;

(c) whether a parliamentary group had given directions to regularise the services

of these employees while making a tour to AIIMS Bhopal; and

(d) whether the roster has been followed at the time of appointing the outsourcing and contract based employees?

**Shortage of nurses**

2974. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of nurses in the country;

(b) whether Government is taking steps to open more nursing colleges and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to broaden the syllabus of nursing so as to train nurses to prescribe certain drugs and anaesthesia, and if so, the details thereof?

**Budget expenditure on Health-related matters**

2975. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) the total expenditure on health, by Centre and States, as a sum total and as a percentage of national GDP, in 2017-18;

(b) the actions being taken by Government to meet the health spending target of 2.5% of GDP as set by the National Health Policy, 2017;

(c) whether Government has outlined a roadmap to increase public spending on health to 2.5% of GDP;

(d) if so, the details of the plan of action including designated timeline; and

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(e) if not, the reasons and explanations therefor?

**Reservation of seats for SC/ST in medical super-speciality courses**

2976. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation of seats for students from SC/ST communities is provided for medical super-speciality courses;

(b) if so, how many seats are available for each of such super-speciality courses in India;

(c) if not, the reasons for not reserving seats for students from SC/ST communities for super-speciality course; and

(d) whether reservation in such courses are under consideration of Government?

**Maintenance of registry of knee and hip replacements**

2977. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains a registry of all the knee and hip replacements that have been carried out;

(b) if so, the number of knee and hip replacements that have been carried out since the maintenance of the registry;

(c) whether this data has been used to track the performance of the implants as well as that of the surgeons; and

(d) if not, whether Government proposes to maintain ones and details thereof?

**Compensation for clinical trials**

2978. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has asked Government to reconsider its draft guidelines on new drugs and clinical trials released by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the compensation clause of these guidelines will hamper research and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector; and

(c) whether the scrapping of the compensation clause will dilute the rights of the human subjects?

**Regularisation of services of nurses on contract**

2979. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nurses working in Government Hospitals on contract basis in each Hospital;

(b) since when they are on contract basis;

(c) the specific reasons for not regularising them when vacancies are available; and

(d) by when these are likely to be regularised and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Accessibility of quality hospitals**

2980. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

access of patients to the best quality hospitals at reasonable rate is a great problem in the country and if so, the details of steps Government has taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government is aware that Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana is being implemented well only in some States with many States showing no interest and if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in regard thereto?

#### **Study on impact of ENDS/E-Cigarettes on Health**

2981. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has issued an Advisory to all States and Union Territories to stop sales of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems/E-Cigarettes/E-Sheesha/E-Hooka/Heat not Burn products;

(b) whether Ministry has conducted any study that ascertains health effect of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS), E-Cigarettes and intends to issue similar Advisory for conventional paper rolled cigarettes; and

(c) whether any of the medical institutions under the Ministry have conducted any study on Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and their effect on public health and analysed the regulation of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems in countries like the UK and the New Zealand?

#### **New AIIMS coming up across the country**

2982. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will

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

(a) the total number of AIIMS coming up in the various parts of the country and by when will they be functional and details thereof; and

(b) what would be the total requirements of doctors to run these new hospitals?

#### **Adverse events following use of medical device**

2983. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the medical device and adverse events reports which reveal that deaths from faulty medical devices has increased from 40 in 2014 to 556 in this year alone, if so, Government's reaction thereon;

(b) whether it is a fact that major global pharma companies are in a nexus with doctors to promote, sell and implant medical devices in an unregulated medical device industry; and

(c) whether there is no comprehensive legislation on regulation of medical device industry?

#### **Clamping down manufacturing of spurious drugs**

†2984. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that business of manufacturing spurious medicines is flourishing in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any concrete and effective steps to control it; and

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

**Arresting rising trend of drug addiction**

†2985. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to prevent growing trend of drug addiction in the country;

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

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

**Facilities for testing adulterated milk**

2986. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities available in the country to test adulteration in milk and the assistance being provided by Government to strengthen the said facilities;

(b) whether the quality of milk in India is as per globally approved standards;

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

(d) whether Government has received any request/proposal for preparing quality standard of milk in the country to meet global standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

**Cancer cases reported from North Eastern States**

2987. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer cases in the country has gone up by 15.7 per cent since 2012 according to research carried out by ICMRs National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of the said research; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent the incidence of cancer in the country with special reference to Northeast India, including any proposal for setting up of new cancer hospitals?

**National Health Resources Repository**

2988. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released the National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives and outcomes of the NHRR project; and

(c) whether Government has initiated universal screening of common Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, hypertension, common cancers, tuberculosis and leprosy and if so, the details thereof?

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**Adequacy of budgetary provision for PMJAY**

2989. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget allocation for Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) is appropriate for the insurance cover of ₹ 5,00,000 that it claims to make;

(b) whether Government has some statistical estimates for the hospitalisation rates of the bottom 40 per cent of the population, which the scheme targets;

(c) whether Government has any statistical estimates for the hospitalisation expenses of a typical person in the bottom 40 per cent of the population, which the scheme targets; and

(d) whether Government plans to extend the scheme to include non-hospitalisation medical expenses for the targeted population?

**CGHS dispensary for Sonapat, Haryana**

2990. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wellness centres functioning under CGHS in National Capital Region, the details thereof including the date of the operationalisation;

(b) whether wellness centre under CGHS is not available in Sonapat (Haryana) to a large number of working and retired Government officials including senior citizen beneficiaries who have to face difficulties to come to Delhi frequently for the purpose;

(c) if so, whether the city meets the criteria for opening a new CGHS dispensary there; and

(d) if so, by when wellness centre would be opened and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Reviewing pay scale and allowances of nurses**

2991. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Nurses Confederation has demanded review of their pay scale and increase in their allowances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Union of Nurses had called a pan-India strike in the recent past and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government to address their grievances?

**Nikshay Poshan Yojana**

2992. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Nikshay Poshan Yojana;

(b) the total amount allocated and transferred to patients under this scheme;

(c) the percentage of registered TB patients who have submitted their bank account details;

(d) the percentage of registered TB patients across the country who have received the cash transfer so far, month and State-wise;

(e) the impediments faced by TB patients to get the DBT transfer in their bank accounts; and

(f) the steps Government has taken to ensure universal coverage of the scheme?

**Mandatory approval of AICTE for B. Pharma/D. Pharma courses**

†2993. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for mandatory approval of AICTE, operated by the Ministry for the accreditation of the course of B. Pharma and D. Pharma conducted under Pharmacy Act despite the fact that Pharmacy Council of India functions under the aegis of the same Ministry;

(b) the justification for continuing with the necessity of approval from a technical institute such as AICTE for 'B.' Pharma and 'D.' Pharma courses; and

(c) whether Government would consider to end this interference of AICTE?

**Procurement of medical equipments for Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi**

2994. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government without ensuring readiness of infrastructure went ahead and procured various medical equipments worth ₹ 15.93 crore for Emergency Care Centre in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any serious punitive action against those who are responsible for this;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Upgradation of medical colleges**

†2995. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the upgradation of medical colleges in India during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of the colleges which have received funds for upgradation; and

(c) the number of the medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh which have received funds from Government for their upgradation?

**High number of TB patients in the country**

2996. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India continue to have the highest TB burden in the world and drug-resistant TB in 2.5% of new cases and 16% in previously treated TB cases;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to arrest this trend as it has committed itself to completely eradicate TB by 2025; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Adverse events after administering measles-rubella vaccine**

2997. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Seven children fell ill after being administered measles-rubella vaccine in Pune, this year, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the number of adverse events due to administration of vaccines, State-wise and year-wise since 2015, if no such record is maintained, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government investigated the reasons behind such adverse events, if so, details thereof and action taken in response, if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government will ensure that the children who faced adverse events receive timely treatment and compensation, if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) steps taken to prevent such adverse events in future?

**Roping in private players for  
Ayushman Bharat - NHPM**

2998. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) number of persons benefited under Ayushman Bharat - National Health Protection Mission after its inception, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether Government plans to rope in private hospitals and Ayushman Mitra for providing quality health care under the scheme, if so, details thereof?

**Delay in completion of Wellness  
Centres at Dwarka, Delhi**

2999. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1881 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th May, 2016 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two new Wellness Centres in Dwarka, Delhi, construction of building of which had been

stated to be in final stage have still not been made operational despite passage of two and half year since then;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay and the present status of completion of these two Wellness Centres; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to post doctors and staff and make above wellness centres operational immediately?

**Impediments in fully functionalisation  
of new AIIMS**

3000. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 22 new AIIMS are coming up across the country to reduce regional imbalance in the healthcare;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of progress made in the establishment of each AIIMS, State/ AIIMS-wise;

(c) whether it is fact that most of these new AIIMS are facing impediments making them either non-functional in a full-fledged manner or stuck up somehow; and

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

**Amendment to Medical Termination  
of Pregnancy Act, 1971**

3001. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering amending the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971;

(b) if so, the timelines set in this regard; and

(c) whether Government is proposing to treat advanced pregnancies in minor rape

victims and cases of foetal abnormalities as exceptions to the MTP act?

**Formulation of new list of essential diagnostics for HIV and hepatitis**

3002. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research has formulated a new list of essential diagnostics for key areas like HIV and hepatitis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it will be on the lines of essential drugs list released by WHO;

(d) whether village-level diagnostic kits will also be available like tests for pregnancy, blood-sugar monitoring, test for malaria, filarial etc.;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether it would ensure quality and the prices for these kits will come down and, if so, the details thereof?

**Awareness campaigns to highlight causes of diabetes**

3003. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the number of people with diabetes in the country and whether it is increasing rapidly;

(b) if so, whether Government has initiated any steps to create awareness among masses about the causes of diabetes in the country;

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure that the medicines for diabetes

both allopathic drugs and herbal drugs developed, are available at cheap rates in the market; and

(d) whether any separate funds have been allotted for preventing, treating and managing diabetic cases in the country, the details thereof?

**Fatalities from misuse of antibiotics**

3004. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that many patients are suffering due to overuse and misuse of antibiotics leading to antibiotic-resistant infections;

(b) whether the overall death rate due to misuse of antibiotics is high in India as compared to the developed countries;

(c) if so, the measures taken to create awareness and to issue guidelines;

(d) whether Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released guidelines to stop antibiotic misuse; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Pricing of services under Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

3005. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:

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

(a) whether Government has launched its ambitious healthcare scheme Jan Arogya Abhiyan or Ayushman Bharat Programme recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the prices of medical services to be given to the

people are very much less and are negligible in comparison with the present day rates and medical services providers have expressed their unwillingness to accept such low rates;

(c) whether any requests from IMA and other private hospitals have been received to review the prices; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to take care of the apprehensions of the private hospitals and make modifications accordingly?

**Letters to beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

†3006. SHRI RAM NATH  
THAKUR:  
SHRI NARANBHAI J.  
RATHWA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has instructed to send letters signed by the P.M. to houses of every beneficiary of Ayushman Bharat Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of the houses of the beneficiaries to whom the letters have been delivered and the time limit fixed to provide letters to all the beneficiaries of the remaining rural areas?

**Caesarean deliveries**

†3007. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that caesarean deliveries through C-sections in private hospitals and nursing homes are on the rise for the sake of financial gains;

(b) the rate of difference of caesarean deliveries performed in Government hospitals compared to private hospitals and the mechanism on the basis of which such deliveries at private hospitals could be prevented; and

(c) the number of women and newborns who die every year owing to the complications pertaining to pregnancy and delivery, along with extent of shortage of health workers in Government sector aimed at healthcare facilities?

**Scholarships to minority individuals**

3008. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the scholarships being provided to minorities under any scheme of the Ministry in last three years, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the utilisation status of such funds and their impact so far?

**Implementation of Seekho Aur Kamao scheme**

3009. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Seekho Aur Kamao scheme for enhancing the employability of minority community youths, year-wise details of the past three years; and

(b) the total number of youths trained under Seekho Aur Kamao scheme who were

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able to secure a placement, year-wise details of the past three years?

#### **Diminishing of Haj subsidy**

3010. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the rationale behind bringing down Haj subsidy from ₹ 577 crores in 2014 to just ₹ 405 crores in 2016;

(b) the subsidy given by Ministry in 2017 and 2018;

(c) whether Government is going to stop Haj subsidy from 2018; and

(d) whether any such direction has been received from Supreme Court?

#### **Development of Waqf properties**

3011. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Waqf properties developed by the National Waqf Development Corporation during the last three years and the expenditure incurred by it on those properties and the details thereof; and

(b) the total number of Waqf properties in the country and the properties identified for development by it, the expected income to be generated by Waqf from the above and the details thereof?

#### **Welfare schemes for minority section**

3012. SHRI SYED NASIR  
HUSSAIN:  
SHRI AMAR SHANKAR  
SABLE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with any new welfare schemes for the minority sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes that have been exclusively initiated in the last three years; and

(c) the quantum of fund allocated for each of the schemes and the percentage of funds utilised in the past three years, till date?

#### **Slow policy decisions hampering solar power projects**

3013. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slow policy decisions are eclipsing solar projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that while the target of 60 GW of utility scale solar energy capacity might be reached by 2022, but reaching even a quarter of the 40 GW target for rooftop solar would be a challenge, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Initiatives to achieve target of 175 GW of renewable power by 2022**

3014. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will be able to achieve the target of generating 175 Gigawatts of renewable power by the year 2022;

(b) if so, initiatives that have been taken to deploy sufficient financial resources including FDI to facilitate investment to achieve this target, with progress so far achieved in this regard;

(c) whether State Distribution Companies have shown an unwillingness to take up high priced solar projects and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether long term measures and source of funds have been firmed up to improve grid flexibility to achieve high levels of renewable energy penetration?

**Initiatives to make solar power cheaper**

3015. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided new plans for making solar power available at cheaper rates to the consumers;

(b) if so, the details of such subsidies for installing solar power in rural and urban areas, especially for North Eastern States, remote and difficult areas; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is pondering on giving low interest rate loans for producing/manufacturing solar panels?

**Feeding excess solar energy into grid**

3016. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for pumping the excess solar energy produced by any institution or household back into the grid for distribution;

(b) if so, the details of the energy received from such a feed in system nationally;

(c) the procedure to avail of such facility; and

(d) the statistics of Central Government offices that have contributed to the scheme?

**Funds given to Kerala under NBMMP**

3017. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the fund given to Kerala during the last two years and the current year for National Biogas Manure Management Programme (NBMMP); and

(b) whether Government of Kerala had given a special request to the Union Government for an advance fund for year 2018?

**Exorbitant rise in spot power tariff**

3018. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spot power tariff has risen to exorbitant level during the past several months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for the same was higher demand and lower supply, if so, the details thereof?

**NTPC's position in Platts Global Company ranking**

3019. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has been ranked number one independent power producer and trader globally in the Platts Global Company rankings, 2018, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this ranking was made after a number of assessments carried out by all concerned, if so, the details thereof?

**Power dues dispute between A.P. and  
Telangana**

3020. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are on the loggerheads on the issue of settlement of power dues to the tune of ₹ 5,732 crores between the States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that the matter is referred to National Company Law Tribunal for early settlement, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would interfere in the matter for early settlement of the matter between the States, the details thereof?

**Coverage of non-electrified villages  
under DDUGJY**

†3021. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) total number of non-electrified villages to be included under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY);

(b) the number of families living below poverty line that are being included under DDUGJY;

(c) the total number of projects under DDUGJY for non-electrified villages; and

(d) total cost of projects under DDUGJY?

**Measures to address increased power  
demand**

†3022. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge growth has been registered in the demand of electricity in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, extent of increase in demand of electricity from different States of the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a monitoring mechanism is being put in place by Government for its immediate resolution in view of the gravity of this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Execution of SAUBHAGYA scheme in  
Madhya Pradesh**

†3023. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electrification work in hamlets/clusters is being carried out in Madhya Pradesh under SAUBHAGYA scheme; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal/policy to incorporate Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana?

**Revival of stressed thermal power  
plants**

3024. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to address the issues of stressed thermal power plants in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has set up a high level empowered committee for suggesting measures to deal with problems of

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struggling power assets and if so, the details thereof?

**Performance of UDAY scheme in Gujarat**

†3025. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the work done in rural areas of the districts of Gujarat under the Ujjwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY), district-wise;

(b) the details of the number of beneficiaries in Gujarat under UDAY scheme, district-wise; and

(c) the work proposed in these districts under UDAY scheme and by when it will be finished?

**Escalating power tariff**

3026. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inefficient coal reserve at power plants and sudden decline in wind and hydro electricity generation has led to spike in power tariff to ₹ 15.37 per unit, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the previous high was recorded at ₹ 17 per unit in August, 2009, if so, the details thereof?

**Emphasis on gas-based plants by NTPC**

3027. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC is currently installing an additional capacity of over 20,000 MW at multiple locations across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that NTPC is giving more thrust on gas-based power plants rather than fuel-based power plants considering the pollution problem, if so, the details thereof?

**NTPC's share in total electricity generated in India**

3028. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC group has installed capacity of 53,651 MW and contribute 23 per cent of total electricity generated in India with 16 per cent share of country's total installed capacity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NTPC group has 21 coal-based, seven gas-based, eleven solar PV, one hydro, one small hydro, one wind and nine subsidiaries/joint venture power stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Financial burden caused by T&D losses**

3029. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the financial burden faced by States and consumers due to Transmission and Distribution (T&D) loss of power by the power companies, State-wise, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the transmission loss expected to be incurred as per the norms of power generation;

(c) the extent of transmission loss incurred by the power companies all over the country during the last three years and the current year; and

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(d) the policy formulated by Government to reduce the transmission losses?

(e) details of time-bound action plan chalked out towards achieving target of self reliant India in terms of power generation?

**Construction of fly ash based roads by NTPC**

3030. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC invited expression of interest for construction of fly ash based geopolymer concrete roads at its plants to demonstrate use of this technology, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that NTPC has successfully completed similar project at Dadri station as per Indian Roads Congress specifications and accreditation, if so, the details thereof?

**Huge demand-supply mismatch of electricity**

†3031. SHRI NARAYAN RANE:  
DR. SATYANARAYAN  
JATIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand of electricity is continuously increasing, as a result of which there is huge shortage of electricity;

(b) if so, details of power generation, demand-supply of electricity and existing shortage during last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of electricity generation from different sources during last three years and next three years as well, State-wise;

(d) details of infrastructural reforms and time-bound action plan made to improve production of electricity and success achieved as a result of it; and

**Classification of tourist spots**

†3032. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has categorised the various tourist spots of the country on the basis of their importance, the number of local and foreign tourists visiting those tourist spots and revenue earned from them;

(b) if so, the details of the said categorisation along with the names of such tourist spots; and

(c) the number of tourist spots identified or categorised as international tourist hubs in Uttar Pradesh?

**Assistance for tourism development in Manipur**

3033. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance provided by the Ministry for development of tourism infrastructure in Manipur;

(b) the status of projects taken up in the State and the amount of funds released in each of them during the last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry is going to take up any projects other than the North-East Circuit and Spiritual Circuit; and

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

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**Extension of Central Staff's LTC umbrella to Kerala**

3034. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala has sought Central Staff's LTC umbrella to save tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken on the request of Kerala Government?

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that there are impediments under CRZ regulations which are hampering investments in tourism sector, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any proposal/representation has been received by the Ministry from Government of Andhra Pradesh for the amendment of CRZ regulations or Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Ministry's actions thereon?

**Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme**

3035. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme during the last three years;

(b) the budget allocated and actual utilisation of funds;

(c) the timelines of each of the projects along with the physical and financial achievements;

(d) the concrete measures taken by Government for completion of ongoing projects, sanctioning of new projects, development of iconic tourist sites and development of wayside amenities in popular tourist circuits; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to monitor the progress of projects ensuring completion of projects within stipulated time to avoid cost overruns?

**Tourism projects in Sikkim**

3037. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 51 tourism projects of Government of Sikkim are seriously affected due to non-release of Central Financial Assistance under the 100 per cent Centrally sponsored scheme of product/infrastructure Development of Destination and Circuits;

(b) the amount of balance Central fund to be transferred to the Government of Sikkim to complete these 51 projects;

(c) whether the request of release of these funds has been placed before the Ministry by State Government on several occasion;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in the release of these funds; and

(e) by when funds will be released?

**Safety and security of foreign tourists**

3038. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are increasing number

**Tourism in Andhra Pradesh marred by CRZ regulations**

3036. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

of crimes against foreign tourists in popular destinations;

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

(c) whether adverse perception about safety and security of tourists would seriously affect the tourists arrivals in the country and if so, Government's response thereto;

(d) whether Government has set up any helpline for tourists and formulated a code of conduct for safe and ethical tourism to be adopted by major stakeholders and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other corrective steps being taken by Government in this regard?

**Measures to address unregulated tourist rush**

3039. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious

environmental problems have beset those tourist places *i.e.* Shimla, Ladakh, Goa, etc. in India, where unregulated tourist rush is a major issue; and

(b) if so, measures taken up for cleanliness and tackling environmental problems caused due to this unregulated tourist rush?

**Infrastructure development plan for pilgrimage tourism**

3040. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing tourism infrastructure development plan for pilgrimage tourism, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that under the said plan, Government provides financial assistance to States for improving tourist amenities in pilgrimage centres and if so, the details thereof?

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