

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 23, 2021/ 2 Chaitra, 1943 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy;
Corporate Affairs; Culture; Earth Sciences; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New
and Renewable Energy; Power; Science and Technology; Tourism)**

Total number of questions -- 15

Assessment of growth of GDP

286 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the growth of Gross Domestic Product(GDP) during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has also assessed the growth rate in the agricultural, industrial manufacturing and services sectors while making the said assessment; and
- (d) if so, the details of estimated annual growth rate in these sectors during the said period, sector-wise?

EASE reform agenda for PSBs

287 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the features of EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) 3.0 reform agenda which aims at providing smart, tech-enabled public sector banking for aspiring India;
- (b) the progress made under the agenda;
- (c) the impact of the said agenda, Public Sector Bank(PSB)-wise; and
- (d) the details of other measures being taken in the field of banking reforms?

Cultural institutions working under the Ministry

288 **Dr. Sonal Mansingh:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cultural institutions functioning under the Ministry, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the work/function being carried out by each institution;
- (c) the total budget earmarked and released to each institution during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the achievement made by each institution so far, State/UT-wise?

Implementation of National Health Mission in Karnataka

289 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of National Health Mission (NHM) in Karnataka during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of funds released under NHM to Karnataka during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of components under which the above said funds have been released in Karnataka; and
- (d) the details of each of the proposals received from the State Government of Karnataka under NHM during the last three years and action taken by Government on each of the above proposal?

Earnings made by private hospitals through vaccination programme

290 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated amount earned by private hospitals after getting approval from Government to vaccinate the patients;
- (b) the amount likely to be generated by the private sector if the price is fixed at ₹200/- per two doses;
- (c) the modalities formulated by Government to ensure vaccinating the unemployed ration card holders during the Pandemic;
- (d) the details of funds withheld for various schemes during the Pandemic and the details of donations received from the citizens to deal with the Pandemic; and
- (e) the reasons for not giving free vaccine to the poor people out of the said donations amount?

Fire safety audits in Government hospitals

291 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether frequent fire audits are conducted in the Central Government hospitals, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there are standard protocols in place for fire-safety management in Government hospitals; and
- (c) the manner in which these audits are monitored?

Special Audit Committee report on financial irregularities at SIC

292 Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) when the report of Special Audit Committee regarding financial irregularities at Sports Injury Centre (SIC), Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi was submitted;
- (b) the findings and recommendations of the Committee;
- (c) the comments of Government on the Special Audit Committee Report;
- (d) the actions taken till date based on the findings;
- (e) whether the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is required to be consulted;
- (f) the current status and whether Government contemplates to take action in this matter of public interest; and

(g) whether the Audit Committee Report has been pending for more than 2 years without any substantive action and, if so, the reasons therefor?

Action plan to strengthen health infrastructure

293 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has chalked out any action plan to strengthen the rural healthcare infrastructure in order to make health services more efficient in Rural India;
- (b) whether any funds have been allocated during the current financial year for physical realisation of infrastructure development; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of rising fuel excise duties

294 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the impacts of rising fuel excise duties and Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) taxes on income inequality;
- (b) if so, the details of the impact of the fuel excise duties on varying income groups of the population; and
- (c) whether Government has assessed how rising fuel excise duties can increase costs of goods and increase inflation and, if so, the detailed assessment of the impact of current fuel excise duties on inflation?

Luhri hydropower project in Himachal Pradesh

295 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

Will the Minister of **Power** be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of grant to be provided for infrastructure for Luhri Stage-1 hydropower project proposed on Sutlej river at Shimla and Kullu districts;
- (b) the units of power generation targeted under this project and the likely time to complete it;
- (c) whether there is any plan to provide free electricity to the families affected by this project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of families affected by this project and the quantity of power to be given free to these families?

Increase in capital spending in third Quarter of 2020-21.

296 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been recorded increase in capital spending by Government and private sector during the third quarter of the current fiscal year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its effect on the overall economy of the country;
- (c) whether the State Governments performed well on capital spending during the third quarter of the current financial year and, if so, the reasons therefor and how the situation is likely to be addressed; and
- (d) how far it is true that spending in the manufacturing sector did not witness encouraging trend belying the expectations to move away from Chinese supply?

E-bills generation for GST collection

297 Shri Anil Desai:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the size of Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection since its inception - month -wise and year-wise;
- (b) the number of e-bills generated during 2020 and 2021 and whether business houses and trading associations have welcomed the way GST is being paid; and
- (c) whether GST collection in any way indicates the health of our financial sector, if so, the details thereof?

Kisan Credit Card coverage

298 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current national average of Kisan Credit Card coverage in percentage terms;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Eastern part of the country including Bihar lags far behind in Kisan Credit Card coverage in comparison to rest of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh

299 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of medical colleges in the country set up during the last three years and the current year till date under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), State-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up medical colleges in the State of Uttar Pradesh including Ballia district under Centrally Sponsored Schemes;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issuance of Zero Coupon Bonds

@ 300 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken in order to allow funding of infrastructure by issue of Zero Coupon Bonds and responses received thereon; and
- (b) the steps being taken to notify Infrastructure Debt Funds eligible to raise funds by issuing tax efficient Zero Coupon Bonds and responses received as on date?

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Desh Deepak Verma,
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