

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 -- 160

Achievements made by Unani centres

3041 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of ***Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Unani centres working under the Ministry and details of achievements made since the inception of these centres, State-wise, place-wise;
- (b) the estimated number of patients who are undergoing treatment in these centres during last three years and the current year, and the total funds spent during the said period, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether Government has received proposals to open Unani Medical Centres from various States, including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Low export of herbs and herbal products

3042 **Shri Rajeew Satav:**

Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of ***Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's share in the total global export of herbs and herbal products is very low and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there is a huge demand for Indian herbs in the European and other developed countries;
- (c) if so, whether Government has formulated any scheme to promote the export of these products from the country along with the incentives provided to the exporters for the purpose; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to boost the said exports and increase India's share in the global export of herbs?

Most popular field among AYUSH systems

3043 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of *Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy* be pleased to state:

- (a) the most popular field of Science that is practised in the country out of the five fields in AYUSH systems; and
- (b) the reasons for such a field of Science being preferred over the other Sciences within the domain of AYUSH?

Promotion of alternative medicine system

3044 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of *Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy* be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to promote alternative way of system and treatment like Siddha system in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of cities in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu where such facilities are provided or facilitated by Government; and
- (c) the details of utilisation of funds allocated to the States/UTs for each programme or scheme under AYUSH during the last three years and in the current year?

Ayurvedic drug for breast cancer

3045 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of *Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) in collaboration with AIIMS, New Delhi has conducted a clinical research study for evaluating quality of life with a coded Ayurvedic formulation named as 'AYUSH QOL-2C' in patients of local non-metastatic breast cancer treated with adjuvant chemotherapy/radiotherapy and correlating it with Molecular Marker;
- (b) if so, the details of the clinical trials;
- (c) whether Government has given any approval for the manufacturing of this drug; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Compulsory Yoga education in Government aided schools

3046 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of *Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to make Yoga education compulsory in Government and aided schools, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether survey has revealed that Yoga is proving very popular and effective to check several diseases; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to give more publicity to it through newspapers and electronic media?

Scientific research in AYUSH for COVID-19 treatment

3047 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Will the Minister of ***Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any scientific research about the effectiveness of Homoeopathy, Unani and Ayurveda medicines for treatment of COVID-19 affected patients, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are any records available in hospitals about the number of COVID-19 patients who have been administered such medicines;
- (c) how they have responded to such treatment and finally discharged from hospitals having completely recovered; and
- (d) the number of patients who lost their lives, State-wise?

Importance of AYUSH to improve the immunity

3048 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

Will the Minister of ***Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the importance of AYUSH in view of the need to improve the immunity of every individual; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to propagate AYUSH among the public?

Promotion of medicinal herbs cultivation

3049 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of ***Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan to promote medicinal herbs cultivation in view of demand of domestic herbs in international markets and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to provide assistance for the cultivation of the said herbs and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether particular areas have been identified for the cultivation of said herbs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise?

Common Yoga Protocol Training

3050 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Will the Minister of ***Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has formulated a Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) Training recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;
- (c) whether the training will include safe practices to improve the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health;
- (d) whether Government has taken initiatives to include Yoga in the school curriculum, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to enhance the acceptance and adoption of the practice of Yoga, both within the country and abroad?

Criteria for standardisation of AYUSH medicines

3051 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

Will the Minister of **Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has released guidelines to determine a criterion for standardisation of AYUSH medicines;
- (b) whether it is a fact that in the absence of standardisation, any firm starts the production of any drug by making unverifiable claim of treatment for any disease; and
- (c) if so, whether Government would take any concrete initiative in this regard?

Burden after change in Corporate Tax

3052 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the burden increased on Government after change in Corporate Tax;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any policy to deal with the same; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Revenue generated from foreign companies operating in the country

3053 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign companies operating in India at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of foreign companies registered during the last five years;
- (c) whether Government receives revenue from the foreign companies by way of fees/charges for filing/registering various documents; and
- (d) if so, the details of the amount received from these companies during each of the last five years?

Extending deadline of CFSS and LSS

3054 **Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to extend the deadline of Companies Fresh Start Scheme (CFSS) and the LLP Settlement Scheme (LSS) as they have been a boon since their implementation in April 2020; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cognisance of malpractices by Amazon India

3055 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken cognisance of Reuters Investigative report on Malpractices by Amazon India titled 'Amazon documents' which claimed to reveal company's secret strategy to dodge India's regulators;
- (b) whether any investigation has been initiated into the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Profitability of the corporate sector

3056 **Shri K.J. Alphans:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the average rate of return on capital employed by the top 500 companies in India during the past five years; and
- (b) how does this compare with the global figures?

Anti-trust investigations of Internet technology companies

3057 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has opened anti-trust investigations against Internet technology companies from the years 2014-15 till present and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry is investigating any Internet technology companies for misusing their dominant position in the market and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure fair competition in the IT industry; and
- (d) whether Government has opened anti-trust investigations against social media networks from the years 2014-15 till present and, if so, the details thereof?

Public Procurement through open online portals

3058 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

the percentage of the total public procurement of the Ministry achieved through open online portals and the details thereof?

Financial Transparency Mapping

3059 **Shri Muzibulla Khan:**

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are standardised measures to map financial transparency in terms of tax payment, black money and corruption for each State; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

CSR funds for rural development

3060 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data regarding the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for the benefit of rural India by Indian companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated amount of CSR reduced during the year 2020 under COVID-19 crisis?

Data Exchange between MCA and SEBI.

3061 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the MoU marks cooperation and synergy between the two regulators in optimizing the surveillance in curbing corporate frauds;

- (b) if so, the details of the cases of the suspended and delisted companies detected so far;
- (c) the details of the implementation of carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation, and prosecution, for the purpose of data exchange and seamless linkage for regulatory purposes;
- (d) the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the status and agenda for the year 2021-2022 to achieve corporate governance mechanism and the details thereof?

Tagore Cultural Complex in Karnataka

3062 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

- (a) the current status of the Tagore Cultural Complex (TCC) in Kalaburagi in Karnataka;
- (b) by when it is expected to be operational;
- (c) the total amount of fund released by Central Government for the TCC at Kalaburagi;
- (d) whether Government has monitored the utilisation of fund by the State Government; and
- (e) if so, the details of any misuse of funds noticed by Government?

Promoting national and regional cultures

3063 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the details of schemes formulated by Government to promote and develop national and regional culture of various States of the country, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the assistance provided for these schemes including for Uttar Pradesh during last three years and current year, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to extend financial assistance in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

National Mission on Libraries

3064 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

whether any work has been undertaken under National Mission on Libraries India, during last six months, if so, the details thereof?

Welfare policies for promotion and preservation of art and artists

3065 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries, since 2017 for each of the components of the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion of Art and Culture, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the detailed amount of financial assistance offered each year under each component of the scheme;
- (c) number of beneficiaries, since 2017 for Scheme of Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes, State-wise and year-wise, and the detailed amount of pension provided under the scheme each year; and
- (d) whether there is any institutional mechanism that Government have in place to take feedback from beneficiaries and experts on the impact of these schemes, if not, reasons therefor?

Grants for conservation of protected monuments

3066 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the details of the grants released by Government to meet the expenditure towards conservation of protected monuments, sites viz., removal of encroachment, fencing of evicted land, etc, year wise since 2014, if no such grant has been released, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted by Government to assess the impact of illegal occupation/encroachment of protected monuments and sites, if so, details of the study and, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of all the measures taken by Government to prohibit encroachment of protected monuments and to protect evicted land?

Encroachment around protected monuments

3067 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the extent of encroachment/illegal occupation of protected monuments and sites by private entities, State wise and year wise since 2014;
- (b) the details of the progress of eviction on the identified encroached protected monuments and sites along with the cases pending in various courts; and
- (c) the deficiencies in the process of identification, accounting and eviction of encroached Government land/protected monuments and sites?

Unutilized funds under the Ministry

3068 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the quantum of funds which could not be spent under the various scheme of the Ministry due to COVID-19 pandemic during last year;
- (b) the details thereof, scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the development of those areas for which the schemes were launched has been hindered and the funds have not been spent for the development, conservation and promotion of the same as originally aimed at; and
- (d) if so, the steps that are being taken to execute the schemes expeditiously and to compensate for the discrepancies and the details thereof?

Excavation work in Tamil Nadu

3069 Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) the number of places across the country where archaeological excavation work is being carried out during the last three years;
- (b) the outcome of the work along with the details thereof including Tamil Nadu, State-wise;
- (c) whether some relics like sculptures, columns, utensils and other artefacts have been recovered during excavation work carried out recently in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, action taken to display the artefacts at the respective excavation sites for the public, and the details thereof?

Setting up new science museums

3070 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering on opening new science museums in the country;
- (b) if so, whether they will be opened in the States of Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh also; and
- (c) the amount of funds estimated to be spent thereon and by when these science museums will be opened and the details thereof?

Implementation of Mausam project

3071 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) the features of the project "Mausam" along with the present status thereof;
- (b) the details of the fund allotted/sanctioned and utilized during the past three years under this project specially in Odisha, State/UT-wise and number of States/Countries involved in the project for the past three years;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time period for this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements so far and it's response with the other States/Countries?

ACROSS scheme

3072 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of features of Atmosphere & Climate Research-Modelling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS) scheme which aims to provide for a reliable weather and climate forecast;
- (b) the progress made under the scheme;
- (c) the intended impact of the scheme; and
- (d) the details of other measures being taken to improve upon climate forecasting?

Automatic weather stations

3073 **Shri K.P. Munusamy:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to provide Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) for farm specific weather and soil related advisories to all farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and District-wise; and
- (c) the details of the present status of the AWS?

Cyclone Warning Centres in Coastal States

3074 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up Cyclone Warning Centres in coastal States of the country and, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the States likely to be benefited by these Centres?

Assessment of climate change over Indian region

3075 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has published "Assessment of Climate Change over Indian Region" recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken steps in view of this new report to combat and adapt to the effects of climate change?

Impact of bitcoin on regular currency

3076 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made on how cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin impacts regular currency of the country;
- (b) the details of the countries which are in favour or permitting use of cryptocurrency, the countries that are opposing and the countries that have taken middle path;
- (c) whether there are any plans to bring legislation to stop use of cryptocurrency in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Problems in filing GST returns by MSME

3077 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that filing of quarterly GST returns is creating problems for MSME sector due to reconciliation mismatch;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and how Government is planning to address this problem; and
- (c) the contention of MSME sector with regard to Rule 36(4) of GST Rules?

GST dues to Andhra Pradesh

3078 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that still ₹ 5,269 crore GST dues of Andhra Pradesh are to be paid till November, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details of amount to be paid between December, 2020 to March, 2021; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to release the above dues to the State which is reeling under severe financial constraints?

Taxes imposed on Business Houses of Gujarat

3079 # **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the number of Business Houses of Gujarat and the amount of additional tax imposed on them at the tax assessment stage during raids conducted in Gujarat between 31st March 2018 and 31 March 2019 by the Income Tax Department; and
- (b) the final amount of additional taxation imposed on the Business Houses after their review appeals to Commissioner of Income-tax (CIT)(A) and Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT)?

Shortage of employees in PSBs

3080 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**

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

- (a) whether recruitment of various posts has been stopped leading to shortage of employees in various posts in the country and, if so, the details thereof, bank-wise;
- (b) whether Public Sector Banks (PSBs) follow reservation policy in their recruitment to various posts and, if so, the details of SC/ST/OBC appointed in various posts during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government to remove the shortage of employees by recruiting new employees?

Economic cooperation received from foreign countries

3081 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of economic cooperation and the development assistance received from foreign countries, sector-wise for each of the last three years and the current year till date;
- (b) the details of economic cooperation and development done in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (c) the key areas identified for the purpose?

GST Council meeting agenda

3082 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting is likely to take up rationalising tax rates and merger of multiple slabs to bring them close to being revenue-neutral and make the indirect tax regime simpler as discussed in the 15th Finance Commission; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status in this regard?

Massive debt load on large companies

3083 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many large companies in India have massive debt load from various banks and financial institutions;
- (b) if so, the names of first 20 companies having debt of more than ₹25,000 crore from banks and financial institutions; and
- (c) whether Government has any mechanism in place to monitor these companies so that they may not opt for National Company Law Tribunal to seek bankruptcy protection and, if so, the details thereof?

GST on catering licences at railway stations

3084 **# Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is charging 18 per cent GST on the licensees at railway stations;
- (b) whether the Akhil Bhartiya Railway Khan-pan Licensees' Welfare Association has given demand letters from time to time to rationalise GST rates;
- (c) whether Government has received letters from MPs/public-representatives regarding

the demands of license holding vendors; and

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

Regulating Cryptocurrency

3085 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the grounds on which Government is planning to propose a ban on the cryptocurrencies;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any primary or first-hand research/stakeholder consultation to derive on the above mentioned grounds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Life insurance scam

3086 Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of complaints of fraud against ICICI Bank and ICICI Prudential for issuing life insurance policies to poor farmers in the garb of fixed deposits;
- (b) whether all States have reported such fraud and, if so, the brief details of the total amount of fraudulent money;
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry and RBI against ICICI Bank and ICICI Prudential in response to this fraud and the amount of fraudulent money recovered; and
- (d) the vigilance practices put in place to prevent such actions from happening again by RBI and IRDAI?

Amendment in Insurance Ombudsman Rules

3087 Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has amended Insurance Ombudsman Rules, if so, the details thereof along-with the reasons for doing so;
- (b) whether Government has received complaint (s) with regard to the delay in settlement or in many cases not paying of settlement amount in lieu of different silent clauses, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government; and
- (c) whether the current amendments tackle the issue of delay to reach the Ombudsman, if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of Steel Plants

3088 Shri M. Shanmugam:

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

- (a) whether Government has given in principle approval for disinvestment of various steel plants under SAIL in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has considered the ramifications of the step on the stakeholders involved including impact on jobs of employees and, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government intends to provide support to Tamil Nadu Government for the due revival of the Salem Steel Plant; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Threats of cryptocurrency

3089 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the threats of private cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin to Indian economy;
- (b) whether Bitcoin is traded in the country in clandestine manner and has come to the notice of Government; and
- (c) if so, the details of steps taken or being taken to curb illegally trading in cryptocurrencies?

Special scheme to boost domestic demand

3090 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government is formulating a special scheme to create a climate of investment and business and to boost domestic demand;
- (b) whether the aim of Government in focussing on investment in economy will be for the well-being of the villages, the poor and the youth; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to increase the budget for rural development, skill development and other schemes of critical importance so as to make India 'atmanirbhar'?

Curbing fraudulent transactions in digital payments

3091 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the steps that Government is taking to curb fraudulent transactions through digital unified payments interfaces (UPIs);
- (b) in what manner Government would involve regulators such as RBI and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in this process;
- (c) whether Government believes that improvement in technology by UPIs can also contribute towards curbing such transactions; and
- (d) whether Government intends to collect any data on the frequency, sources and cases of fraudulent transactions through UPIs as part of this process?

Insurance for bank lockers

3092 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether during the last few years many incidents of theft or disappearance of property papers/documents etc. from bank lockers have come to light and which has increased the sense of insecurity among the customers, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government would consider making any binding provisions under which the banks would provide the equivalent security to the lockers of customers as to their own chests; and
- (c) whether Government would consider to make any provision of insurance for the customers of bank lockers under which the customers would pay the premium after fixing the risk value of their assets and the bank would give the compensation to the customer in same proportion, in case of bank thefts?

Privatization of PSUs under non-strategic sectors

3093 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning that Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under non-strategic sectors would be privatized or closed;
- (b) the number of PSUs in strategic and non-strategic sectors which were closed or privatized during the last three years and the details of names of PSUs; and
- (c) the details of the PSUs merged or privatized during the last three years and taken over by the private companies?

Allocation for agricultural credit

3094 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether ₹ 16.5 lakh crores have been allocated for agricultural credit in the country in the present Budget (FY- 2021-22);
- (b) whether it is a fact that the District Level Committees which are headed by the District Collectors finalise the scale of finance for each crop in the district;
- (c) if so, whether the banks are giving loans as recommended by the banks; and
- (d) if not, whether there is any proposal to consider from bottom to top approach line in scale of finance by Government?

Online bank fraud - 24 hours watch

3095 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are increasing number of cyber criminals committing banking frauds;
- (b) if so, the mechanism in place to check the cyber crime;
- (c) whether such cyber experts are there on the job 24 hours in view of the fact that these criminals indulge in such banking frauds day and night; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies of Chairman in PSBs

3096 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) the sanctioned and actual strength of Chairman/Non-Governmental Directors in the Public Sector Banks (PSBs)/Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)/Grameen Banks in the country, the details thereof, bank-wise and State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether a large number of posts of Non-Governmental Directors in the Governing Boards of various PSBs/RRBs/Grameen Bank in the country are lying vacant at present;
- (c) the time since when these posts are lying vacant, bank-wise and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

Impact of increase in excise duties and tax on LPG

3097 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether Government is cognisant of the severe impact of the frequent increase in

excise duties and tax on Liquefied Petroleum Gas on consumers and reduced consumptions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering steps to reduce such taxes and consequent burden of impact of high prices of household fuel and petrol/diesel on consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue loss due to not increasing taxes on Tobacco products

3098 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

(a) the reasons for not increasing taxes on tobacco products, even when Government is suffering huge revenue losses;

(b) whether Government received any proposals for not imposing additional taxes on tobacco products;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has considered such proposals positively; and

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

Investment by public financial institutions in tobacco companies

3099 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government agencies like LIC and UTI have invested in tobacco companies which are involved in manufacturing of tobacco products;

(b) if so, the details of the investments made; and

(c) the reasons for encouraging public financial institutions to invest in these tobacco companies?

Recapitalisation of Regional Rural Banks

3100 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

(a) the total infusion of regulatory capital in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) since 2015 till date;

(b) the total number of RRBs infused with capital since 2015 till date and a list of all RRBs requiring infusion of capital during the same time period;

(c) the total amount transferred to RRBs since 2015 till date;

(d) the total amount lent by RRBs since 2015 till date and a sector-wise/State-wise list of the same; and

(e) the economic impact of lending by RRBs along with analysis of the same since 2015 till date?

Loans by NABARD

3101 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to various States during each of the last three years in Karnataka;

(b) the details of the amount invested during said period, State/Sector-wise including farming sector;

- (c) whether Government has set up any monitoring mechanism to monitor and ensure timely completion of the projects for which NABARD has provided assistance;
- (d) whether Government fixes agriculture credit disbursement targets for banking sector every year and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has received any complaint regarding disbursement of these loans and, if so, the details thereof?

Financial allocations and assistance to select States

3102 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the total tax devolution of funds to Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Assam for the years 2020 to 2025 and corresponding figures for the years 2010 to 2015;
- (b) additional central assistance released to the above States by way of different grants;
- (c) the total amount of financial assistance sanctioned and released to the above States during the period 2014 to 2019 under Central and Centrally sponsored schemes and for corresponding assistance for the period 2009 to 2014; and
- (d) additional assistance this year for PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, PM Rojgar Yojana and other COVID-19 relief activities?

Foreign Direct investment in the country

3103 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) how much Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) did India get in the past three years;
- (b) the break-up of (a) by sector, by country of origin and destination State/UT which received such investments;
- (c) in which sectors Government see a greater scope for Foreign Direct Investment;
- (d) the policies or steps Government has taken to attract global manufacturing giants;
- (e) the impact of lowered corporation tax rates in attracting manufacturing global companies; and
- (f) a list of global manufacturing giants that have invested in or evinced keen interest in India recently?

Issues related to CGA and DBT

3104 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) whether the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) maintains all the details of direct benefit transfer, if so, the details of reports maintained;
- (b) the list of all types of reports being stored by Government on direct benefit transfer; and
- (c) the scheme-wise errors in amounts and numbers reported during direct benefit transfer to beneficiaries during financial year 2020-2021?

Cryptocurrency Bill

3105 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to ban cryptocurrency in India;

- (b) whether the description of the Cryptocurrency Bill in the legislative agenda for the Budget Session cover this;
- (c) whether Government is currently collecting income tax on cryptocurrency earnings of Indians, if so, the details of the income tax collected by Government from cryptocurrency since 2016-17 to 2019-20; and
- (d) whether Government collects GST from cryptocurrency exchanges in India, if so, the details of the GST collected by Government from cryptocurrency since 2016-17 to 2019-20?

Outstanding GST amount to Madhya Pradesh

3106 # **Shri Kailash Soni:**

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

- (a) whether GST amount of the State of Madhya Pradesh amounting ₹2310 crore is outstanding;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when said outstanding GST amount would be paid to the Government of Madhya Pradesh?

Awareness about online banking and payment services

3107 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the number of registrations RBI have received for self-regulatory organizations for the payments industry so far;
- (b) whether Government is aware of cases of financial frauds where digitally illiterate customers are made to download apps which results in sharing of sensitive banking information of the customers with fraudsters;
- (c) in how many cases before the RBI Ombudsman have banks been directed to compensate customers as per the RBI's instructions in its circular dated 14 December 2017; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to promote digital awareness about online banking and payment services among customers?

Custom seizures at airports

3108 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently several cases of custom violations have been reported at airports, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the total custom seizures at airports in terms of rupees during the last three years with year-wise break-up?

Accounts and money under Jan Dhan Yojana

3109 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the number of bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana in the country so far and the number of bank accounts opened in Gujarat;
- (b) the amount deposited in Jan-Dhan accounts so far;
- (c) the number of people who got the benefit of overdraft facility under the said scheme;

and

(d) the number of beneficiaries who have been given 'Rupay Card'?

11th bipartite agreement in banks

3110 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented the 11th bipartite agreement for the banks' employees in the country and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether bank pensioners/family pensioners are also part of the 11th bipartite agreement; and
- (c) if so, when can pensioners/family pensioners expect implementation of the agreement in letter and spirit?

Declining GDP

3111 Shri Y. S. Chowdary:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that GDP has been declining for the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

Impact of moratoriums on Micro Finance Institutions during COVID-19 crisis

3112 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during COVID-19, some micro finance institutions are in a debt trap due to rising default in loan payments, if so, the response of Government in this regard; and
- (b) the support to be offered by Government to such institutions so that the borrowers are not harassed for default in loan payment due to COVID-19?

Beneficiaries under PMJDY

3113 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Jan - Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) at rural/semi-urban centre banks branches in the last five years, and the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Jan - Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) at urban metro centre banks branches in the last five years, and the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of rural-urban women beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Jan - Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in the last five years, and the details thereof?

Raising tax on harmful products

3114 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering any proposal to raise the existing 28 per cent tax slab on harmful products;

- (b) whether any proposal has been received by the Ministry for inclusions of tobacco in the list of harmful products;
- (c) the number of types of diseases that occur due to consumption of various kind of tobacco products; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken to discourage consumption of tobacco products that become cause of diseases?

Pending pay fixation of employees in Grade Pay Rupees 4600

3115 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of cases of fixation of basic pay at ₹18,460/- in respect of officials of Central Government who were promoted from grade of ₹4,200/- to ₹4,600/- between 01.01.2006 to 29.08.2008 under the 6th CPC as per the orders of Department of Expenditure and judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Rajkumar Anand case in March 2019, pending as on date;
- (b) the reasons for such long pendency in above cases of Central Government employees in contempt to orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court; and
- (c) by when basic pay of above officials would be fixed and pendency would be disposed off?

Aid to struggling NBFCs

3116 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that according to the RBI's Financial Risk Stability report, there are Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) with a fundamental mismatch between assets and liabilities and therefore face a variety of challenges;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any measures to aid struggling NBFCs during the past three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Vaccine development for cancer prevention

3117 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are 200 types of cancers in the country;
- (b) the efforts being made by the Ministry to vaccinate people to avoid cancers, as we have HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer, Hepatitis-B vaccine to prevent liver cancer and H.Pylori vaccine to protect stomach cancer; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the vaccine institutes in the country to develop vaccines for various types of cancers?

Subject Expert Committee report on approval of COVID-19 vaccine

3118 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the names and qualifications of all the members of the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) who approved the emergency use for Covaxin COVID-19 vaccine;
- (b) the detailed minutes of the meetings of the SEC for discussing the approval of the vaccine;

- (c) whether any member of the committee had mentioned apprehensions about the safety and efficacy of the vaccine based on the trial data provided; and
- (d) if so, the details of said apprehensions and the member's name?

Achievements made under Healthy India initiative

3119 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) the details of further achievements made under Healthy India initiative with strong infrastructure and well being of the people, along with the States covered/beneficiaries listed;
- (b) the criteria adopted along with funds sanctioned or released and the results yielded so far, along with assessments made and demands reviewed in the last five years and current year, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (c) the future action plan in this regard?

Implementation of National Health Mission in Chhattisgarh

3120 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under National Health Mission (NHM) during the last two years and as on date for Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to strengthen National Health Mission and make it more effective by increased allocation of funds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of Community Health Centres and Public Health Centres set up in Chhattisgarh from the date of inception of National Health Mission; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to assess the implementation and growth of National Health Mission (NHM) along with the present status thereof?

COVID-19 vaccine fatalities and liability

3121 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the number of fatalities that have been resulted due to administration of COVID-19 vaccine in the country;
- (b) the authority responsible in case of an adverse effect arising out of administering the COVID-19 vaccine among the patient, the vaccine manufacturer, the Government, the doctor or any other party; and
- (c) the grievance redressal mechanism for issues arising out of administering COVID-19 vaccine including fatalities?

Smoking in public places under COTPA, 2003

3122 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether the Central Tobacco Control Act allows smoking in some public places (restaurants, hotels) in the specified smoking areas, under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce,

Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 or COTPA, 2003, at present;
 (b) whether the Ministry proposes to remove the provision of approval for smoking in specified areas for tobacco control under COTPA, 2003 as prevalent in many countries;
 (c) whether the draft prepared by Government for COTPA Amendment Act, includes the provision of reducing smoking; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

Rising problem of multi-drug resistant deaths

3123 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a rising problem of multi-drug resistant deaths in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government plans to take to reduce the overuse and unsupervised use of antibiotics by patients?

Rise in Non-communicable diseases

3124 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) especially cardiovascular, diabetes and obesity is rising dangerously in India, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to create awareness among the public about the NCDs and reduce the mortality rate due to NCDs in the country;
- (c) the manner in which Government is conducting the awareness programme to communicate effectively to the public about NCDs; and
- (d) whether said measures have brought positive response in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Private medical colleges in the country

3125 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) the details of total number of private medical colleges in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of them which have been established after 2014;
- (c) the number of applications for establishing private colleges pending before the Central Government;
- (d) the number of private colleges that have been found inadequate after inspection by IMA in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21; and
- (e) the actions being taken against them?

Domicile issue of medical students

3126 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that certain students who passed MBBS examination are being deprived from domicile by some states with regards to Post Graduation (PG) State quotas;
- (b) if so, the policy of Government with regards to domicile for MBBS qualified students appearing for PG examinations;
- (c) whether they will get domicile on the basis of their birth certificate or geographical location of their respective colleges; and

(d) whether Government will form uniform policy in this regard to stop discriminatory and divergent policies leading to injustice with many students?

Special funds released to the States for COVID-19

3127 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether the special fund has been released to the States for control or treatment of COVID-19 patients in the country since February 2020;
- (b) if so, whether there is misuse of funds being reported in COVID-19 fund in many States, especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken thereof?

Developing agency of CoWIN app

3128 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the developing agency of CoWIN app which is being used for vaccine development;
- (b) whether the code has been open sourced;
- (c) the parameters of information that are collected; and
- (d) the agency authorised to collect the aforesaid data?

Export of vaccine to other nations .

3129 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received proposals for exports of vaccine to combat COVID-19 in some other countries;
- (b) if so, the details of the countries from which such requests have been received;
- (c) the extent to which it would be viable to export the vaccine to other countries, in a scenario where the country itself needs a huge number of vaccine doses for inoculation of its own people; and
- (d) the policy of preference in case Government decides to export the vaccine to other countries?

COVID-19 vaccine production in India

3130 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry or ICMR has approved the production of COVID-19 vaccines for two companies to manufacture in India;
- (b) if so, the details therefor;
- (c) whether one of the vaccines approved is manufactured from vaccine supplies from abroad; and
- (d) if so, the details therefor?

Health and wellness centres providing mental health services

3131 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether the mental health services component of Ayushman Bharat has been

implemented in health and wellness centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including number of health and wellness centres providing mental health services, State-wise and district-wise in the year 2020 and the operational guidelines for implementation;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether coverage of treatment of mental illnesses is provided under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, if so the details thereof including mental disorders covered, specific inpatient and outpatient services for mental illness that are insured; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

District Mental Health Programme

3132 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

(a) the details of guidelines under which the District Mental Health Programme is currently being implemented;

(b) when were the guidelines for the implementation of the District Mental Health Programme last revised;

(c) the details of total funds allocated and utilised for the District Mental Health Programme, State-wise, year-wise since 2015;

(d) the details of total number of functioning District Mental Health Programmes, State-wise and district wise; and

(e) whether the District Mental Health Programme will be subsumed under Ayushman Bharat, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

New strain of Virus in Maharashtra, Kerala and Punjab

3133 # Shri Brijlal:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a new strain of COVID-19 virus has been detected in Maharashtra, Kerala and Punjab and the number of COVID-19 patients are increasing every day in these places; and

(b) if so, the status as of now and the precautionary steps that are planned to be taken in this regard and the details thereof?

Supply of COVID-19 vaccine doses to the States

3134 Dr. Anil Agrawal:

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

(a) the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses provided to each State in the country, so far, State-wise;

(b) the response of the people to take the vaccination in each State; and

(c) whether Government proposes to dispel the doubts arising out of the vaccination process?

Renovation of trauma centre at Bikram, Patna in Bihar

3135 # Shri Vivek Thakur:

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

(a) whether any steps are being taken towards the renovation of the trauma centre situated in Bikram town of Patna district in Bihar;

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

Target for COVID-19 vaccination programme

3136 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) the Government's target for percentage of Indian population to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for the year 2021;
- (b) the number of full vaccines (two doses) of approved vaccines administered as of March 1, 2021;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government plans to approve or is in the process of approving any other vaccine candidates other than Covishield and Covaxin?

Hospitals violating concessional land allocation norms

3137 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has constituted any committee to monitor the functioning of such hospitals which got land on concessional rates and are not fulfilling the prerequisite condition of land allocation of providing 25 per cent OPD and 10 per cent IPD concession to poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in diseases due to consumption of junk food and fast food

3138 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of diabetes, mental diseases and liver diseases etc. are increasing in the country due to consumption of junk food and fast food and it is adversely affecting the health of the people;
- (b) the outcomes of the study conducted in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government is conducting awareness programmes in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to control population boom in the country

3139 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether any action is being initiated or under operation by Government to control the increasing population explosion in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any monitoring agency in place to oversee the operation of the policy; and
- (d) if so, the success achieved so far, in keeping the burgeoning population under control?

Under construction AIIMS in the country

3140 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

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

- (a) the number of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) under construction in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the launch date of each project along with the current status of the undergoing projects; and
- (c) the time period within which these projects are proposed to be completed along with the current status of each project?

Vaccination of half of the country's population

3141 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) by when does Government expects half of the population of the country to be vaccinated;
- (b) by when the vaccination of those above 60 yrs and those above 50 yrs with co-morbidities will be completed; and
- (c) whether Government has planned to provide vaccination at home to those who find difficulty in moving?

National Health Mission in Uttar Pradesh

3142 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) the details of funds allotted and utilised under the National Health Mission (NHM) since its inception, in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government has taken or propose to take any step to allocate more funds to strengthen the National Health Mission and make it more effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Public Health Centres (PHCs) established under NHM since its inception in Uttar Pradesh?

Targets of Ayushman Bharat Yojana

3143 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing the Ayushman Bharat Yojana covering nearly half the population of the country, if so, the salient features and targets of the scheme;
- (b) the amount for which applications have been received under the said Yojana till date and the quantum of amount released to the beneficiaries for Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether Government plans to include economically poor persons in addition to BPL Card holders under the said scheme and, if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons benefited under the said scheme till date in Uttar Pradesh?

Quality assessment of medical equipments

3144 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Shri Rajeew Satav:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the quality of medical or diagnostic equipments used in Government hospitals and, if so, the details of the assessment;
- (b) whether most of the medical or diagnostic equipments used in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and other leading Government hospitals are not of international standards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government thereto;
- (d) whether there is a shortage of such equipments in Government hospitals, medical colleges, affiliated hospitals including AIIMS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the remedial steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

Death of doctors due to COVID-19

3145 **Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:**

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

- (a) the total number of deaths of doctors due to COVID -19, till date;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware of the discrepancies in the deaths of doctors as recorded by the Centre and as assessed by IMA; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Private companies selling fake COVID-19 medicines

3146 # **Smt. Chhaya Verma:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that some private companies or institutions are selling medicines for dealing with COVID-19 without obtaining necessary permission from the authorities;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to prevent such fake medicines;
- (c) the number of institutes which claim to have manufactured Ayurvedic medicines for COVID-19;
- (d) the details of steps taken to verify such claims; and
- (e) whether it is also a fact that such fake Ayurvedic medicines for COVID-19 are being publicised by newspapers and TV channels?

Status of construction of AIIMS in Patna, Bihar

3147 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the work of Phase-II and Phase-III of AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) at Patna has not yet started;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there are 305 posts of faculty sanctioned in the said institution but only 160 of them are there on current strength;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the department of diseases like Neurology, Nephrology and Arthritis have not been started yet; and
- (d) the provision made for Phase-II, in the Budget for the year 2021-22 and the time-line by which the process of recruitment and a full fledged hospital would be complete, the details thereof?

Proposal to make AIIMS fully functional

3148 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across the country are all fully functional;
- (b) if so, the details of the apex tertiary care departments planned and such department, which are actually functioning in each of the AIIMS; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not making the AIIMS fully functional?

Current status of the Food Safety and Standards Amendment Bill, 2020

3149 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had proposed the Food Safety and Standards Amendment Bill, 2020 in September 2020 for comments;
- (b) if so, the current status of the proposed bill;
- (c) whether the comments on the proposed bill be published by Government; and
- (d) whether the bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament in the current session?

CGHS speciality centres in NCR

3150 **Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge demand for setting up CGHS speciality centres in the NCR region;
- (b) if so, the number of such speciality centres that are currently functioning in Delhi NCR region; and
- (c) whether the Ministry proposes to set up more CGHS speciality centres in the NCR region in the near future, if not, the reasons therefor?

Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme

3151 # **Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme;
- (b) whether this programme is going to be implemented in Gujarat also, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any provision to link, this programme with Ayushman Bharat Scheme?

Illegal organ transplantations in the country

3152 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that in the last few years, a number of illegal organ transplantations in the country have been conducted in violation of the protocol and procedure mentioned in the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994; and
- (b) if so, the steps that are being taken to address the problem?

Job opportunities for MSc medical students

3153 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government has any policy regarding the conduct utility and job opportunities for those pursuing MSc medical course;
- (b) the number of non-medical teachers who are already working in medical colleges;
- (c) whether the Ministry has met any representatives of the non-medical teachers; and
- (d) if so, the action taken to address their concerns regarding National Medical Commission?

Success ratio of Covishield vaccine

3154 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) the success ratio of Covishield developed by Serum Institute and its impacts on human health;
- (b) the number of doses of vaccine against the virus that have been delivered to healthcare centers and the number of people vaccinated so far in various parts of the country;
- (c) whether Government is considering to increase the volumes of vaccines with the help of private sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating any timeframe that has been fixed for completing the vaccination programme in the country?

Surge in measles cases among infants

3155 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of infants have not received the vaccine against measles while the contagious viral disease surged worldwide in 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any further steps to control measles and prevent outbreaks and deaths among infants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Issues of Tobacco and it's control

3156 Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) the important steps taken by Government to prevent tobacco consumption and to control the production supply under the COTPA, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of tobacco production companies which violated the COTPA, 2003 and the actions taken against them till date; and
- (d) the details of specific areas drafted in Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Amendment) Bill 2020 in public domain?

Illegal and unauthorised path labs

3157 Smt. Ambika Soni:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of illegal and unauthorised pathological laboratories are running without checks and balances across the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons for lackadaisical attitude in this regard; and
- (c) the appropriate steps taken by Government in accordance with the Supreme Court guidelines in this regard to contain illegal and unauthorized labs?

Decline in maternity services during lockdown

3158 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that maternity services and number of newborns have seen a decline during the lockdown imposed in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the efforts made to ensure health services during lockdown?

Illegal cancer drugs from Bangladesh

3159 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that Illegal cancer drugs from Bangladesh are flooding local market;
- (b) whether a thriving grey market of fake and unapproved copies of Big Pharma's oncology and hepatology medicines are being sold in Indian market at cheap rates causing loss to domestic companies and MNCs, which manufacture these medicines;
- (c) with the safety and efficacy of these capsules not known, as they are not imported through the legal route, whether any steps have been taken to rectify the on going wrong doing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor?

Toilet-linked biogas

3160 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to promote the use of toilet-linked biogas in villages to manage faecal waste and generate economically viable clean fuel;
- (b) if so, initiatives that have been undertaken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the steps undertaken by Government to eliminate the stigma attached with using faecal sludge?

PM Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan

3161 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken up the implementation of PM Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme to benefit the farming community in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries who so far availed assistance under this scheme since its inception?

Expenditure for harnessing new and renewable energy

3162 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of ***New and Renewable Energy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the expenditure incurred over the past five years for harnessing new and renewable energy, year-wise; and
- (b) the outcomes/contributions of such efforts?

Exempting host States from cost of transmission systems

3163 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

Will the Minister of ***New and Renewable Energy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to exempt the host States from the burden of cost of transmission systems associated with renewable energy evacuation;
- (b) if so, the status thereon; and
- (c) by what time will it be exempted?

Exploring new renewable energy sources in the country

3164 Shri A. Vijayakumar:

Will the Minister of ***New and Renewable Energy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering "Hydrogen" fuel under new renewable energy sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any addition of renewable energy sources have been identified/developed in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouraging renewable energy

3165 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of ***New and Renewable Energy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to encourage renewable energy;
- (b) if so, whether Government has considered to take any special step in this regard, till date; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

New and renewable energy target

3166 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

Will the Minister of ***New and Renewable Energy*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed the target of achieving capacity of 175 GW of new and renewable energy by the year 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has drawn any comprehensive plan in this direction considering the fact that only 21 months are left; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of PM-KUSUM

3167 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pradhan Mantri Kisan Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM) yojana has been implemented by Government this year, if so, the details of provisions made therein so far;
- (b) the provisions made for installing solar power plants on family owned lands of farmers under the scheme; and
- (c) the funds allocated to Chhattisgarh for this scheme during last two years and the current year and the number of farmers targeted to be benefitted from same funds and the number of farmers who have got benefit and those left unbenefitted during last two years and current year?

Solar power projects in the country

3168 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that lower tariffs have affected the quality of solar power projects and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of steps taken by Government to monitor and ensure that solar projects are viable in the long term and in compliance with quality norms;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure seamless land allotment for solar projects; and
- (d) the details of steps taken by Government to create power evacuation and transmission infrastructure for solar power?

Target for renewable energy capacity

3169 **Shri Irranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) the renewable energy capacity targets set by Government during the last five years;
- (b) the proportion of the targeted capacity realised during the same period;
- (c) whether the targeted renewable energy capacity was not fully realised in any of the last five years if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the renewable energy capacity targets set by Government for the current financial year;
- (e) whether the targets set for the current financial year is lower than the targets for the previous financial year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of solar energy

3170 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any scheme for the masses to promote solar energy in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the percentage of the population of the country getting benefitted from this endeavour during the last two years;
- (c) the amount allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the amount spent so far therefor and whether any expenditure has been made by way of subsidy or whether any income has been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of hydel power projects in the country

3171 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the total power generated by the hydel projects in the country as on 31st December, 2020 State-wise;
- (b) the number of hydel power projects pending for clearance as on 31st December, 2020 along with the power generation capacity of each such project; and
- (c) the States likely to be benefitted by clearance of these projects?

Financial and structural issues plaguing power DISCOMS

3172 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the current outstanding dues of power distribution companies to power generating companies;
- (b) the steps undertaken by Government to address the structural issues plaguing the health of Indian power distribution companies that impact its sustainability despite the liquidity infusion of ₹1,20,000 crore; and
- (c) whether Government plans to undertake investments in technology driven network upgrades to reduce AT&C losses?

Closing of old thermal power plants

3173 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to close down the old thermal power plants which are about 20 years old due to their high maintenance cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of power plants identified for closing down in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the impact of such closed plants on power generation and the steps being taken to overcome?

Power outage in Mumbai

3174 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the month of October, 2020 there was a massive power outage in Mumbai, Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there are reports of cyber attack into systems that manage power supply across the country, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government in this regard?

Initiatives to conserve electricity

3175 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to conserve electricity;
- (b) whether any mechanism exists to ensure efficiency in domestic, agricultural and commercial sectors of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any energy audit during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to ensure implementation of the mechanism developed to conserve electricity?

Energy generation through conventional sources by NTPC

3176 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has plans to increase power generation using conventional fossil fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how much of funds are likely to be infused in power generation in the next five years by NTPC to increase production to meet the demands in the country; and
- (d) how much of electricity is being generated by NTPC at present and how much would be added upon by 2024?

Merger of NTPC with HSCL

3177 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that the Ministry of Power has approached the Ministry of Urban Development for resolution of long pending arbitration of NTPC Kahalgaon with Hindustan Steelworks and Construction Ltd. (HSCL) which has merged with NBCC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action thereon;
- (c) whether it is fact that NTPC has approached newly created administrative mechanism for resolution of CPSE's disputes (AMRCD) for resolution of the arbitration with HSCL and NTPC Kahalgaon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Aggregate Technical & Commercial losses in transmission

3178 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that AT & C losses is an issue of major concern in the power sector reforms;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any study to bring AT&C losses to the lowest value in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural electrification in Chhattisgarh

3179 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that different schemes are being operated by Government for the electrification of villages;
- (b) if so, the number of villages targeted to be electrified and the number of villages which

- have been electrified in Chhattisgarh during last five years;
- (c) the number of villages which need to be electrified in Chhattisgarh, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that many villages of Chhattisgarh are deprived of electrification; and
- (e) if so, whether any steps are being taken to electrify the said villages and whether any time limit has been set for the same?

New guidelines for Hydropower Purchase Obligation

3180 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced new guidelines for Hydropower Purchase Obligation (HPO) under which imported hydropower and power from hydropower commissioned before 8th March, 2019 shall not be considered for meeting HPO;
- (b) whether States like Bihar will suffer most because it has long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with Bhutan as well as from power plants like Rangit and Teesta commissioned before March, 2019; and
- (c) if so, whether Government will reconsider its order dated 29 January, 2021 so as to allow power purchased from old power plants as well as imported also for HPO consideration?

Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana

3181 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated a policy relating to the Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of households in rural and urban areas benefited in the year 2019-2020, State-wise; and
- (d) the amount allocated during the current financial year for the same?

Making India energy powerhouse

3182 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government intends to transform India into powerhouse of energy in view of energy needs of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent of success achieved in terms of percentage as per the target fixed under 'One Sun, One World One Grid' mission for the year 2019-20, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of funds allocated during current financial year?

Atmanirbhar package for power sector

3183 **Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:**

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

- (a) whether Government's ₹1.26 lakh crore Atmanirbhar Package for State Power Distribution Companies has shown any fruitful result;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether DISCOMs now owe several crores to private sector thermal power producers; and
 (d) if so, the details thereof?

Vigyan Jyoti Programme for girls

3184 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of features of the Vigyan Jyoti Programme which aims at encouraging the girls to take interest in science;
 (b) the progress made under the same;
 (c) the measures taken under the same; and
 (d) the details of other measures being taken to establish gender parity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)?

Promoting scientific temper

3185 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding country's position globally in terms of the quality of scientific research; and
 (b) the actions taken by Government to encourage the youths of the country to attract towards scientific research?

Digital mapping of the country

3186 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the project for digitally mapping of the entire country by the Survey of India;
 (b) the number of States/UTs covered under the scheme so far;
 (c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose; and
 (d) whether Government has set any deadline to finish the project by covering the States yet to be covered?

Bio-Technology parks

3187 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Bio-Technology parks operating in the country, State/UT-wise;
 (b) whether various State Governments have sent proposals to establish such parks;
 (c) if so, the details of such proposals along with their status during each of the last three years and the current year; and
 (d) the details of such parks proposed to be established in the near future, State/UT-wise and location wise?

Revision of DNA Technology Regulation Bill, 2019

3188 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposed rework on the DNA Technology (Use And Application) Regulation Bill following the recommendations made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee;
- (b) whether additional consultations have been conducted, or may be accommodated, particularly in connection with issues raised in the dissenting notes of the Standing Committee's report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the expected timeline for re-tabling of the revised Bill?

National Biopharma Mission

3189 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and targets decided by Government under National Biopharma Mission (NBM);
- (b) the details of efforts being made by Government to promote entrepreneurship and domestic manufacturing under NBM;
- (c) the manner in which Government is promoting innovation to achieve inclusion in the country; and
- (d) whether any project/activity is being done in Rajasthan under NBM, if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for promoting youth in the field of Science and Technology

3190 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by Government to promote Science and Technology in the country and the achievements made thereunder, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of financial and technological assistance being provided by Government under these schemes, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has framed any policy to encourage the youth in the field of Science and Technology; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made therein?

Brain Drain in the scientific community

3191 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the issue of brain drain which is affecting the developments in Science and Technology sector in the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to reduce brain drain from above said community?

Identification of new tourist spots

3192 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated to identify and develop new tourist spots in the country;
- (b) if so, the number and names of new tourist spots identified in various States, so far; and

(c) by when the new identified tourist spots in the State are likely to be developed?

Setting up of tourist circuits

3193 **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in 2014, in the President's address to the joint session of Parliament, it was mentioned that 50 tourists circuits would be built; and
- (b) if so, how many out of those 50 tourist circuits promised by Government has been set up?

Swadesh Darshan scheme in Assam

3194 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any plan to develop parts of Assam to be more tourist-friendly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received a comprehensive proposal under "Swadesh Darshan Scheme" regarding development of tourist places from the State Government of Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government so far for allocation of the necessary fund; and
- (e) whether Government has taken/propose to take steps to implement the long-awaited public demand for tourism project as it has tremendous tourism potentiality to attract domestic and foreign tourists, if so, the details thereof?

Partiality in accomodation accorded to MPs

3195 # **Shri Kailash Soni:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that hon'ble members from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha face a kind of discrimination while staying in the Government guest houses during their visit to other States in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons responsible for such incidents taking place, particularly in the State of Kerala alone;
- (c) the reasons responsible for the fact that the prescribed charges of rest houses for local MP and MLA from Kerala are ₹150 per head, while it is ₹2000 per head for the sitting MP and MLA hailing from other States; and
- (d) the State-wise rate charts of rest houses for sitting and former MPs respectively?

Economic stimulus package for revival of tourism sector

3196 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether the tourism and travel industry has been worst affected by lockdown and unlock - restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic in the country and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether inflow of foreign tourist in the country has been severely affected due to COVID-19 and if so, the details of estimated loss of foreign exchange; and
- (c) whether Government has provided any compensation or stimulus package to provide relief to the tourism sector and, if so, the details thereof?

Economic losses for the communities engaged in tourism

3197 Shri K.K. Ragesh:

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

- (a) whether Government is initiating any study to assess the economic loss for the businesses, households and communities engaged in tourism;
- (b) if so, the detailed report of the study thereof;
- (c) whether any measures to support the tourism businesses and community-based tourism enterprises for revival is under consideration; and
- (d) if so, the detail thereof?

Dekho Apna Desh Scheme

3198 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to promote rich heritage of India under webinar series "Dekho Apna Desh" along with the names of tourist places;
- (b) the names of tourist places identified and the details thereof including Kerala, State-wise; and
- (c) the names of tourist places where circuit tourist trains are being run so far?

Religious tourist circuit in Chhattisgarh

3199 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to create any religious tourist circuit in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Buddhist circuit

3200 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether development of Buddhist Circuit Salihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda in Visakhapatnam district and Amaravati-Anupu in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh was approved in 2017-18 under PRASAD Scheme and ₹52 crores was also sanctioned for this purpose by Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the circuit;
- (c) when the State Government had submitted project proposal and what action Government has taken thereon;
- (d) whether Government sought any further clarification on final DPR;
- (e) if so, details of queries and response of the State Government thereon; and
- (f) by when the project is going to be completed?

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