

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, July 9, 2019/Ashadha 18, 1941 (Saka)*

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

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Decrease in the number of branches of Commercial banks in rural areas

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

(a) whether there is any decrease in the number of branches of Commercial banks in rural areas in the last three years;

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

(c) whether any specific efforts are being made to help rural consumers in the event of such a decrease in the number of bank branches; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

More excavations by ASI to unearth earlier civilisation

*167. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is considering to carry out more excavations in the country to unearth more findings of earlier civilisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ASI has come out with a latest report on the findings unearthed from the excavations carried out earlier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of funds released for Swasthya Mela

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

(a) whether Government has released funds to organise Swasthya Mela (Health Fair) in every Lok Sabha constituency under the National Rural Health Mission;

(b) if so, the details of the allocated funds thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of Lok Sabha constituencies for which funds have been utilised for the said Health Fair under the National Rural Health Mission, the constituency-wise details of Maharashtra and the State-wise and district-wise details of other States thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) whether any directions have been issued to those States and districts which have not utilised the funds for the said Health Fair, if so, the details thereof?

Energy Conservation and Building Code

*169. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Energy Conservation and Building Code (ECBC);

(b) the details of its impact on the energy saving and efficiency in the country; and

(c) the details of other measures taken by Government to improve energy efficiency in the country?

Revenue generated through e-commerce

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

(a) whether Government has any statistics regarding revenue generated through e-commerce during the last two years;

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

(c) whether Government has any plan to impose service charges on e-commerce; and

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

Efforts to make drug-resistant TB treatment accessible

*171. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as of 2019, India has the largest number of individuals suffering from drug-resistant versions of tuberculosis, like multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, extensively-drug resistant tuberculosis and the totally drug-resistant tuberculosis, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that delays in treatment are another major factor for deaths due to tuberculosis in India; and

(c) if so, the action planned by Government to overcome this social stigma and lack of access to sound and affordable medical care?

Professional and training institutions setup under CSR

*172. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current rules of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) allow companies to set up professional and training institutions; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that under the instant Rules the industry-specific companies cannot set up their domain-specific technology institutions on a presumption that the passed out students may join the company?

Promotion of herbal medicines

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

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to promote herbal medicines in the country;

(b) whether adequate publicity has been made by Government to promote such medicines among the people through newspapers, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the States and regions identified by Government to plant herbal medicinal plants and allocation of funds during the last two years for the purpose?

Ayushman Bharat Yojana

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

(a) Government's estimate of the requirement of total number of hospital beds in the country in order to make the Ayushman Bharat Yojana truly effective;

(b) the current availability of hospital beds;

(c) the number of graduate and post graduate doctors available in the country and estimated requirement of such doctors; and

(d) how Government plans to meet the shortfalls?

People qualified to run pathology labs

†*175. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that paramedics are running pathology labs in the country, if so, the number thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, people having the degree in Pathology accredited by Medical Council of India (MCI) can run a pathology lab, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the guidelines of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) which provide accreditation to the medical laboratories?

Electricity charges in Delhi

†*176. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of electricity in Delhi has been reduced, whereas fixed charges have been increased many times;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a demand to reduce the fixed charges and this demand is being taken into consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Slowdown in bank loans due to rise in NPAs

†*177. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to rising non-performing assets (NPAs) in the banking system and the resultant liquidity crunch, the banks have slowed down the pace of sanctioning big loans which in turn, is leading to a tardy growth of industries;

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- (b) if so, the details of NPAs in banks in the last three years, year-wise; and
 (c) the reasons of growth in NPAs?

Pesticides in food items

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the presence of pesticides in food items;
 (b) whether there is any policy to make food items free from pesticide residue and giving exemplary punishment to defaulters;
 (c) if so, the action taken so far; and
 (d) the number of defaulters punished during last year?

Accounts opened under PMJDY in Punjab

*179. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of accounts opened so far under

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) since its launch in Punjab, city-wise, till date?

Science and Technology Bilateral Agreements

*180. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Science and Technology Bilateral Agreements signed in the last three years along with the names of the countries;
 (b) how India has benefited from the knowledge sharing in the past three years in accordance with the Bilateral Agreements; and
 (c) how India has contributed in sharing its knowledge in Science and Technology with other countries in the past three years in accordance with the Bilateral Agreements?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
 Secretary-General.

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