

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 10, 2019/Agrahayana 19, 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)

Total number of questions — 15

New medical colleges in Odisha

*226. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up new medical colleges specially in Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has plan to set up medical colleges in aspirational districts, in particular, Rayagada in Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat Scheme

*227. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who have been benefited under Ayushman Bharat Scheme

in each of the States of the country since inception of the scheme; and

(b) how much per capita relief has been given?

Initiatives to control the problem of anaemia

*228. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to National Family Health Survey (NFHS)—IV (2015-16), the prevalence of anaemia among women aged 15 to 49 years is 53.1 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after having taken a lot of initiatives in the last 49 years to control the problem of anaemia in the country by the previous and current Governments, the problem has remained unsolved; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Selling of electoral bonds in bearer form

*229. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry was aware of the fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was against the decision of selling electoral bonds in bearer form;

(b) the list of reasons stated by RBI against the same in the meeting convened on October 11, 2017 and other communications; and

(c) why did the Ministry take such a step in spite of the RBI's disapproval of the scheme, the details thereof?

Sale of stake in BPCL

*230. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has also decided for the disinvestment of BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited) and considering to sell most of its 53.3 per cent stake to a strategic partner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has appointed any agency for its true valuation of BPCL and its assets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hiring of vehicles by Government offices

†*231. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Ministries/Departments/Subordinate Institutions of Government hire vehicles from different travel agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the vehicles hired by Ministries/Departments/Subordinate Institutions are not authorised for commercial use, thus causing a huge loss of revenue per month to Government; and

(d) if so, the action Government is considering to prevent such a corruption?

Data on female foeticides

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

(a) whether Government is planning to conduct any nationwide survey to maintain gender-wise data of foeticides, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to check the implementation of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) (Prohibition of Sex Selection), Act, 1994, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the States submit annual data on female foeticides, if so, the details thereof?

Funding for developing mother and child centres

*233. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide funds to the States to develop mother and child centres at new medical colleges in the States; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to include various medical colleges under the Pradhan

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Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana so that these institutions can be developed as super speciality hospitals and if so, the details thereof?

Achievements from demonetisation

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

(a) the details of targets achieved from demonetisation done on 8th November, 2016;

(b) whether it is a fact that the economy got ruined after demonetisation; and

(c) the number of times when Moody's dropped the rating of the Indian economy after the year 2016, the details thereof?

Liquidity status of PSBs after recapitalisation

*235. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recapitalisation of Public Sector Banks by ₹ 70,000 crore has improved liquidity status of Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(b) if so, whether Government would further recapitalise the banks, if needed; and

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

Interim dividend paid by RBI

*236. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of interim dividend paid by RBI to Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount of interim dividend likely to be given for the financial year 2019-20, in view of higher fiscal deficit;

(c) the amount of surplus fund transferred from RBI to Government, in the last two years and the balance to be transferred, apart from dividend;

(d) whether pressure is being put on RBI to transfer more surplus amount; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rapid growth of population

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that all planning has been rendered unsuccessful due to rapid growth of population;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the difference in growth rate of population in India and rest of the world; and

(c) if so, the details of plans formulated by Government to combat this explosive situation?

ATM frauds by card cloning

*238. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that offences of ATM frauds by card cloning have increased over the years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to augment the safety and security at ATMs and if so, the details thereof?

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Compliance of guidelines of CSR fund

†*239. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines laid down with regard to Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR), the allocation of CSR funds, the designated areas of expenditure and contribution to be made towards Government schemes from time to time; and

(b) the details of compliance thereof?

Regulation of ART clinics

*240. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to regulate functioning of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics to check malpractices therein, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that hundreds of unwanted children born through surrogacy are left to die every year in absence of any legal safeguards, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the poor surrogate mothers are reportedly being exploited by these ART clinics in the country, if so, the number of such cases reported during each of last three years and current year, State/ UT-wise; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government to regulate ART clinics?

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