

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN 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)

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Inclination for allopathy treatment**

1734. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether people in rural and urban areas are still inclined towards allopathy despite publicity given to AYUSH by Government;

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

(c) whether more persons in urban areas are using AYUSH treatment than in rural areas?

#### **Outcome of Delhi Declaration 2013**

1735. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how has the knowledge sharing

between South East Asian Countries improved post the Delhi Declaration 2013 and which countries in South East Asia have co-ordinated with India in this regard;

(b) how many regional centres have been established in accordance with the Declaration for capacity building and networking in areas of traditional medicine and medicinal plants; and

(c) with how many of these signatories of Delhi Declaration, has India shared its knowledge on traditional medicine?

#### **Promoting Yoga in rural areas**

1736. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special initiatives have been taken by Government for promotion of Yoga on the eve of International Yoga Day, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that steps taken to promote Yoga are mostly restricted to

the urban areas of the country and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to promote Yoga in rural and backward areas of the country with same enthusiasm as in urban areas of the country?

#### **Homoeopathic facility in Government hospitals**

1737. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Government hospitals in India which provide homoeopathic (or other alternate medicine) facilities in addition to other regular facilities;

(b) whether these facilities can be set up in every major Government hospital to ease the financial burden of allopathic treatment on patients wherever possible; and

(c) if so, what steps are being/shall be taken by Government in this direction?

#### **Digitisation and publication of textbooks and manuscripts related with AYUSH**

1738. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has successfully implemented the scheme for acquisition, cataloguing, digitisation and publication of textbooks and manuscripts related with Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, the number of manuscripts that have been digitised and translated till date;

(c) the number of languages in which the translations are being done including Kannada;

(d) the number of languages in which the texts are still to be translated; and

(e) whether a dedicated portal/web-based system has been developed for access and retrieval of these texts by users across the globe?

#### **Homoeopathy as alternative to allopathy**

1739. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that allopathic treatment is fast becoming beyond the common man's means;

(b) whether Government is aware that homoeopathy treatment is by far the cheapest and requires the highest attention of Government to promote its research and development so that it can be an alternative for the poor; and

(c) if so, what measures Government has taken so far in this regard and the details thereof?

#### **Schemes for promotion of AYUSH**

1740. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented/lying pending for promotion

of Unani, Homoeopathy, Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy and the amount of funds allocated and spent for the said purpose during the last three years;

(b) whether Government proposes to allot any special amount of funds for promoting the said systems of medicine at several health centres in the country, State/ UT-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of Naturopathy and Yoga Hospitals empanelled by Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and Delhi Government Employees Health Scheme (DGEHS) for Yoga & Naturopathy treatments/procedures in Delhi together with Fixation of Package rates?

#### **Ayurvedic treatment facilities**

1741. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government hospitals in the country where Ayurvedic treatment facilities are available, State-wise, for the last three years; and

(b) whether adequate publicity has been given through vernacular newspapers about the availability of such facility in the country, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **AYUSH hospitals under NAM**

1742. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish AYUSH hospitals in the country under National AYUSH Mission (NAM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of AYUSH hospitals likely to be established in the State of Maharashtra;

(d) whether these hospitals will have indoor patient facilities; and

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

#### **Ayurveda research institutes in Uttar Pradesh**

1743. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for propagation of Ayurveda in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of Ayurveda research institutes functioning in Uttar Pradesh, if any; and

(c) whether Government has any plan of opening new Ayurveda research institute in Uttar Pradesh in near future, if so, the details thereof?

#### **AYUSH funds released to H.P.**

1744. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to Himachal Pradesh under various schemes of this Ministry, Scheme-wise;

(b) whether the funds released under the said schemes have been utilised under the respective schemes, if so, the details of the schemes under which the works have been completed or are near completion; and

(c) whether any works have not been completed so far, if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by Government for early completion of such works?

#### **Amending IBC for cross border insolvency**

1745. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to amending the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for putting in place a resolution framework for cross border insolvency;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed amendments and the expected date of establishing the framework for cross border insolvency resolutions; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to adopt the United Nations Commission on International Trade Laws (UNITRAL) on cross border insolvency?

#### **Resolution of debts of IL & FS and its subsidiaries**

1746. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS) has defaulted in payment obligations of bank loans (including interest), term and short-term deposits and failed to meet the commercial paper redemption obligations since 2018;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IL&FS group has at least 24 direct subsidiaries, 135 indirect subsidiaries, six joint ventures and four associate companies under a total debt of about ₹ 91,000 crore; and

(c) if so, the measures taken so far and considered by Government to resolve the debt issue of IL&FS?

#### **Changes in IBC Act**

1747. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of reports of inordinate delays in settling cases by National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, whether Government is planning to usher in some changes to the Act in order to give it more teeth and make the resolution process more time bound; and

(b) the total amount realised by the lenders till 31st March, 2019 under this Act?

#### **Financial assistance to religious institutions**

1748. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance made to religious institutions under Seva Bhoj Yojana;

(b) whether there is any limit has been fixed for beneficiaries under the Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Regional Centre of National School of Drama in the country**

1749. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken initiatives to attract the regional talent in

the field of drama and acting, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to set up Regional Centre of National School of Drama at various places in the country including Karnataka;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for setting up such centres and the time by which they are likely to be set up; and

(d) the amount allocated and expenditure incurred on Bharat Rang Mahotsava organised by the National School of Drama during the last three years?

#### **Museum on life of Lord Rama and Mata Sita**

†1750. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal of setting up a museum based on the life of Lord Rama and Mata Sita at Ramayan-era Mata Sita's birth place premises in Punaura in the Sitamarhi district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action plan related to the said museum has been chalked out and whether there has been any discussion by the Central Government with the Government of Bihar in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Preservation of archaeological sites**

1751. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding important archaeological sites and protected historical monuments in the country;

(b) the fund allocated for preserving and developing the archaeological sites during

the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of measures taken or being taken by ASI for the development of various tourist and archaeological sites along with tourist amenities?

#### **Promotion of tribal culture and tribal product**

1752. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to promote tribal culture, tribal products in the country, exports made during the last three years; and

(b) the number of Exhibitions that have been organised across the country to promote tribal products in the country, the details thereof?

#### **100th anniversary of massacre at Jallianwala Bagh**

1753. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development projects that have been sanctioned to mark the 100th anniversary of massacre at Jallianwala Bagh;

(b) by when these projects will start; and

(c) the details of scheduled cultural programmes planned throughout the year?

#### **550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji**

1754. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development projects

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have been sanctioned to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji;

(b) by when these projects will start; and

(c) the details of scheduled celebration programmes planned throughout the whole year?

#### **Organisation of annual programmes**

†1755. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual programmes organised by the Ministry, State-wise on the saints, eminent personalities, legendary figures, inspirational people partaking in freedom movement, revolutionaries, important persons and the measures adopted to include anecdotes pertaining to post independence era for acknowledging their contribution towards culture; and

(b) the details of the proposals sent by Government of Madhya Pradesh for the construction of the buildings of cultural centres of Bhopal, Vidisha and Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh and the status of clearance provided and construction carried out, in this regard?

#### **Freedom fighters deported to Andaman Cellular Jail**

1756. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people from undivided Bengal were the largest contingent of freedom fighters deported to Andaman Cellular Jail;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of freedom fighters who were deported to Andaman Cellular Jail, State-wise?

#### **Deficiency in rainfall during monsoon**

1757. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is deficiency in monsoon rainfall in the country;

(b) if so, to what extent and the details thereof;

(c) the States which would experience deficiency in monsoon rainfall;

(d) whether El Nino factor has any impact on the monsoon rainfall; and

(e) if so, the detailed analysis made to predict the current monsoon rainfall, cyclone and other natural calamities in the near future?

#### **Measures to control rising temperature**

1758. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken to ensure that the detrimental environmental factors such as heatwave, droughts, etc. occurring due to rising temperature are brought under control in the country;

(b) the steps taken so far to counter issues of rising temperature;

(c) the details of steps that Government has taken since 2014 that aid drop in temperature levels;

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(d) the measures taken to account for saving flora and fauna; and

(e) what shall be done for the citizens in cases of rising health issues like death toll due to heat wave, the details thereof?

#### **Impact of global warming on farmers**

†1759. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a continuous increase in the events of heavy rainfall during South Western monsoon in the central part of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the incidents of heavy rainfall is the result of the continuous rise in global temperature, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to put a check on losses of farmers and for the creation of assets, in this regard, the details thereof?

#### **Desalination plants in coastal areas**

1760. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any policy for setting up desalination plants in coastal areas of the country for producing potable water from sea water to solve the problem of acute shortage of potable water;

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

(c) by when such a policy will be in place for implementation?

#### **Reduction in interest on bank loans**

1761. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any direction to reduce the rate of interest on bank loans in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the banks, which have reduced the rate of interest on the loans; and

(c) whether any action is being taken against those banks, which have not reduced their rate of interest?

#### **Reduction in GST slabs**

1762. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to reduce the existing number of slabs under the Goods and Services Tax (GST);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the GST rates in various countries around the world where the GST is being implemented?

#### **Persons held responsible for bank frauds**

†1763. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the various media reports which reported ₹ 2.05 lakh crores losses being caused due to bank frauds during last eleven financial years; and

(b) the number of persons held responsible and those apprehended for these acts along with the number of such cases which have not been resolved as yet?

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**Liquidity situation in NBFCs**

1764. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is crisis in Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) which helped economic growth by providing financing for smaller businesses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the liquidity situation in NBFCs;

(c) the estimated average of net outstanding liquidity surplus in the last three months; and

(d) the total amount of bonds that NBFCs have to refinance in the year 2020?

**Disposal of CPSEs in Eastern States**

1765. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) established in Odisha, West Bengal and other Eastern Indian States till date;

(b) how many of them are under consideration/ already decided for disposal/ disinvestment/privatisation and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of proceeds realised or to be realised from the disposal of assets/ withdrawal of share capital/outright sale of CPSEs?

**Extension of last date for filing IT returns**

1766. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA  
SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government has recently changed Form 16 and Form 24 Q to bring more disclosures and clarity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that because of changes in the Forms at the fag end, there is a delay in getting Form 16 for filing IT returns; and

(d) whether Government would extend the last date for filing IT returns for salaried class and others, if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in liquidity in market**

†1767. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the liquidity in the market by scaling down the reserve held at Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted about effects and side effects thereof?

**Waiving off loans of farmers in drought prone areas**

1768. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of giving agriculture loans to farmers of the country, particularly in the drought prone areas;

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(b) whether Government is going to waive off the loans of farmers hailing from drought prone areas; and

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

**Delaying payments by promoters of mutual fund houses**

1769. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the promoters of the mutual fund houses are delaying in making payments to customers on closing requests;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received by Government;

(c) the action taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the rules of SEBI to make sure of payments within stipulated time-frame?

**Safety of cash vending machines**

1770. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has directed all the banks in the country to take steps for ensuring safety of the cash vending machines of their banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of ATMs are being stolen everyday; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and other steps taken or being taken by Government to curb this, State-wise?

**Steady increase in GST collection**

1771. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tax collection under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) is increasing steadily;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of change in tax collection from non-GST indirect tax collection;

(d) whether any State is levying any additional tax or cess in addition to the GST; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Minimum KYC wallets for low value transactions**

1772. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps Government has taken in order to ensure a transition towards a less cash economy;

(b) whether Government is in favour of allowing minimum KYC wallets for low value transactions to ensure ease of moving towards less cash economy;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Devolution of funds to Karnataka under Centrally sponsored scheme**

1773. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various Centrally sponsored schemes under which funds are devolved to State of Karnataka; and

(b) the details of the allocation made and the utilisation thereof by the Government of Karnataka during the last three years?

#### **Tax rebate on health insurance**

1774. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that need of the hour is to enhance the tax rebate under Section 80D for health insurance cover from the current value of ₹ 25,000 to over a lakh or more;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to waive off the GST charges which currently is 18 per cent for insurers' benefit; and

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

#### **Printing of currency notes**

1775. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the selling price of currency notes, denomination-wise;

(b) the details of the approximate cost of printing each new currency note, denomination-wise in the last two years;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on printing of new currency notes in the last two years;

(d) the average life of the currency notes in various denominations; and

(e) whether Government has done any study on the velocity of currency notes in various denominations, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Zero balance accounts**

1776. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the zero balance

accounts maintained by banks in the last two years, bank-wise;

(b) the proportion of Jan Dhan accounts having zero balance account out of the above;

(c) the expenditure incurred by the banks to maintain the zero balance accounts in the last two years, bank-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce such instances?

#### **Strategic sale of State-owned companies**

1777. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to proceed with strategic sale of State-owned companies to achieve its target of raising ₹ 90,000 crore from divestment proceeds in the current year; and

(b) if so, the details of the companies to be put on sale and how much amount is likely to be collected from sale of each company?

#### **Financial problems in banks due to frauds and NPAs**

1778. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Nationalised Commercial Banks have been facing acute financial problems due to bank frauds and increase in NPAs;

(b) if so, the number of bank frauds in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 upto May and the amount of money involved during the period; and

(c) the amount of money in NPAs during

2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 till May?

**Utilisation of allocated budget under MUDRA scheme**

†1779. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of loans provided under Mudra Bank Yojana, till date;

(b) whether this scheme has failed to achieve its desired goal;

(c) if so, the details of revenue loss caused to Government till date; and

(d) if not, the details of the utilisation of the allocated budget under this scheme, year-wise?

**Interest on investment under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana**

†1780. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it was promised to provide maximum interest on investment made under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY);

(b) if so, the reasons for a continuous decline in rate of interest under the scheme; and

(c) if not, the details of the interest rate which was fixed by Government at the beginning of the scheme and the current status thereof?

**Bank reforms to check frauds**

1781. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI has detected frauds in the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) leading to the loss of thousands of crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details of frauds detected in leading PSBs in the last three years, bank-wise; and

(c) what comprehensive bank reforms are proposed by Government to reduce the occurrence of frauds, timely detection and address the underlying causes to provide for proactive checking and detection?

**Top 150 bank loan defaulters**

†1782. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of top 150 bank loan borrowers who have turned defaulters; and

(b) the details of efforts made along with the timeline for recovering the debt from such borrowers?

**NPAs in MUDRA loans**

1783. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an instant spike in the Non Performing Assets (NPAs) owing to MUDRA beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of loans sanctioned under MUDRA since inception of the scheme and amount sanctioned and amount released so far and accounts turned NPA and amounts involved, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government has any strategy to curtail these NPAs?

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**GST and cess on tobacco products**

1784. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include beedi in demerit goods, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal to raise cess on beedi, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total increase in revenue collection as a result of imposing GST and cess on tobacco products, the details thereof?

(a) whether the number of fraud cases that hit commercial banks is on the rise;

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

(c) the number of fraud cases that hit commercial banks in the last three fiscal years along with amount of money involved, year-wise;

(d) the name of ten commercial banks, which reported the highest number of fraud cases during the last three years;

(e) number of digital banking frauds, if any, among such cases; and

(f) the specific measure taken by Government to address such fraud cases, the details thereof?

**Missing GST taxpayers**

1785. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies that have registered for the Goods and Services Tax and gone missing, have not filed returns or paid their taxes;

(b) whether the authorities are considering putting in place an extensive plan to hunt for these missing GST taxpayers, which includes visiting their premises;

(c) whether there are cases of fake invoices used to claim input tax credits; and

(d) whether there is a drop in filings of GSTR-3B, a tax return form to be submitted by all those registered for GST every month?

**Collapse of rupee**

1787. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the rupee collapsed to a lifetime low of 74.39 against the dollar at the interbank foreign exchange market in the last financial year, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Income tax refund to Ex-PMs/ Ministers/CMs**

†1788. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount of income tax refund to the Ex-Prime Ministers and the Members of Council of Ministers; and

(b) the details of income tax refund made to the Ex-Chief Ministers?

**Rise in fraud cases in commercial banks**

1786. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

**Fall in tax revenue collection**

1789. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government has missed its target of tax revenue collection by 11 per cent in the previous financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has analysed the reasons for such fall in tax revenue collection?

#### **Waiving off charges on NEFT and RTGS**

1790. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has waived off the charges on NEFT and RTGS funds transfers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that NEFT and RTGS transfers have remarkably increased during the last three years; and

(d) the details of number of online transfers registered during last three years?

#### **Rise in NPAs of PSBs**

1791. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as on 30th June, 2019, bank-wise;

(b) the details of NPAs of PSBs as on 30th June, 2014, bank-wise;

(c) whether NPAs of PSBs have increased upto 500 to 600 per cent in last three years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the details of increase in percentage, bank-wise?

#### **Abolition of tax on Long Term Capital Gains**

1792. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to abolish tax on Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) on Mutual Funds and equities/shares or exempt returns on mutual funds and shares in a single year upto the non-taxable limits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase of the limit of Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**

1793. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the Pension limit under Atal Pension Yojana (APY), if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in infrastructure investment**

1794. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to increase the infrastructure investment to one trillion rupees by the year 2024; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and how Government is planning to meet the target?

#### **Cost of corporate Non Performing Assets waived off**

1795. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top 12 corporate Non Performing Assets (NPAs) cost to exchequer is twice the farm loan waiver;

(b) the details of corporate Non Performing Assets of the last three years along with the name of companies;

(c) the amount of corporate loans which have been waived off by banks in the last three years; and

(d) the details thereof along with the details of banks?

#### **NPAs written off by PSBs**

1796. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) out of the total NPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs), how many loans were based on the valuation reports authenticated by practicing member of ICAI during the last three years;

(b) the action taken or investigation commenced against how many such members;

(c) the total amount written off by the PSBs under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act;

(d) the total percentage written off by the PSBs under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act;

(e) the number of people prosecuted as willful defaulters;

(f) the steps Government has initiated to reduce the increasing losses of PSBs; and

(g) how many and which PSBs are on the brinks of collapse?

#### **Jan Dhan Accounts in Private/Public Sector Banks**

1797. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Dhan Accounts opened since its inception;

(b) how many of them are operative;

(c) whether private banks are allowed to open these accounts, if so, the number of accounts opened in private banks;

(d) whether these accounts are debited with any bank charges, if so, the amount so far debited/collected by Private and Public Sector Banks (PSBs); and

(e) the total number of Jan Dhan Accounts in PSBs and Private Banks?

#### **Increase in economic growth rate**

†1798. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to increase the economic growth rate of the country to 8-9 per cent;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government in this direction so far; and

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

#### **Problems faced by food aggregators on GST compliance**

1799. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of problems being faced by food aggregators on GST compliance;

(b) whether Government is aware that aggregators are unable to show tax collected at source from restaurants using their platform; and

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(c) if so, how Ministry is going to solve this problem?

**Removal of private sector entities from GSTN**

1800. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken by Government to remove private sector parties from the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) and invest all shares of GSTN with the Government or public sector bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of the decision;

(c) whether the process of Government takeover of the GSTN has been completed;

(d) if so, on which date; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and by which date the devolution of the shares of the GSTN in favour of Government or public sector entities will be completed?

**Searches/raids by Income Tax Department**

1801. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of searches conducted by the Income Tax Department in the last three years in the country, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of searches converted into raids in the above mentioned period in the country, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the amount of tax which has been recovered from the above mentioned raids, searches and seizures in the country in last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

**Increase in tax-payer base**

1802. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PAN holders registered in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the number of PAN holders who filed IT returns in assessment year 2018-19 in the country, State-wise;

(c) the amount of income tax which has been collected in assessment year 2018-19 in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the details of Government's planning to increase tax-payer base in the country?

**Excessive pressure on tax assesseees to collect tax**

1803. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tax officials are exerting excessive pressure on the tax assesseees to collect taxes in view of the high target fixed in the interim budget; and

(b) whether Government will review these unrealistically high targets in order not to cause harassment to the taxpayers in view of slowdown in the economy?

**Framework for revival of NPAs in MSME sector**

1804. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheduled commercial banks have formed committees for stressed Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as required under guidelines issued by the RBI;

(b) if so, the details of number of committees formed and the number of cases decided by these committees in the last two years, bank-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any scheduled commercial banks have framed a policy to regulate the procedure and conditions of appointment of the committees for stressed MSMEs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise?

#### **Strike to protest assault on doctors**

1805. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical doctors in the country are involved in strike protesting assaults/attacks on them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to resolve the impasse and to protect the doctors as well as the patients for them to get timely medical treatment?

#### **AES cases in Bihar**

1806. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether there is rise in Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) cases in Bihar recently;

(b) if so, the number of children who unfortunately died due to the disease, district-wise in Bihar;

(c) whether the hospital infrastructure is adequate to deal with the emergency situation;

(d) whether teams of doctors and medicines were sent from the Centre, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any vaccination is available for AES and if so, why preventive measures were not taken?

#### **Deaths of children from AES**

1807. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deaths of more than 100 children occurred due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES)/fever called "Chamki" in Bihar and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether some medical professionals are convinced that lychees are the cause of deaths; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto indicating the exact reasons of infant deaths?

#### **Deaths of children from AES**

1808. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of children in various parts of the country have died in the past few months due to life taking fever such as AES;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has asked for a detailed report from the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check such a rising trend of deaths due to this menace in various parts of the country?



**Anti-tobacco campaigns**

1809. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any difference in the usage or sale of tobacco products since the new packaging regulations (85 per cent warning size) came in place;

(b) if not, the manner in which Government plans to tackle the increasing rate of preventable death and cancer caused by consumption of tobacco products; and

(c) the reasons for not putting colours (like green), and health warnings (like "smoking kills") printed on individual cigarettes to deter young smokers?

**Doctor to population ratio**

†1810. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MBBS doctors per thousand of the population in India;

(b) whether this ratio is not lower than the United Nations' declared criteria;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the number and availability of doctors in India;

(d) the number of proposed private medical colleges that have not yet been approved to go operational; and

(e) whether Government is willing to bring flexibility in its policy?

**Preventing clashes between patients and doctors**

†1811. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) the number of patients who could not get treatment in time and the number of patients who died untimely due to strikes in Government hospitals in various parts of the country this month;

(b) the details of the strikes that took place in the Central Government hospitals in the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to avoid the strikes so that the patients do not have to suffer;

(d) the details of the strikes that were called after a clash between the attendants and the doctors during last three years; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to prevent such incidents?

**Funds for maternal and child health**

1812. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has reached out to the Finance Ministry for more funds, specifically for maternal and child health, whose RCH (Reproductive Child Health) flexipool budget has come down by 30.4 per cent from RE 2017-18, and allocation for PM Matru Vandana Yojana has also decreased by 8 per cent; and

(b) if so, by how much are the funds likely to increase and by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Poor performance in curbing TB**

1813. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that India's tuberculosis incidence has dropped by a mere 1.7 per cent annually since 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for India's poor performance in curbing tuberculosis is the shifting of healthcare to private hands; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Increase in kidney failure cases**

1814. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of kidney failure among people are increasing every year in the country, treatment of which is only through dialysis or transplantation, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is considering to simplify the process of organ donation and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Assault on doctors and paramedics**

1815. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical fraternity is very disturbed and concerned about the rising incidents of physical violence and assault/ attack on doctors and their staff, clinical establishments, etc.;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is seriously considering to bring new stringent law on prevention of violence against doctors while on work and duty;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for improving doctor-patient relations?

#### **Doctors leaving AIIMS, Delhi**

†1816. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the super specialist doctors in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi;

(b) whether the doctors have moved towards the private hospitals after leaving the AIIMS in last three years, if so, the total number of such doctors; and

(c) the levels at which the efforts are being made by Government to retain these doctors at AIIMS?

#### **Revision of CGHS subscription**

1817. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of CGHS beneficiaries existing across various categories in the country; and

(b) whether any revision of subscription for CGHS beneficiaries has taken place recently, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Healthcare facilities in the rural areas**

1818. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) whether Government has assessed the availability of healthcare facilities in the rural areas *vis-a-vis* the urban areas of the country;

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

(c) the programmes/schemes being implemented/proposed to be implemented by Government to reduce rural-urban gap in access of quality healthcare and advanced treatment and diagnostic facilities in the country?

#### **Empanelment of hospitals under CGHS in H.P.**

1819. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any representation regarding empanelment of private hospitals and diagnostic centres at Himachal Pradesh under CGHS which was forwarded by Prime Minister's Office in the month of February, 2019;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Ministry in this regard;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government will implement this scheme on priority basis; and

(e) the names of empanelled private hospitals and diagnostic centres in Himachal Pradesh?

#### **Polio free status**

1820. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government in the past three years to maintain Polio free status of India;

(b) the number of special booths set up at International Border to reduce risk of

importation of Polio from neighbouring countries; and

(c) whether there is any emergency stock of Oral Polio Vaccine being maintained by Government, if so, the quality of these vaccines?

#### **Vaccine imports**

1821. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dependence on vaccine imports has increased after the shutting down of State-run PSUs in 2008;

(b) whether Government plans to revive or set up new PSUs for vaccine production; and

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

#### **Universal Immunization Programme**

1822. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vaccinations included under Universal Immunization Programme;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any studies to evaluate the immunization needs and disease burden on the ground; and

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

#### **Registered doctors in the country**

1823. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of medical graduate (MBBS) and post graduate medical

doctors are not sufficient in numbers in the different States of India to provide medical treatment to patients;

(b) if so, the number of MBBS registered doctors and post graduate doctors in our country;

(c) what is the patients and doctors ratio now; and

(d) how Government is dealing with this problem?

#### **High incidence of TB cases**

1824. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India as of 2018 is home to the world's largest number of patients suffering from TB; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that at 2.74 million reported cases every year, India has the world's highest share of all tuberculosis cases, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Medical colleges in the country**

†1825. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of information with regard to existing number of Government and Private Medical Colleges in the country, State-wise details thereof including Maharashtra;

(b) year-wise details with regard to number of persons obtaining doctoral degree from such colleges;

(c) whether Government is aware of information with regard to names of such States which are facing shortage of doctors along with required number of doctors in

such States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any proposal to set up a Medical college in three districts/in every Parliamentary Constituency, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Long waiting period for patients at AIIMS, Delhi**

1826. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of patients visiting Out Patient Department (OPD) in AIIMS, Delhi per day;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the fact that even the patients in critical condition are given appointment for treatment only on a date after six months to one year of their visit; and

(c) if so, the details of remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken to address this problem of prolonged waiting period?

#### **Non-payment of salaries to contractual employees of AIIMS, Bhopal**

†1827. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that salary and allowances to Ayush Medical Practitioners working on contract basis in AIIMS, Bhopal have not been paid even after the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any action would be taken against the offenders for non-payment of salary and allowances?

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**Beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat  
Yojana in UP**

†1828. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of people found eligible for being provided family Health Cards under 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' along with number of people who have been provided Health Cards under the said scheme in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the plan of action for speedy distribution of the said Health Cards to persons who are yet to receive such cards; and

(c) the States which have not implemented this scheme and the reasons for non-implementation of the same?

**Reducing HIV infection cases**

1829. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the third largest HIV epidemic in the world with 2.1 million people living with HIV; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has made good progress in reducing new HIV infections by half since 2001, and if so, the details thereof?

**Difficulties in accessing HIV  
clinics**

1830. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite free antiretroviral treatment being available,

uptake remains low as many people face difficulty in accessing clinics;

(b) whether it is also a fact that HIV prevalence among adults was an estimate 0.2 per cent; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the number of people getting affected with HIV?

**E-cigarettes**

1831. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

(a) the details of the steps taken by States/UTs to ensure that the advisory dated 28th August, 2018, is implemented and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the States/ UTs that have ensured that there is no sale (including online sale), manufacture, distribution, trade, import and advertisement of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS); and

(c) the details of steps that have been taken to enforce the Central Government ban advisory on E- cigarettes in the States that have issued E-cigarette ban?

**Increase in medical seats due to EWS  
quota**

1832. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is increasing medical seats in Government and Private medical colleges to accommodate students admitted under EWS quota, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of medical seats available in Government and private sector, State-

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wise, and number of seats additionally allowed under EWS quota?

amend the law to stop this illegal business, if so, the details thereof and by when?

#### **Converting District Hospitals into Medical Colleges**

†1833. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to convert 75 District Hospitals into Medical Colleges in order to increase the availability of Human Resources in the field of healthcare;

(b) the number of District Hospitals which have been converted into Medical Colleges so far;

(c) whether all facilities related to teaching and training have been provided for in these colleges; and

(d) details of the grounds on which District Hospitals have been selected for converting them into Medical Colleges?

#### **Spurious drugs**

†1834. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious drugs are being manufactured on a large scale in the country, if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(b) whether Government has developed any monitoring system in the field of drugs, if so, the reasons for its failure;

(c) whether Government intends to take strong action against wholesale and retail dealers involved in the business of fake drugs, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government intends to

#### **Shortage of qualified doctors**

1835. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing acute shortage of qualified doctors which is projecting an alarming situation in the hospitals;

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

(c) the remedial steps being taken by Government to make available qualified doctors in the country?

#### **COTPA Amendment Bill**

1836. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:

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

(a) whether any steps have been taken to reintroduce the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products [Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution (Amendment)] Bill; and

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

#### **Status of integrated disease surveillance programme**

1837. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the integrated diseases surveillance programme (IDSP) still exists;

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(b) if so, the status report of the same, district-wise; and

(c) how many districts in India have a district surveillance committee in place under IDSP?

#### **Improving doctor-patient ratio**

1838. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data indicates that there is a little impact on improvement of doctor-patient ratio;

(b) whether it is also a fact that instead of improvement it has deteriorated in the last decade in India;

(c) how many medical colleges in addition to the existing ones are required for its improvement and bringing at par to WHO standards; and

(d) whether Government plans to establish more Government Medical Colleges particularly in States which have such few colleges?

#### **Free treatment for the poor in private hospitals**

†1839. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the writ petition No. 2866/2002 court has ordered Government to provide free treatment upto 25 per cent in OPDs and 10 per cent in IPDs as no action has been taken by Government on such private hospitals which have acquired their land from Government on concessional rates and are not doing the treatment of poor;

(b) if so, reasons for Government not taking action earlier on such hospitals as per the conditions and also the reasons of intervention of the Court in the matter;

(c) the response of Government in this regard and whether any officer has been held responsible for this negligence; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

#### **Trace and track mechanisms for drug brands**

1840. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal for introduction of trace and track mechanisms for top 300 drug brands, sold in India, to spot out counterfeit drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Renovation of proposed Wellness Centre, Faridabad**

1841. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3621 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th March, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of the current status of renovation of proposed new Wellness Centre, Sector-16, Faridabad (Haryana);

(b) by when the said renovation will be completed;

(c) whether the roadmap to post the staff in the said new Wellness Centre through internal adjustment has been prepared; and

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

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**Free life-saving and generic drugs**

1842. DR. L. HANUMAN-  
THAIAH:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) the action plan drawn up by Government to distribute free life-saving and generic drugs to boost healthcare services in the country indicating the financial and operational modalities worked out for the purpose;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide all the drugs/drug formulations included in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor indicating the drugs selected to be provided under the plan?

**DST guided treatment for DR-TB patients**

1843. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has published the guidelines for the Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) guided treatment and the treatment of mono poly drug-resistant TB, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) when Government is planning to implement the Universal DST and DST guided treatment for all DR-TB patients across the country?

**Healthcare schemes**

1844. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under

active consideration of Government for introducing healthcare schemes in the country;

(b) if so, whether the schemes have already been introduced;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is expected to be introduced; and

(d) the details of weaker sections most particularly the minority community, which would be benefited under this scheme, State-wise?

**Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) disease in Bihar**

1845. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) cases registered across the State of Bihar since 1st June, 2019;

(b) the total number of deaths caused by AES in Bihar during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that AES disease has already spread across 16 districts of Bihar;

(d) if so, whether the Union Health Ministry has sent any medical research team and the teams of child specialist doctors to Bihar;

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) what technical assistance has been provided by Government to the State Government of Bihar for handling the problem of AES?

**Neonatal mortality and stillbirth rates**

1846. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:



(a) in what manner Ministry looks at death of 70 lakh girls in every decade in the country due to sex-selective abortions, neglect, etc.;

(b) whether the New Born Action Plan 2014 has little impact and if so, in what way Ministry is going to achieve single-digit neonatal mortality and stillbirth rates by 2030; and

(c) in what manner Ministry is planning to re-strategize its approach toward saving girl child in view of the above?

#### **Awareness of menstrual hygiene**

1847. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is proposal for any scheme for creating awareness about menstrual hygiene and distribution of free sanitary napkins in the rural areas; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for regulation of price of sanitary napkins to increase access to more women and details thereof?

#### **Upgradation of Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) under Ayushman Bharat Scheme**

1848. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayushman Bharat Scheme proposes upgrading sub centres (SCs) to Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs);

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per data made available from the Rural Health Statistics 2017, the services envisaged under HWC are not even available at most of the existing community health centres (CHCs); and

(c) how Government plans to meet the huge shortage of specialist doctors and other support at CHCs since upgrading SCs to HWCs without matching referral set up can be counter-productive?

#### **Implementation of National Health Protection Scheme**

1849. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government expects States that are already in a fiscal noose, to be ready to dole out the amount of nearly 40 per cent of the contribution amounting to approximately ₹ 4000 crore for National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) as proposed by the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, as per the estimates of NITI Aayog; and

(b) since many States are currently implementing their own health insurance schemes, whether Government expects them to give preference to NHPS over their own schemes and if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **CGHS empanelled hospitals**

1850. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the CGHS empanelled hospitals deny/discourage treatment to CGHS patients on some pretext or the other;

(b) if so, how many such cases have come to the notice of Government and what action Government has taken on such complaints;

(c) whether Government has a mechanism to ensure that the CGHS beneficiaries are allotted wards/ rooms

according to their CGHS entitlement; and

(d) what mechanism Government proposes to introduce so that the CGHS empanelled hospitals become duty bound to treat the CGHS beneficiaries and cannot afford to refuse them treatment?

#### **Rising cases of violence against medical fraternity**

1851. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are rising incidents of violence against medical fraternity in the country;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government to prevent violence against doctors and paramedical staff;

(c) how many incidents of violence have been reported to the Ministry in the last one year; and

(d) whether Government will consider constituting a committee to suggest some ways to prevent incidents of violence against doctors while on duty?

#### **Regular scrutiny of Government hospitals and CHCs**

1852. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism for regular scrutiny of the functioning of Government hospitals and Community Health Centres (CHCs);

(b) if not, whether Government would advise all State Governments to ask CMOs

and other officers of their respective Health Department of every district to go to the field and examine the functioning of hospitals and community centres; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that there is regular monitoring about the availability of medicines in hospitals and that supply is never disrupted?

#### **Funds for Cancer Institute in M.P.**

†1853. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand was placed for provision of funds to be provided by Government for setting up a Cancer Institute in Madhya Pradesh *vide* letter No 4448/yovi/0/20 dated 4/12/17; and

(b) if so, the details of the funds released so far and yet to be released for completion of the project in public interest and by when the remaining funds will be released to complete the said project?

#### **Expenditure on public health**

1854. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India spends the least on public health among the BRICS nations;

(b) the details of expenditure of Government in the public health sector other than insurance-based initiatives;

(c) whether Government has conducted any study in the recent past about the house-hold level economic burden on health care on an average Indian; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Funds released for AIIMS, Amaravati**

1855. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released during the last three years for construction of AIIMS at Amaravati in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds used/unspent for the construction of AIIMS at Amaravati in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the funds released is sufficient for early construction of AIIMS at Amaravati in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

**Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana**

1856. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to upgrade medical colleges in Jharkhand under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the corrective measures taken to upgrade the Government Medical Colleges in the country?

**Changes in preventive healthcare services**

†1857. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not contemplating to bring in holistic

changes in public and preventive healthcare services;

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

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

**Survey on healthcare professionals**

1858. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study carried out by researchers from the Indian Institute of Public Health, Gurugram has revealed that India has more or less adequate number of healthcare professionals and their deployment across the country is lopsided;

(b) whether the figures compiled are close the WHO's minimum threshold of 22.8 doctors and nurses per 10,000 population, with the bulk of doctors and nurses locating in major cities, leaving a significant gap in rural areas and poor States; and

(c) whether the study was based on the 2016 National Sample Survey data and all registries of professional practitioners till 2015?

**Strikes by doctors**

1859. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doctors went on strike in various hospitals in the country and the patients suffered a lot due to strike;

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

(c) what were the demands of the doctors; and

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(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Mortalities from AES**

1860. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children who died due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in the country, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) the details of assistance given by State Governments and Central Government in this regard so far; and

(c) the action taken by the State Government and Central Government to control this disease in future?

#### **Zika Virus**

1861. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of Zika Virus that have been detected in India in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether cases of Zika Virus have been detected amongst pregnant women;

(c) whether cases of microcephaly or Guillain-Bare syndrome have been detected;

(d) the surveillance adopted and action plan of Government in order to detect outbreaks of Zika Virus; and

(e) whether there are any vaccines approved by Government, available to prevent the Zika Virus from spreading, if so, the details thereof and if not, progress on their development and expected thereof?

#### **Shortage of dental treatment facilities with CGHS**

1862. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are shortage of dental treatment facilities in CGHS dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to provide fast and efficient dental treatment facilities in Delhi; and

(c) how many dental wellness centres are working in Delhi, details thereof?

#### **Doctor-patient ratio in CGHS dispensaries**

1863. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS dispensaries working in Delhi;

(b) the ideal patient-doctor ratio for the efficient health services;

(c) whether all the dispensaries in Delhi are provided with the same ideal patient-doctor ratio;

(d) if not, the dispensaries where less doctors are posted for the beneficiaries registered in that dispensary with the ratio of doctors available there; and

(e) the dispensaries where ideal patient-doctor ratio exist?

#### **Tapping of solar and hydropower potentials**

1864. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has

sunlight available throughout the year and has a large hydropower potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to tap these potentials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Targets for renewable energy sector**

1865. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has increased the target for renewable energy capacity to 175 GW by the year 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this includes 100 GW from solar, 60 GW from wind, 10 GW from bio-power and 5 GW from small hydro power?

#### **Status of wind power generation**

1866. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to tap wind energy as a source of power generation;

(b) if so, the details of such initiatives and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the present status of wind power generation; and

(d) the details of targets, achievements, and budget spent on these schemes during the last five years?

#### **Growth rate of solar energy**

1867. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of solar energy to the total installed capacity of power in the country;

(b) the growth rate of solar energy generation over the last three years; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to accelerate deployment of solar panels?

#### **Research and Development in Renewable Energy**

1868. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the country in terms of research and development in the field of renewable energy globally;

(b) whether Government has signed any agreement with the National and International Institutions for promoting research and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the potential development in the said sector; and

(d) if so, the outcome of R&D activities?

#### **Power generation from waste**

†1869. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised any scheme to produce energy from waste;

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

(c) the details of the energy produced under these schemes during last three years?

**Solar energy as main source of energy in Rajasthan**

†1870. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of increase witnessed in the generation of solar energy in the last three years in Rajasthan, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive action plan to make solar energy the main source of energy in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion to energy conservation and energy efficiency**

†1871. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several programs are being run by the Central Government to promote energy conservation and energy efficiency in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these programs are yielding expected results and public awareness campaigns for energy conservation are being run effectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Investment for expansion of power projects by NTPC**

1872. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has approved investment for expansion of number of its power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC is also focusing to come up with more thermal plants in the coming days across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Status of the proposed Thermal Power Plants in Bihar**

†1873. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the proposed Thermal Power Plants to be set-up in Bihar;

(b) the details of the time-limit/cost etc. earmarked for the establishment of Thermal Power Plants;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is an excessive delay in the setting-up of these power plants; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the efforts being made by Government towards its solution?

**Utilisation of funds allocated under IPDS scheme to Andhra Pradesh**

1874. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether State of Andhra Pradesh has been covered under Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of completion of work in different towns;

(c) the quantity of amount earmarked

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and allocated under IPDS, scheme-wise and plan-wise; and

(d) the details of amount already released under this scheme?

**Use of clean coal technology in thermal power generation**

1875. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has any commitment to use clean coal technology for thermal power generation in accordance with Paris Climate Agreement, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has drawn any action plan to introduce clean coal technology to reduce emission from thermal power plants to help check pollution and climate change; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of power in Rajasthan**

1876. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an acute shortage of power in rural/urban areas of Rajasthan from the last three years;

(b) if so, whether any new power generation projects have been set up to provide more power in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the names of the places where work for setting up of new power generation projects was initiated during last three years the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to provide sufficient power

in Rajasthan instead of having established new projects?

**Loans on the power generating companies**

1877. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 34 power generating companies in the country have accumulated debt worth of ₹ 1.74 lakh crore;

(b) if so, how does Government plan to take the power sector out of the potential bad debts; and

(c) the details of the loan amounts of these 34 power generating companies since the last two years, company-wise and year-wise?

**Recovery for abandoning transmission lines**

1878. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power generating projects that have been closed in the last three years, the details thereof;

(b) what happens to the power transmission lines that have been put up for these companies;

(c) whether Government does recover any money from these companies for abandoning these transmission lines; and

(d) if so, how much money has been recovered so far?

**Safeguard the stressed power projects**

1879. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to meet the power project companies to take the stock of the situation of stressed power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the difficulties and views exchanged by stressed power projects and the Government; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government and sops being given to safeguard the stressed power projects in the country?

#### **National Power Procurement and Distribution Company**

1880. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government had a plan to set up a National Power Procurement and Distribution Company (NPPDC) as a challenger to the existing inefficient discoms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Compliance of mandated work by private electricity distributions companies**

†1881. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mention with regard to distribution work of private electricity distribution companies and levying electricity surcharge on them in Electricity Act 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the response of Government thereto;

(c) if not, the details of the facts mentioned in this regard; and

(d) whether the mandated works are being complied with and Government has sought to find out the facts in this regard?

#### **Electrification of all households**

1882. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry defines the term village and electrified for the purpose of providing electricity;

(b) whether it is a fact that if 10 per cent of village *i.e.*, if one household out of 10 in a village is electrified, then the entire village is considered as electrified;

(c) the details of number of households in the country and out of them how many households have electricity, State-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the details of action plan to provide electricity to all households by 2022?

#### **Environmental problems by NTPC plants at Lara in Chhattisgarh**

1883. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several villages in Lakhanpur block of Odisha have been severely affected by air pollution and other environmental problems due to power plant of NTPC at Lara in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NTPC has so far not taken up any peripheral development work in villages of Odisha adjoining to Lara project, if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a large number of heavy vehicles carrying coal to Lara plant from

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Jharsuguda are causing serious damage to road and human lives, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Robust growth in R&D market**

1884. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the R&D sector in India is all set to witness some robust growth in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that R&D market in India is estimated to grow at a CAGR for 14 per cent to reach US \$ 42 billion by 2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Public Service Delivery System**

†1885. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated/implemented any web-based 'Public Service Delivery System' in the tourism sector; and

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

#### **Development of Indian tourist places**

1886. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian tourism sector is growing faster than the

expected and is expected to provide employment to millions of people directly or indirectly;

(b) whether the growth in the Indian travel and tourism sector has largely been driven by domestic tourist than foreign tourists;

(c) if so, the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) and Foreign Tourist Visits for the last three years;

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve foreign tourist visits and development of Indian tourist places with priority to cleanliness; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Measures to attract foreign tourists in the country**

1887. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether inflow of foreign tourists have not been steadily increasing;

(b) if so, the details of arrival of foreign tourists in India during the last three years;

(c) whether Government would like to initiate some steps to improve the infrastructure of tourism interest in order to attract more number of foreign tourists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Importance to pilgrim places for the development of tourism**

1888. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is considering to give more importance to pilgrim places across the country for the development of tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government in this regard as on date?

**Notification of eco-tourism spots in Madhya Pradesh**

†1889. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to notify tourist spots in Madhya Pradesh for promoting eco-tourism there;

(b) if so, the details of Rules/Act thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it will be notified?

**Tourism development project in Uttar Pradesh**

1890. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tourism development projects sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and till date and the funds sanctioned and released for each of these projects, district-wise;

(b) the number and details of the proposals received from State Government for tourism development, indicating the status of each project and reasons for delay,

if any, in sanctioning these proposals; and

(c) by when the pending proposals of the State are likely to be given clearance?

**Inclusion of places related to lord Ram in Ramayana Circuit**

†1891. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places related to lord Ram included in the proposed Ramayana circuit to promote the religious tourism in Bihar;

(b) the planning of Government for the development of this circuit and infrastructure at these religious places for the tourists; and

(c) the amount made available for this purpose so far and details of the work completed?

**Rural circuit under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

1892. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any proposals submitted by States for identifying specific regions for rural circuit under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, with a particular reference to Punjab; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned under the rural circuit of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme?

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**Violence against tourists**

1893. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing incidents of violence against the tourists in the country have been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with Government's reaction thereon;

(c) whether incidents of violence against

the tourists have also been reported from Dharamsala, Manali, Kulu, Dalhousie and Shimla recently during the peak tourist seasons, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the incidents of violence against the tourists are posing a threat to the tourism industry in the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle the issue?

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