

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Schemes for increasing availability of herbal plants

2401. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Medicinal
Plants Board is implementing any special
schemes to increase the availability of
herbal plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of those schemes;

(c) whether Government has formulated
any special policy/schemes to promote the
farming of special type of herbal plants
suitable to a special area; and

(d) if so, the norms of this policy and
the details thereof?

Development of cruise tourism

2402. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will
the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to
refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1751
given in Rajya Sabha on 3rd December,
2019 and state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any
time-frame for implementation of cruise
tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment of CA Act

2403. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the
Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to
amend the Chartered Accountants (CA)
Act to build disciplinary mechanisms for
removing possible conflicts of interests
between audit firms and the companies they
audit;

(b) whether Government is also looking

at ways to address the gaps in the law with respect to network entities of which audit firms are part;

(c) whether the Serious Frauds Investigation Office (SFIO) has questioned the role of auditors particularly BSR Co. and Deloitte Haskins and Sells in the recent scams; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CSR funds spending

2404. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State where the maximum amount of CSR funding done by our PSUs;

(b) whether it is a fact that a PSU has given contribution from CSR for the construction of Statue of Unity in Gujarat;

(c) if so, which company and the amount disbursed;

(d) how can CSR fund be used for a revenue making tourism project;

(e) which is the sector to which the maximum amount of CSR funding was done in last five years and how much is the amount, year-wise; and

(f) how many schools functioning under State Governments have been renovated through CSR funding in the last year?

CSR assistance to Government schemes

†2405. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the policy/ policy guidelines in place and the compliance of implementation for spending CSR funds and the scheme-wise details of the

assistance provided to the Government schemes like NSDF by the corporate bodies during the last five years?

Protection of interests of gold and jewellery investors

2406. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent spate of defaults among jewellers in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to regulate investments in gold and jewellery so that the interests of investors are protected; and

(c) the details of number of insurance claims made under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code in the last three years and number of claims granted?

Incentivise companies for investment of CSR

2407. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to incentivise companies for CSR investment in areas like education, health care etc., if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has constituted any monitoring mechanism to oversee the CSR spending by companies and whether people and organisations are actually benefited by it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

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Transparency in Chit Funds schemes

2408. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government for increasing the transparency in the Chit Funds schemes, which have earned negative image in the recent past and to protect the subscribers and also to regulate the Chit Fund Industry; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government to tackle this issue?

Tax deduction on CSR funding

2409. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high-level committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) suggested doing away with provision for imprisonment in case of violation of CSR spending requirement and also allowing for tax deduction on the expenditure;

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

(c) whether the Ministry will take up strongly with the Finance Ministry for allowing tax deduction on the CSR fund spending in the respective year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Statue of Rabindranath Tagore at Jallianwala Bagh complex

2410. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has decided to establish a statue of Rabindranath Tagore at the Jallianwala Bagh complex, if so, the time bound details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gandhi Encyclopaedia

†2411. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a 'Gandhi Encyclopaedia' to spread an awareness in the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the same, during current financial year?

Conservation of monuments in West Bengal

2412. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of protected monuments of cultural importance in West Bengal, district-wise;

(b) the funds spent in conservation of the said monuments;

(c) whether Government has received proposals to add more monuments in the said list;

(d) if so, the list of proposed monuments and response of Government thereto, monument-wise; and

(e) the list of monuments of cultural importance which have vanished in the State of West Bengal?

Excavations in Adhichanallur, Tamil Nadu by ASI

2413. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of

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India conducted excavations in Adhichanallur, Tamil Nadu in year 2009, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the report of the excavations have been published, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reasons for delay in publishing the report?

Auctions of gifts, mementos presented to Prime Minister

†2414. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mementos, gifts etc. which were presented to Prime Minister from home and abroad have been auctioned;

(b) if so, the details of amount which Government received from these auctions;

(c) the dates on which auctions took place during last five years; and

(d) the number of times when auctions have been organised before the year 2014 along with dates thereof?

Cultural Development Programmes in Delhi and Rajasthan

2415. SHRI VIJAY GOEL:
DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Delhi and Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes formulated/being implemented in this regard?

Patronage and promotion of various cultures, traditions and customs

†2416. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps towards the patronage and promotion of various cultures, customs and traditions of the country, especially in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any mechanism has been put in place by Government for regulating the implementation of said schemes, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of programmes designed to promote Indian culture and spread an awareness about it?

Technology to forecast earthquake

2417. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has its own method or technology to forecast any intense shaking of Earth's surface apart from the instrument of seismometer, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that we have no such satellite system and information recorder to get advance report of unnatural earthquake thereof;

(c) if so, whether we have any tie up with foreign country/countries to get advance information, time, location and intensity of an earthquake therein; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, plan details of Government therefor?

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Action plan for restoration of heavily eroded coastline

2418. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any detailed survey and mapping has been undertaken using scientific methodology to identify coastline stretches which have suffered severely due to natural causes and human activities;

(b) if so, the details of stretches so identified which need restoration; and

(c) whether Government has drawn any action plan for restoration of heavily eroded coastline in a phased manner?

Increase in the deposit insurance cover cap

2419. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider hiking the deposit insurance cover cap that was revised more than 25 years ago in hindsight of miseries and heartbreaks faced by poor and middle-class depositors of the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank that caved under without a sign;

(b) whether Damodaran Committee on Customer Services in Banks set up by RBI had recommended in 2011 a five-fold increase in the cap to ₹ 5 lakhs; and

(c) the quantum of premium collected by DICGC on deposit insurance in commercial banks since its inception and the quantum of payout on claims by depositors of failed commercial banks?

Impact of NPAs on Indian economy

2420. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

our economy is going through a crisis at present;

(b) the steps taken by Government to overcome such a crisis;

(c) the projected and actual GDP growth rate of country in the last two quarters and also in the last five years;

(d) whether the accumulation of NPAs are also a reason for such a crisis;

(e) in what way the relaxation in process of getting loans will help the economy to improve; and

(f) which is the industry and who is the person availing the highest amount as loan from our public sector banks?

Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits

†2421. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits dedicated to themes (Swadesh Darshan Scheme) under Central sector scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the amount of funds released for developing tourism infrastructure in the current financial year?

Black money in foreign banks

2422. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amount of black money inside and outside the country, as on date;

(b) whether Government has received any information/inputs of Indians suspected to have stashed away

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unaccounted money in foreign banks abroad, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made public the names of black money account holders in the recent past, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government in this regard?

GST and Direct Tax collection targets

2423. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:
SHRI PARTAP SINGH
BAJWA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of GST and Direct Tax collection targets and actuals in the month of August, September and October, 2019, month-wise;

(b) whether Government has been able to meet its tax collection targets and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is considering to revise its direct and/or indirect tax collection targets for 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof?

Tax revenue shortfalls

2424. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expects a tax revenue shortfall of ₹ 2 lakh crore for the financial year 2019-20 as communicated to the Finance Commission;

(b) whether the Finance Commission has asked the Ministry to submit a revised memorandum in light of the economic slowdown on expected tax revenue shortfall; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the expected date by when this memorandum will be submitted and the revised tax revenue?

GST refund to companies

2425. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies who have applied for a GST refund since the introduction of the tax regime;

(b) of these companies, how many have been refunded completely;

(c) whether there are any cases where GST refund has not been processed even after one year of filing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of economy of Kashmir

2426. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economy of Kashmir valley is facing disaster since the lock down on Kashmir in August this year where the business community is reported to have suffered losses amounting to over ₹ 10,000 crore in the last three months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being or proposed to be taken for the revival of the crippled economy of the valley?

Slashing of corporate tax rate

2427. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has slashed basic corporate tax rate to 22 per cent from 30 per cent recently; and

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

Market slowdown

2428. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the massive slowdown of the market;

(b) the steps taken by Government to overcome slowdown and accelerate growth; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to rejuvenate the market through the monetary policy reforms?

Infusion of extra funds into PSBs

2429. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has infused extra funds into Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and Bank-wise; and

(c) the reasons behind these capital infusions when NPAs of these Banks are on the rise?

Slowdown in economy

2430. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the international agencies have lowered India's growth projections due to steep slow down in the economy;

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

(c) the remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard and effectively deal with slowdown in economy?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2431. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided for the disinvestment of a number of PSUs to a strategic partner;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steep decline in economic growth rate

2432. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent estimate by State Bank of India, country's GDP is likely to be 4.2% during second quarter of 2019-20;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for steep decline in growth rate;

(d) whether rating agency Moody's has forecasted 5.2% growth rate for the year and have downgraded country's economic outlooks to negative; and

(e) if so, the response of Government thereto and the details of steps Government would take in this regard to ameliorate the declining trend in GDP?

Privatisation of BPCL and NRL

2433. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to privatise Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL);

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

(c) the time-frame by which this proposal would be implemented;

(d) whether Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) would also be privatised accordingly since BPCL has 61.65 per cent stake in the refinery; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of NRL which is also called "Assam Accord Refinery"?

Disinvestment process in BPCL

2434. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment in BPCL;

(b) when will the disinvestment process in BPCL be completed; and

(c) the amount that is expected to be raised through disinvestment in BPCL?

Status of outstanding Central loans against MP

2435. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Central loans outstanding against the Government of Madhya Pradesh as on date;

(b) the details of the loans sanctioned, approved, released and spent till date, department-wise and project-wise; and

(c) the amount of Central loans repaid by Government of Madhya Pradesh till date?

Disinvestment of shareholdings in PSUs

2436. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is planning for disinvestment of its shareholding in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to a level below 51 per cent;

(b) if so, the details of the PSUs in which Government is proposing to dilute its share in the coming years and by what percentage;

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove the PSU tag for such undertakings; and

(d) whether such PSUs will still continue to be under the scrutiny of CAG and CVC after the disinvestment of shareholding below 51 per cent?

Sovereign rating of the country

2437. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's macroeconomic parameters were among the best globally;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rating agencies have raised concerns over the level of public debt and refrained from upgrading the sovereign rating of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Loans under PM's 24 hour Loan Scheme

2438. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries in PM's 24 hour Loan Scheme;

(b) whether many of the Public Sector Banks are not providing loans under the scheme, fearing such loans would turn into NPAs; and

(c) if so, the action taken to safeguard the banks interest in such schemes?

Decline in the number of debit card holders

†2439. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of debit card holders in the country have declined;

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to take any step to increase their number; and

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

Measures to control bank scams

†2440. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of bank-frauds are not coming to a halt in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to take any concrete and effective steps to control this; and

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

Funds for backward districts of AP and Telangana

2441. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not released funds for the development of backward districts in Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Telangana even after several requests from the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the funds already released so far and reasons for not releasing the entire funds during the last two years?

Non-payment of resource gap funds to Andhra Pradesh

2442. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not released resource gap funds to Andhra Pradesh for the year 2014-15 even though it is promised to the State during bifurcation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of resource gap funds claimed by the State, recommended by Accountant General and released by Central Government till date; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the expenditure on PRC of State employees was also not considered by the Union Government as a resource gap?

Disinvestment of CPSEs

2443. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the disinvestment policy of Government for the year 2018-19 with regard to CPSEs;

(b) the number and names of CPSEs that have been privatised by Government during the years 2017-2019; and

(c) whether Government proposes to disinvest any CPSE during the year 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Determination of date of next increment in promotion

2444. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay fixation and determination of date of next increment of employees who have been promoted between 2nd January and 30th June (both inclusive) will be decided as per the M/o Finance OM No. 4-21/2017-IC/E.III(A) dated 31.07.2018; and

(b) if any employee, promoted between 2nd January and 30th June (both inclusive), opts for pay fixation from date of next increment *i.e.* 1st July, whether date of first increment on the level to which he/she has been promoted will be on following 1st January or 1st July, the details thereof?

Mandatory quoting of PAN for transactions

2445. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory to quote PAN for all transactions in excess of ₹ 2 lakh, regardless of mode of payment to curb black money, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the new rule will cover purchases of all goods or services such as gold jewellery or furniture and this includes all payments made through cash, cheques or debit or credit cards and Government has raised the limit to quote PAN in the case of immovable property, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the violations noticed by Government, individual/company-wise and action taken on such cases?

Engagement of consultants/advisors

2446. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many full time consultants and/or advisors are currently working with the Ministry and its various Departments and Autonomous Bodies/Institutions and Public Sector Organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when are they working and the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being awarded to them, the details thereof Department/Institution-wise; and

(c) the mechanism, if any, for assessing their performance periodically?

Investments by NRI

†2447. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the bureaucratic hurdles prevalent in the country, Non-Resident Indians are not investing in the country at desirable level;

(b) the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the targeted and actual investment that has been made by Non-Resident Indians during the last three years; and

(d) the outcome of the review of the work of bureaucracy, if any, in this regard?

Penalty on banks for violating cyber norms

2448. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI had fined Banks for violating cyber norms;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many other Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are also under the watch of RBI in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mudra loan disbursement

2449. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Mudra loans disbursed during the period from 2014 to 31st October, 2019, State-wise;

(b) the details of beneficiaries, State-wise, caste-wise and religion-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any monitoring mechanism on loan disbursed and the nature of business being created against the loan availed and the details thereof?

Review of debt to GDP ratio of States

2450. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government reviewed the debt to GDP ratio of States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the ratio prescribed by the Finance Commission of debt to GDP has been achieved by all the States, the details of the same, State-wise; and

(c) whether aggressive borrowing of States causing higher debt for States, if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed by Government?

Impact of slowdown on tax collection

2451. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the budget estimates of direct tax revenue collection;

(b) the amount being collected till the second instalment for advance tax payment;

(c) whether it is a fact that the slowdown of the economy has started to reflect in the tax collection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Siphoning of cash from ATMs of different banks

2452. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received a number of complaints on siphoning of cash from ATMs of different banks;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints received during the last two years, State and bank-wise;

(c) the details of the guidelines of RBI for making payments to customers and the time period of returning cash in their accounts; and

(d) the action taken by Government to check and stop such illegal cash withdrawals?

Increase in credit to small and medium enterprises

2453. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has discussed with PSBs regarding liquidity issues and measures required to increase credit to small and medium enterprises which have seen a decline in their share of overall bank lending;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI is expected to take stock of lending to MSMEs and liquidity status; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Income contingent loans for students

2454. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to emulate Australia and extend income contingent loans to the students to cover their tuition fees and seek repayment only after they find employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the said proposal would come into effect?

Panel on FINTECH

2455. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government constituted Inter-ministerial panel on FINTECH which has suggested to have a comprehensive legal framework to protect consumers of digital services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has recommended measures including the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) examining issuance of 'virtual banking licences', dematerialisation of fixed deposits, sovereign gold bonds and post office certificates to promote easy transactions and collateral etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the panel has also suggested a significant change in form of RBI adopting open data access approach for better delivery of products and services; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Recovery of non-performing Mudra loans

2456. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Mudra loans have been disbursed by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) till now and out of them how many are now considered NPAs till date;

(b) the steps being taken by the public sector banks for the effective recovery of the non-performing Mudra loans;

(c) how many Mudra loans cases are pending in Debt Resolution Tribunals, currently; and

(d) how many cases have been resolved till financial year 2018-19 and the total value recovered, as a percentage of the actual loan amount?

Lowest deposit insurance ratio cover

2457. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has pondered to revisit deposit insurance segment to restore public trust in banking institution, in light of the recent banking scam with the depositors of the failed Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank scurrying to recover their hard earned savings;

(b) whether compared to other BRICS nations, India today has the lowest deposit insurance cover to per capita income ratio, at 0.9 times; and

(c) whether in the financial year 2019-20, Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) collected ₹12,043 crore as premium and settled

claims worth ₹37 crore only that too on account of failed co-operative bank?

Loans and subsidies given to STs and SCs by banks

†2458. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) ratio of the poor among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, their current status in urban and rural areas;

(b) total amount of loan and subsidy disbursed by nationalised banks with the purpose of supporting Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last three years, scheme-wise and bank-wise; and

(c) the details of the number of accounts of the beneficiaries during the last three years?

Analysis of credit issue with MSMEs

2459. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently issued any guidelines to public sector banks to analyse credit issues with regard to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the credit growth to MSMEs in the last three quarters?

Loans under Stand-up India Scheme

†2460. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the limit and eligibility criteria for loans under Stand-up India Scheme;

(b) the number of people benefited till now and the amount of fund spent, details thereof, State-wise, city-wise and bank-wise;

(c) the number of Green Field Projects being carried out successfully availing this loans and those which could not perform even after receiving loans; and

(d) the manner in which Government plans to avoid turning loans into Non Performing Assets (NPAs)?

Investment of investors' money in share market by LIC

†2461. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the money deposited by the investors in Life Insurance Corporation of India and other financial institutions is being invested in the companies running in losses;

(b) names of sectors of share market where the money of investors under savings schemes has been invested by LIC Housing Finance Limited;

(c) the number of the companies out of them are running under loss;

(d) whether there has been a laxity on part of regulatory institutions responsible for safety of savings of investors deposited in financial institutions; and

(e) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure guaranteed refund of the money of investors deposited in banks and financial institutions?

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Adverse impact of NPAs on economy

†2462. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the NPAs amount of various banks in the country that has been written off during the last five years, the details thereof, bank-wise;

(b) whether any assessment has been made about its adverse effects on economy to find out that as to what extent the economy was adversely hit by banks' NPAs which led to an economic slowdown; and

(c) the details of the loans taken by farmers and traders which turned into NPAs out of the total NPAs of banks?

Measures to boost MSME sector's credit growth

2463. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI AHMED PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite rate cuts and Government's push by providing various incentives, the MSME sector's credit growth is continuously sliding;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind this slide; and

(c) the remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in this regard?

Withdrawal of custom duty on newsprint

2464. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Newspaper Society urged Government to withdraw 10 per cent custom duty imposed on newsprint and uncoated paper for printing newspapers;

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

(c) whether Government would extend concessions to the media and newspaper industry, in view of their vital role in democracy and service to the people?

Abolition of GST on bicycles

†2465. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of GST being levied on an ordinary bicycle being used by a slippers-wearing common man;

(b) the percentage of GST being levied on commercial e-rickshaws, auto rickshaws, taxies and luxury vehicles;

(c) whether Government would consider to abolish GST being levied on bicycles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans allocated to Kisan Credit Card holders in Gujarat

†2466. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans allocated to Kisan

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Credit Card holders during the last three years in Gujarat, year-wise;

(b) the number of loans which carry an amount more than ₹3,00,000;

(c) whether there is any plan for increasing the limit of loan amount for Kisan Credit Card holders keeping in view the increasing farm expenditure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ban on E-cigarettes

2467. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sought advice/guidance/inputs from any of the Department-Related Parliamentary Committees before deciding to ban Electronic Cigarettes/Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems;

(b) whether Government proposes to prohibit normal cigarettes and bidis in similar way as that of Electronic Cigarettes/Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems; and

(c) why did Government ban a tobacco product (Heat not Burn) whereas similar tobacco products like cigarettes are already under control of the provisions of statutes like the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA)?

Expenditure on public health

2468. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the GDP spent on public healthcare, in the last five years;

(b) the details of the expenditure towards public health since 2014, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase spending on public health, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase spending on public health?

Quality of abortion facilities

2469. DR. NARENDRA JADHAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of abortions that were performed in India in the last three years;

(b) how many abortions have been performed outside the licensed health facilities in the past three years;

(c) the number of licensed clinics that provide safe abortion services in India, State-wise, the details thereof;

(d) the number of professionals and care providers who are trained to perform safe abortions, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps which have been taken to ensure safe abortions and quality service in Government hospitals?

CGHS facilities for Government school teachers

2470. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS facility is available to all the Government employees working in Government offices;

(b) whether Government contemplates on providing this facility to the teachers teaching in Government schools; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

**New medical college at Amravati,
Maharashtra**

2471. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes/ plans to start a Government medical college in Amravati, Maharashtra:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rates for procedures covered under
Ayushman Bharat Scheme**

2472. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rates that insurance companies would pay to hospitals for the 1,350 procedures covered under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(b) whether there is a clash between Government and hospitals over the rate that insurance companies would pay to hospitals under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps Government has taken in order to overcome the issue?

**Procurement scams in Government
hospitals**

2473. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of procurement scams in All India Institutes of Medical Sciences and other Central Government Hospitals have come to the notice of Government during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, Hospital-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any enquiry in the said scams;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the number of officials found involved in such scams and the punishment awarded to them, so far; and

(d) the other corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Menstrual Hygiene Scheme for
adolescent girls**

2474. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated and released for the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme, a component of Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, in the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether training on the usage of sanitary napkins is imparted under the Scheme to adolescent girls;

(c) whether Government plans on introducing sustainable alternatives to sanitary napkins under the scheme and, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of adolescents benefited under the scheme in the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise?

Standard code for medical devices

†2475. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical devices and medicines are different in medical setup and the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a

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standard code for medical devices consistent to medicines is not made in India; and

(c) if so, the arrangements being made by Government to provide medical devices consistent to medicines along with details thereof?

Categorising mental disorder as a disease

†2476. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population suffering from mental disorders in India;

(b) the details of the percentage of population that would be suffering from mental disorders by 2020 in the country;

(c) whether Government proposes to define mental disorder as a 'disease'; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made by Government to deal with this situation?

Illegal sale of GM foods

2477. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of labelled genetically modified (GM) foods being sold illegally in India;

(b) if so, action taken by Government on the matter and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is aware of any reports or studies that indicate the availability of GM foods in the Indian market?

Increase in gestation period for abortion stipulated under MTP Act

2478. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a shortage of medical termination of pregnancy kits or medical abortion drugs has been observed in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken by Government on the matter;

(c) whether under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act (MTP Act), an abortion seeker under 20 weeks of gestation is required to apply to a court;

(d) whether Government is aware if such cases are occurring; and

(e) whether Government plans to increase the gestation period for abortion stipulated under this Act, and if so, the details thereof?

Complaints against private hospitals

†2479. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints against Private Nursing Homes and Private Hospitals;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during last three years;

(c) the number of cases received from Members of Parliament against Apollo Hospital, Delhi during last three years; and

(d) the action taken by Government in these cases so far?

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Expenditure on Public Health

2480. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that between 2009-10 and 2018-19, India's public health spending has gone up by less than 0.2 per cent of the GDP;

(b) whether there is a plan to increase health spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP, if so, by when; and

(c) the proposed timeline for this increase?

Unavailability of organs for transplantation

2481. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether around five lakh people die every year in the country due to unavailability of organs and every 12 minutes, one more patient is added to the waiting list, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has taken lots of initiative for promotion of organ donation in last few years but the results are not satisfactory;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government has any concrete plan to improve the situation?

Medical institutes set up under PMSSY

2482. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan

Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) was announced in August, 2003 to correct imbalances in availability of tertiary care hospitals and improve medical education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the scheme, Government has decided to set up 20 new AIIMS and 71 Government Medical Colleges/Institutes (GMCIs) upgraded in phase-wise; and

(d) if so, the present status of the scheme, the number of AIIMS operational and number of GMCIs upgraded till date, the details thereof, hospital-wise?

Private doctors not giving prescriptions

2483. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private practitioners of medicines are not providing prescriptions to their patients; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any step in this regard and the details thereof?

Prevalence data of TB and Malaria

2484. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any prevalence or incidence data of major diseases like TB and Malaria etc.;

(b) when was the last survey for TB and Malaria diseases taken;

(c) whether the field post of the above work is fulfilled; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementing NDSP

2485. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 2002 to 2012 Government has implemented the National Disease Surveillance Project (NDSP) with World Bank funding, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether information is not triangulated with other data sets and so barely used for policy making or advance policy;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for getting information and to triangulate the deaths of diarrhoea with availability of safe water and sanitation; and

(d) what steps have been taken to assess impact of the direct and indirect causal factors for systematic approach to analyse programme data information field studies, sentinel surveillance sites and data of social determinants?

Unprecedented rise in cases of cancer

†2486. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an unprecedented rise in the number of cancer patients during the last five years, if so, the reasons therefor and the action plan proposed for its diagnosis; and

(b) whether Government is formulating any action plan to make the treatment of cancer available at cheaper rates as its treatment is very expensive and out of reach of the common man?

Government contributions for funding Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme

2487. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Government's contribution, in percentage, required in respect of funds for Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Scheme and that of States in per cent; and

(b) the total amount of funds disbursed by Government to States during the last financial year till date, State-wise in respect of the said scheme?

Expenditure requirement of NHA

2488. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount claimed by National Health Agency (NHA), the nodal agency for implementation of Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Scheme to meet the expenditure requirements of the scheme for FY 2019-20 and total amount sanctioned by Government for the said period; and

(b) the details thereof?

Appointment of custom officers as food safety officers

2489. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure that NABL accredited and empanelled labs are inspected, monitored and investigated by the FSSAI and Ministry officials;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken

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steps to reduce duplicity of accreditation and certificates required for the functioning of food testing laboratories;

(c) whether the Ministry is aware of the appointment of custom officers without technical expertise in food safety and technology as food safety officers; and

(d) if so, the steps undertaken by the Ministry to ensure the employment rules for the FSSAI are followed and the steps taken to correct the employment of these officials?

Rapid increase in cases of diabetes, cancer, hypertension and pneumonia

2490. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest report of National Health Profile, 2019 released by Government, the cases of cancer, diabetes, hypertension and pneumonia have increased rapidly in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to bring down the number of cases of these diseases?

Comprehensive primary care facility

2491. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide comprehensive primary care at a facility near the community for which Government will start 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the community will also be able to receive free screening and care for common diseases, so that the patients will also receive free medicines and diagnostic support close to their homes?

Poor storage facilities of drugs

†2492. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the national drug regulator, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), poor storage management of drugs by the manufacturers, wholesalers and medical stores pose the risk of not only reducing the effectiveness of the drugs but also involves drug reaction;

(b) whether according to the rule there should be 4200 drug inspectors in the country whereas there are only 1200 drug inspectors at present against the 1600 sanctioned posts;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the patient get quality drugs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Speeding up the enrollment process for NHM

2493. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the beneficiaries under National Health Mission (NHM), State-wise;

(b) whether there is procedural lapse in enrolling poor beneficiaries under the scheme, if so, the action taken to simplify the process; and

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(c) whether there is any proposal for speeding up the drive for enrollment of public in NHM?

Problems faced by CGHS beneficiaries in private hospitals

2494. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS patients both pensioners and working are facing problems in availing facilities at empanelled hospitals due to non-payment of pending bills of these hospitals by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not only they are denied facilities but if at all entertained, they are getting substandard treatment as compared to the patients who pay cash;

(c) whether CGHS patients are also denied cashless facilities in these institutes;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to address this issue; and

(e) the amount due to be paid to empanelled hospitals?

Specialised hospital at Muzaffarpur, Bihar

†2495. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the deaths of newborns, due to "chamki fever" (Acute Encephalitis syndrome) in Bihar, it was planned to establish a specialised hospital at Muzaffarpur, so that provision for research related thereto and treatment thereof could be made;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) whether Government will constitute a team of specialist doctors to provide treatment for this disease, so that newborns could be saved from this annually recurring disease?

Pass percentage of students under NEET examination

2496. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of students who passed the NEET examination for the years 2017-18, 2018-19, State-wise;

(b) the syllabus that is used to set the question paper for the above mentioned examination; and

(c) the details of average marks secured by students under the NEET examination, State-wise?

Upgrading district hospitals into medical colleges

2497. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken a decision to upgrade a number of district hospitals into medical colleges to ease the shortage of doctors and provide better medical facilities to the patients;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had identified 58 district hospitals for upgradation in the first phase, 24 in the second phase and recently added 75 hospitals in the third phase;

(c) whether any timeline has been fixed for these hospitals to start operating as full-fledged medical colleges; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof with respect to each of the hospitals?

(b) if so, how Government is planning to stop this?

Developments of new AIIMS

2498. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made as on date with regard to developments of new AIIMS in various States such as Haryana, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Goa, Tripura, Sikkim and at Madurai (Tamil Nadu); and

(b) whether there is any deadline for the completion of these projects and if fully constructed, whether all the medical facilities are available to the citizens in these AIIMS, if so, the details thereof?

Radiation therapy centres for cancer treatment

2499. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cancer patients in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the number of radiation therapy centres in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether Government would open radiation therapy centres in each districts of the country in view of increasing number of cancer patients in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal sale of Bt. cottonseed oil

2500. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Bt. cottonseed oil is being sold illegally to consumers in India; and

Action on findings of CSE on illegal sale of GM foods in the country

2501. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether actions have been taken on the findings of Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) study regarding labelled Genetically Modified (GM) foods being illegally sold in India in 2018;

(b) if any action has been taken since then; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Medical colleges in each district

2502. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is responsible for all health related issues in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is the accepted policy of Government to set up at least one medical college in each district of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of the districts in North Eastern Region States which do not have a single medical college and the steps being taken to set up medical colleges in these districts?

Obesity problem in the country

†2503. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India is the third most obese country in the world as per the reports of WHO;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the most malnourished children are in India also, if so, the manner in which this paradox would be addressed and the details thereof?

affordable medical education and ensure availability of adequate and quality medical professional in all parts of the country;

(c) whether the NMC Act, 2019 will also ensure rapid growth in UG/PG seats in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Insufficient Government medical colleges

†2504. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the number of Government medical colleges in the country is negligible *vis-a-vis* the number of students aspiring to get education in medical field;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that the private medical colleges running in the country are charging exorbitant fees from students;

(c) whether Government intends to control the arbitrary fees being charged by the private medical colleges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NMC Act, 2019

2505. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019 will ensure standardisation and good governance in medical education;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it will pave the way for a medical education system that improves access to quality and

Safe abortions in India

2506. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government conducts any survey to study the number of safe and unsafe abortions taking place in the country;

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

(c) whether Government is taking any step to expand access to abortion services; and

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

CGHS dispensaries in A.P.

2507. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only seven CGHS dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of criteria being adopted to start new CGHS dispensary;

(d) whether it is also a fact that proposals have been sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh to start CGHS dispensaries in various districts of the State; and

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(e) if so, the details of such proposals and what the Ministry has done on each of such proposal?

Centrally sponsored healthcare programmes

2508. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), including flagship programmes, being implemented at present by the Ministry; and

(b) the details of targets and allocations made, fund allocated, disbursed and utilised in these schemes during the last three years, including the present year, scheme-wise and State/ UT-wise particularly in the State of Punjab?

Expanding coverage of Ayushman Bharat Yojana

2509. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the State of Bihar;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to expand the Ayushman Bharat Yojana to middle class and upper middle class, as the cost of treatment is increasing day by day; and

(c) whether the cases of misuse have also been reported and if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of essential medicines

2510. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a shortage of essential medicines in certain States, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken to fix this shortage and the details thereof?

Single regulator for drugs, food and medical devices

2511. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on establishing a single regulator to control the three different branches *i.e.*, drugs, food and medicinal devices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cases under MTP Act

2512. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases which have been decided by various High Courts and Supreme Court where Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act provisions have been challenged successfully; and

(b) the reasons why women are denied termination of pregnancy when they have severely abnormal fetuses or when they are rape survivors only because they have gone beyond Twenty weeks, especially when the law allows them termination for

the same reason before Twenty weeks and when medical advances have proven that such termination is not risky to life?

Financial assistance for cancer patients

2513. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing financial assistance to poor patients *i.e.* patients below poverty line, under the Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund all over the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, details of fund released during last five years, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Online sale of medicines

2514. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lots of online portals are selling medicines without any qualification, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the sale of medicines online, registered chemists are facing tough time, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to take any action against the online portals which are selling medicines online without any qualification, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance for Malabar Cancer Centre

2515. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance for development of Malabar Cancer Centre is under consideration;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance considered, if any?

IMR and MMR status of India

2516. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in India over the past five years, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the increase or decrease, in the IMR and MMR in the country; and

(c) the plans of the Ministry to further reduce the IMR and MMR in the future?

Mission Indradhanush

2517. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Mission Indradhanush, Government reached 32.8 million children and 8.4 million pregnant women over the last three years while the number of vaccines has been increased from 7 to 12;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India was one of the first country to advocate focussed attention on adolescence and implement an extensive health promotion and prevention programme for adolescents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

TB Harega, Desh Jeetega campaign

2518. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of TB cases reported in the country especially in rural and remote villages during the last three years and current year;

(b) whether Government has launched 'TB Harega, Desh Jeetega' campaign with a target of becoming TB free India before 2025, if so, the details thereof along with the various measures being taken; and

(c) whether the TB patients are given ₹ 500 per month for nutritional assistance during the TB treatment throughout the country under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY), if so, the details thereof along with the beneficiaries benefited?

Service conditions of contractual Assistant Professors at AIIMS, New Delhi

†2519. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the contractual Assistant Professors (faculty) are being paid less than the Resident Doctors in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that contractual Assistant Professors cum Consultant (co-Guide) are being relieved from their responsibilities whereby their role in medical education and research get limited; and

(c) the number of contractual Assistant Professors employed in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi?

Circulation of unapproved TB drugs

2520. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 110 TB fixed dose combination drugs, only 32 combinations have been approved by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO);

(b) whether in case of malaria, 8 out of 20 drugs are approved by CDSCO;

(c) whether unapproved drugs raise concern about the safety and efficacy of drugs and health of patients;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the circulation of unapproved drugs is more in the private sector than in Government sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

AYUSH treatment packages under PMJAY

2521. SHRI VAIKO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to include certain Ayurvedic, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) treatment packages in the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines in this connection have been finalised; and

(d) by when the proposal will be implemented and what would be the estimate of beneficiaries in the country?

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Improvements in Ayushman Bharat Yojana

2522. SHRI VAIKO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) the number of jobs that are estimated to be generated in Ayushman Bharat Yojana in the next five years, in the country;

(b) whether any shortcomings are found in the working of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the efforts made to make Ayushman Bharat foolproof and to bring about improvements in the Yojana; and

(e) the number of people who got benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), in the last year and in the current year, State-wise?

Tracking system for spurious medicines

2523. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):

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

(a) whether Government is aware about the spurious drugs which are available in the medicine markets;

(b) whether there is any facility to track, trace and to check the authenticity of the medicines right from the source till the medicine goes into the market; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to curb this medicine crisis?

TB patients compelled to take treatment in private hospitals

†2524. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA
UIKEY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that tuberculosis patients are being forced to take treatment from private hospitals due to negligence of Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the number of patients getting treatment in private and public hospitals respectively during the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of treatment facilities being provided to the tuberculosis patients?

Government Medical College in Darjeeling, WB

2525. SHRIMATI SHANTA
CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes/plans to start a Government Medical College in Darjeeling, West Bengal (WB);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reservation in admission to PG medical courses

2526. DR. ANBUMANI
RAMADOSS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 27 per cent reservation is

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provided for admission to Postgraduate courses in Medicine, as per the recommendations of Mandal Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided 27 per cent reservation as per law for admission to Postgraduate Medical Courses for the year 2020;

(d) if so, whether it is mentioned in the prospectus for entrance examinations; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor.'

Solar cities

†2527. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has chalked out a plan to develop many cities as a solar city;

(b) if so, the details of the works undertaken under this plan;

(c) the criterion adopted to approve a city as a solar city; and

(d) the number of cities started functioning as a solar city so far?

Incentives to renewable energy rich States

2528. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Renewable Energy (RE) capacity in the country and whether Government has drawn any plan to boost its capacity by 2022;

(b) whether Government is considering to give incentives to renewable energy resource rich States to add capacity beyond Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO), if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the States having excess renewable energy may be permitted to distribute and trade with those State having less renewable energy, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in capacity and storage facility of renewable energy

2529. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would be able to fulfill its commitment for 175 GW renewable energy capacity by 2022, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether instead of depending solely on fossil fuels, Government would like to increase the capacity and storage facility of renewable energy, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would give incentives to State Government to develop renewable energy projects, if so, the details thereof?

Sustainable Rooftop Implementation for Solar Transfiguration of India (SRISTI) scheme

2530. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total solar power capacity achieved in India under Sustainable Rooftop Implementation for Solar Transfiguration of India (SRISTI) scheme as on date;

(b) the details of solar power capacity achieved under SRISTI scheme as on date, State-wise; and

(c) total Central Financial Assistance disbursed by Government under the scheme, State-wise?

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Long term financial support to renewable energy sector

2531. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS
(RETD.):
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has calculated the financial support required in view of the present ambitious renewable energy (RE) targets, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is assessing different policy options for long term financial support to RE sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government plans to attract large scale private investment in this sector?

Power production from renewable sources

2532. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to generate 40 per cent of the total energy requirement of the country from renewable sources, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any modalities to achieve this, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to mitigate impacts of transmission lines on wildlife

2533. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has been

recommended by the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) to develop a nationwide strategy for long-term planning of electricity grid networks to prevent electrocution of wildlife due to power transmission lines, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any action to implement this, along with other recommendations by the NBWL on measures to mitigate impact of power transmission lines on wildlife; and

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

Thermal power projects in Jharkhand and Gujarat

2534. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have been conducted to explore the feasibility of setting up thermal power projects in the country including Jharkhand and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(c) the details of the thermal power projects under consideration of Government to be set up in these two States?

Electrification of every village of the country

†2535. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to provide electricity in every village of the country;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in

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this regard within the time-line fixed to achieve their target; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to provide electricity to every home after electrification of every village?

Status of Ramagundam unit in Telangana

2536. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has begun work on Ramagundam unit, Karim Nagar, Telangana State recently; and

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

Payment security mechanism for power generators

2537. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State owned power generators have payment security mechanism with the Reserve Bank of India on its board;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no such system for private sector generators; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of such system, the private power generators often have to face delay in payments by DISCOMS, which add to their stress and result in defaults on loan servicing, if so, the details thereof?

Decline in power production

†2538. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

fact that there has been a decline of 2 per cent in generation of electricity during the Financial Years 2018-19 and 2019-20;

(b) whether a 2 per cent decline in electricity generation has adversely affected industries and revenue collection on account of Goods and Services Tax, if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to overcome the decline in electricity generation, details thereof?

Regular revision of power tariffs

2539. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Ministry has submitted its request to revise regular revision of tariff, if so, the details of subsidy reduced if passed by the cabinet; and

(b) whether Discoms' losses have risen 89% in Financial Year 2019 as compared to FY 2018 which stands at ₹ 28,369 crores, if so, the details thereof?

Status of power generation in the country

2540. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation capacity of the country, plant-wise;

(b) the details of power generated in the country in November, 2019, plant-wise;

(c) whether 133 thermal power generation plants have shut down, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for the same?

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Fund allocation for environmentally sustainable technology

2541. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated and funds spent in innovation of environmentally sustainable technology in the past five years, year-wise ;

(b) whether there is a scheme to fund NGOs or startups working to create environmentally sustainable technologies;

(c) if so, the details of the total funds allocated in the last three years, to such NGOs and startups, year wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ph. D. level research in science by women scientists under KIRAN scheme

2542. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched KIRAN scheme to promote women scientists, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any such scheme has facilitated Ph. D. level research in Science by women scientists;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including any women scientist from Rajasthan, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details regarding number of research projects of women scientists recommended and supported under any such scheme?

Science and Technology scheme for women in Jharkhand and Gujarat

2543. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Science and Technology (S&T) schemes for women;

(b) the achievements of the said schemes in providing new opportunities for gainful employment of women especially in rural areas;

(c) the status of implementation of these schemes in various States including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) whether Government has taken initiatives to ensure participation of women in the field of Science and Technology through implementation of suitable gender enabling programmes, if so, the details thereof?

Consultants working with the Ministry

2544. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of full time consultants and/advisors who are currently working with the Ministry and it's various departments and autonomous bodies/institutions and public sector organisations associated with it as of 31st August, 2019;

(b) since when are they working and what is the total amount of honorarium/salary/fees being awarded to them, the details thereof department/institution-wise; and

(c) the details of mechanism, if any, of assessing their performance periodically?

**Scheme for basic scientific
infrastructure development
in universities**

†2545. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to have any scheme for strengthening the basic infrastructure for Science and Technology in universities and other institutes of higher education;

(b) if so, the numbers of universities/ educational departments identified, for this purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to encourage the young scientists for undertaking serious scientific works in the country?

**Development and promotion of
tourism in Odisha**

2546. SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes implemented/being implemented by Government for the development and promotion of tourism in Odisha;

(b) the number of tourist places selected/identified in the State of Odisha during the last five years for development and promotion of tourism, the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred by Government during the last three years for the said purpose;

(c) the details of the projects formulated and implemented so far; and

(d) whether Government has received any proposal for sanction of funds under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, if so, details thereof ?

**Upgradation of Food Craft Institute at
Baran in Rajasthan**

2547. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to upgrade Food Craft Institute, Baran, Jhalawar to State Institute of Hotel Management in Rajasthan;

(b) whether any such request has been received from Rajasthan Government, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision to upgrade Food Craft Institute, Baran, Jhalawar to State Institute of Hotel Management; and

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

**Foreign tourists visiting for Ayurvedic
treatment**

2548. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who have visited India for Ayurvedic treatment, year-wise, during the past five years; and

(b) what has been the percentage in growth in the country during the past five years?

**Economic and environmental impacts
of cruise tourism to the major ports**

2549. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to promote cruise tourism at the major ports of India;

(b) whether Government has studied the economic impact of promoting cruise tourism at the major ports;

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

(d) whether Government has also studied the environmental impacts of cruise tourism to the major ports of India; and

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

Tourism infrastructure at Ram Mandir in Ayodhya

2550. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that with the construction of Shri Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the tourism in Ayodhya is going to increase many fold;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to increase tourist infrastructure of that area in accordance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Development of iconic tourist stations in the country

2551. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to develop some world class iconic tourist stations in India to attract foreign and domestic tourists;

(b) if so, the list of such stations, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposed developments to be taken up to match with world class stations; and

(d) the estimated time to complete such developmental projects?

Tourism in Kashmir

2552. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of tourists

visiting Kashmir in the months of August, September and October for the last five years;

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to attract more tourists to Jammu and Kashmir over the last five years; and

(c) the steps that are being taken to increase the influx of tourists in the coming years?

Domestic tourist influx under Swadesh Darshan scheme

2553. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Swadesh Darshan scheme has increased domestic tourism in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Yatri-Niwas in North Eastern States

2554. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri-Niwas, especially in backward and rural areas of North Eastern States as on date, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct Yatri-Niwas in various North Eastern States during the current fiscal year, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has revived the scheme for providing Central financial assistance for construction of Yatri-Niwas, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in tribal areas of West Bengal

2555. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any project to promote tourism in tribal areas of West Bengal;

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

(c) whether Government is planning to incorporate inclusive policy on tribal area tourism in the country; and

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

Development of eco-tourism in Odisha

2556. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is including or planning to include more number of tourist destinations for the purpose of boosting eco-tourism and attract more tourists to generate more revenues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to boost the eco-tourism by making development works in the Similipal Sanctuary in Odisha, if so, the details thereof?

Developmental activities in Kanchipuram and Velankanni in Tamil Nadu

2557. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any

step to undertake developmental activities under PRASAD scheme in Kanchipuram and Velankanni in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

Migration of tour and travel operations to online services

2558. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of tour and travel operators have switched over to online services;

(b) the details of regulations prescribed for them to save common people from fraud; and

(c) whether any complaint received about the fraud or malpractices by these agents, if so, details thereof?

Employment in tourism sector

2559. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted/ proposes to conduct any study on manpower requirement in the tourism sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to bridge the talent gap in tourism industry;

(c) whether Government is aware that the labour participation of women in tourism sector is less than 13 per cent;

(d) if so, what steps has been taken by Government to make this sector more inclusive in nature, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps that has been taken so far by Government to combat seasonal unemployment that plagues the tourism industry in the country?

PRASAD scheme in Chhattisgarh

†2560. SHRI RAM VICHAR
NETAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's 'Pilgrimage
Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation
Drive' (PRASAD) scheme has been
implemented in Chhattisgarh;

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

(c) whether the other religious places,
including Danteshwari temple situated in
Dantewada of Chhattisgarh, are considered
to be included under the 'PRASAD'
scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the
actions taken by Government, so far and
the results thereof, place-wise; and

(e) the reaction of Government in this
regard?

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Secretary-General.

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