RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019/Ashadha 25, 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

Disease screening programme

2534. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEO-PATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of AYUSH has planned screening programme for cancer, hypertension and diabetes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of identified health centres, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government is also planning to provide some basic cancer drugs for free and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether primary and community health centres are sufficiently capacitated to accommodate the treatment of the said diseases and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) other steps being taken by Government in this regard so far?

New Yoga University/Institute in Uttar Pradesh

2535. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &

NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any initiative has been taken for promotion of Yoga in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, details of the initiative taken and expenditure incurred for promotion of Yoga in Uttar Pradesh during last three years;
- (c) whether Government has any plan of opening new Yoga University/Institute in Uttar Pradesh in near future; and
 - (d) if so, details thereof?

Curtailing mis-information on AYUSH systems

2536. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNAN1, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether measures have been taken to curtail mis-information *via* non-AYUSH researchers in society, if so, details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor;
 - (b) what measures or hallmarks ensure

availability of authentic AYUSH research to distinguish authentic information, the details thereof:

- (c) the measures in place so that citizen can be empowered and make informed choice of the spurious consumer products in the market stating AYUSH medicines;
- (d) on what scientific evidence authentic research on AYUSH shall be based; and
- (e) the details of centres designated for authenticating such research, if not, the reasons therefor?

Ban on Ponzy schemes in the country

- 2537. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any central law for banning of Ponzy schemes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) how Government is making common people aware of such cheating and taking action against such dishonest people?

Mandatory appointment of company secretary

2538. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many companies in the country registered under the Companies Act, 1956 have not appointed Company Secretary as required under the law;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to make it mandatory to appoint such officials in the Companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recovery from shell companies

2539. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of directors disqualified post director KYC drive during the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19;
 - (b) the number of them reinstated;
- (c) the number of companies identified in same drive, alleged to be shell companies;
 - (d) the number of them reinstated; and
- (e) the amount recovered from such companies?

Deregistration of shell companies/ firms

2540. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has deregistered several shell companies throughout the country during the last two years:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of number of companies deregistered and criteria adopted for recognising a company as a shell company'?

Misuse of CSR funds

- 2541. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the schemes under which companies are engaged in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- (b) whether the companies are adhering to the guidelines issued by Government;

- (c) whether any violation of the guidelines and misuse of funds have been reported during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Protecting Ram Setu

- †2542. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise number of cultural sites in the country including the criteria of inclusion thereof; and
- (b) the details regarding measures taken for protecting the structure of Ram Setu and expenditure incurred on the same?

Public Library Systems in India

- 2543. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of public libraries in India is getting reduced year by year due to poor financial health of the organisations;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote public library systems in India; and
- (d) whether the library legislation is yet to be implemented in Jharkhand?

Proposals for cultural development in Himachal Pradesh

- 2544. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has received any proposals from the Himachal Pradesh

- Government for cultural development during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the proposals, proposal-wise;
- (c) the details of the proposals which are pending for approval and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

Financial assistance to museums

- 2545. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has made any survey to assess the number of museums under the control and maintenance of State Governments, Autonomous Bodies, Local Bodies, Societies and Trusts registered under the Societies Act across the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government is providing any financial assistance to these museums which are under the control of various authorities; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of temples in Odisha by ASI

- 2546. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Ministry will consider to take regular steps through the ASI for solution on conservation of the Sun Temple at Konark *viz* saline action, water logging, mechanical erosion and vegetative intrusions; and

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Ministry will consider to take steps through the AS1 for completion of conservation work of Jagmohan (Jagannath Temple) within scheduled time line?

Work place of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar at Nandan Kanan, Jharkhand to be converted into heritage site

2547. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to develop and convert the workplaces of noted social workers of India like Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar at Nandan Kanan, Jharkhand into heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details of such works done in the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the works done, if any, to convert Nandan Kanan, Karmatand Jamtara, Jharkhand into a heritage site?

Utilisation of funds for organising cultural events

- 2548. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government provides funds under various schemes to State Governments to organise cultural events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds allocated/released to Himachal Pradesh under the said schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has found irregularities in utilisation of funds in the said schemes during the above period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, schemewise along with the action taken by Government in this regard?

Neglect of Public Libraries in the country

2549. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware about the pathetic condition of historic libraries including Delhi Public Library (DPL) which have suffered Government's neglect for many years;
- (b) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether Government proposes to recruit trained library professionals for public libraries in India including Delhi;
- (d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether DPL have closed a number of branches during last three years and there has been no recruitment since 1996, and it is operating without Director and Director General for last three years; and
- (f) if so, reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

Encroachments around protected monuments

- 2550. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there are cases of unauthorised constructions or encroachments around protected monuments and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether there are cases of unauthorised constructions or encroachments around World Heritage Sites and if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether any impact study on the damage caused to the monuments due to this unauthorised constructions or encroachments have been made and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps Government has taken to stop encroachments and unauthorised constructions around protected monuments, especially World Heritage Sites?

Tagore memorials in Madhya Pradesh

†2551. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether proposals for allocation of fund to construct Rabindra Nath Tagore Kala Sankul in Sidhi and Rabindra Bhawan-New Tagore Bhawan in Bhopal have been received from Government of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when these proposals will be approved?

Empanelment of specialist consultants

2552. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any mechanism to empanel specialist consultants for organising cultural events to promote our incredible culture in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the concerned officials and nodal agencies for the aforementioned purpose?

Knowledge resource centres in the country

2553. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of knowledge resource centres being run by Government in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the details of the fund allocated to States/UTs especially Uttar Pradesh in this regard?

Disciplinary cases in Sahitya Academy

2554. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) how many disciplinary cases are going on in Sahitya Academy;
 - (b) the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) the details of action taken by the academy with respect to such cases;
- (d) what is the allocated budget for Sahitya Academy; and
- (e) the total amount spent for each language out of the allocated budget during the period 2016-19?

Cultural schemes under implementation

2555. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes that are under implementation in the Ministry, the details thereof:
- (b) the amount disbursed under various schemes, scheme-wise, in the last three years;
- (c) the amount disbursed to various cultural organisations under Cultural

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Functions Grant Scheme, in the last three years; and

(d) the reason for rejecting the request of many cultural organisations for grants?

Dedicated weather channel

†2556. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide weather related information and start a dedicated T.V. Channel to broadcast news-items for helping the farmers and fishermen living in coastal areas, if not, the reasons therefor, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Indian Meteorological Department also proposes to start a dedicated channel on Radio to disseminate the weather forecasts and other meteorological news items, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Refund of CENVAT credit

- 2557. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any measures have been taken to allow the refund of accumulated CENVAT credit arising on Inverted Duty structure currently applicable on suppliers to Railways by contractors/subcontractors; and
- (b) any measures being undertaken to reduce the impact of Inverted Duty structure on product supplied to Railways by contractors who are manufacturers and significantly contributing to 'Make in India' initiative of Government of India?

Transferring rate cut to customers

2558. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) how the Ministry thinks that the recent rate cut of 25 basis points by RBI will lift confidence in investors and arrest the fall of growth;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that many times banks are not transferring rate cut to the customers resulting in nil impact of rate cut; and
- (c) the efforts being made by RBI and the Ministry to keep liquidity position to make economy positive?

Encouragement to private sector investment

2559. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by Government in encouraging private sector investment in the domestic markets; and
- (b) the breakdown of growth in private sector investment over the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Achievement of targets set under Priority Sector Lending in Maharashtra

2560. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the banks achieved the targets fixed for each of them under Priority Sector Lending (PSL) in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years particularly in cases of agriculture, SCs and STs and other weaker sections;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise, year-wise and category-wise;
- (c) if not, which banks could not achieve the targets during the said period; and
- (d) the action Government has taken in the matter?

Loan defaults in PSBs

- 2561. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the list of people who have borrowed and defaulted on loans of more than ₹ 25 crores taken from the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and the details thereof;
- (b) the details of total Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) with PSBs as of March, 2019; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by Government to impose stricter checks on loan advances of such large amounts and the details thereof?

Stringent measures to deal with wilful defaulters

- 2562. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of wilful defaulters to banks have increased manifold over the past years;
- (b) if so, the details of wilful defaulters during last three years;
- (c) whether nationalised banks have requested Government to take stringent measures in order to deal with wilful defaulters; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government?

Roadmap for PSBs growth and consolidation

- 2563. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a roadmap for public sector banks (PSBs) for the next five years in terms of growth and consolidation;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government held discussion with the chiefs of PSBs; and
- (d) if so, the deliberations made in the meetings?

PSBs branches in rural areas for success of PMJDY

- †2564. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in Gujarat till date, district-wise;
- (b) amount of money collected under PMJDY till now, State-wise; and
- (c) the efforts made by Government to increase the branches of Government sector banks in rural areas for making PMJDY more successful?

More security features in ATM/Debit Cards

- 2565. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has proposed to provide ATM/Debit Cards with more security features in the coming days;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) whether Government has studied the existing practices in European countries and other foreign nations where digital payments are 100 per cent with high security features;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Policy decision on disinvestment of PSUs

2566. MS. DOLA SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government is trying to justify the policy decision of disinvestment/privatisation of 42 PSUs?

Structural changes in system of corporate governance

- 2567. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) the recorded cases of wilful defaulters in the past three years in various Public Sector Banks (PSBs);
- (b) whether Government is planning any structural changes to the system of corporate governance to change the current *status quo* and if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NPAs in educational sector

- 2568. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that due to dwindling opportunity for students pursuing various courses regarding employment, they are unable to repay the education loan availed by them;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether Government is also aware of the fact that NPAs in education sector have touched 9 per cent; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Recovery plan from top 100 wilful default ers

2569. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of loan defaulters in the country have risen in last three years:
- (b) if so, whether the financial institutions have made a survey on the lenders:
- (c) whether 40 per cent of loan defaulters are wilful defaulters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government including the action plan for loan recovery from top 100 borrowers; and
- (e) the amount borrowed by top 100 borrowers?

Scheme to provide loans under short term agriculture loan

- 2570. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any scheme to provide loans under short-term agriculture loan to those farmers who repay their first loan within the scheduled time at low cost of interest;
- (b) if so, the number of farmers who have got benefited under the said scheme in Maharashtra in the last three years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to allot requisite funds to the State Government in time under the above said scheme?

Annual own damage cover for vehicles

- 2571. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) allowed insurers to issue standalone annual own damage cover for cars and two wheelers, both new and old;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the insurers must ensure that the own damage cover is offered only if a third party cover already exists; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Delhi's share in collected tax revenue

- 2572. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that State of Delhi receives ₹ 325 crore from the centre despite generating over ₹ 91,000 crore in tax revenue:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the share of Delhi Government in the budget has not changed since 2002;
- (c) if so, the details of tax contribution of various States to the Centre *versus* proportion of allocation *vis-a-vis* Delhi's share:
- (d) if proportion is unfavourable for Delhi, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the summary of utilisation of retained share of Delhi's taxes?

Concept note by FM or RBI on demonetisation and its expected benefits

2573. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details about the note by Shri Raghuram Rajan on demonetisation in which he has shared his opinion; and
- (b) the details of the concept note prepared by either Prime Minister's Office or Finance Minister or RBI on demonetisation and its expected benefits?

Weaker cooperative societies under ambit of IT

- †2574. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the weaker cooperative credit societies have incurred financial losses due to bringing their agricultural business under income-tax;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government intends to provide deduction under Section 80(P) of Income Tax Act to the cooperative societies; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Formation of National Rural Bank

- 2575. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance recommended for the formation of National Rural Bank (NRB);
- (b) if so, how many times Government has received such recommendations;
- (c) whether Government has taken any favourable decision on the recommendation of the Standing Committee;
 - (d) the reason behind the reluctance

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from Government in forming NRB even after receiving several recommendations from Parliamentary Standing Committee and also other stakeholders; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to strengthen Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)?

State of RRBs in the country

2576. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in the country at present, the details thereof in terms of the ownership, categorywise;
- (b) whether Government is planning to strengthen the RRBs by delinking them from the sponsor banks to recognise them into State level bank under holding company as per the recommendations of Prof. VS Vyas Committee;
- (c) in what way Government is planning to improve the functioning of RRBs; and
- (d) whether Government will think of providing capital strength for RRBs through RBI?

Curbing of corporate corruption

†2577. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of corporate houses identified for financial irregularities in the year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (b) whether these corporate houses have been punished; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to curb corporate corruption?

Child care leave for women employees of PSBs

†2578. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to grant three years' leave under 'Child Care Scheme' to women employees of Public Sector Banks (PSBs);
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of women employees in PSBs and the facilities being provided to them under 'Child Care Scheme'?

Tax fraud detected under GST claims

2579. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recent tax fraud cases indicate that there is a lacuna in the online filing of GST claims and claiming false input tax credit by fake invoicing and inflating their turnover by fake companies, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) how many tax fraud cases were detected after GST regime and worth of fraud: and
- (c) whether Government is taking steps to curtail this type of fraud?

Sale/monetisation of the non-core and fixed assets of PSUs

2580. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to sell/monetise the non-core and fixed assets of PSUs;
- (b) if so, the names of such PSUs whose assets are getting sold or monetised and

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details of such assets being sold/monetised as part of the aforesaid decision, if any; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such sale/monetisation of such assets?

Financial burden on States

2581. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Centrally sponsored schemes completely delinked from Central support and the number of Centrally sponsored schemes whose sharing pattern has been altered resulting in additional financial burden on States; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that the benefit to States by the increase in devolution of Central taxes from 32 per cent to 42 per cent following the recommendation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission has been offset to a large extent by such policy decision of the Central Government?

Seeding of bank account and linking with Aadhaar

†2582. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to allow seeding of bank accounts of the beneficiaries and linking them with the bank accounts available with the Departments of State Governments as well as the Aadhaar details only after obtaining permission from the beneficiaries; and
- (b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

MUDRA loans turned NPAs

2583. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than ₹16,000/- crores of loans have turned as NPAs under MUDRA Scheme as per the RTI information:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise; and
 - (c) the reasons for the same?

Worst condition of economy

- †2584. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that country's economy is in the worst condition till date due to the wrong policies of Government;
- (b) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve this; and
 - (c) if not, reasons therefor?

Withdrawal of minimum balance penalty by banks

†2585. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of steps taken by Government during the last three years for freeze/withdrawal of the "Minimum Balance Penalty" being levied by public and private sector banks whereby the bank account holders from poor and middle class families are worst hit?

Per capita expenditure in rural and urban areas

2586. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of per capita expenditure on education, electricity, water and food etc. by Government both in rural as well as in urban areas;

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- (b) whether it is a fact that per capita expenditure is more in rural area as compared to urban area; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Special courts to stop hoarding

2587. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would take strict measures to check price rise and would set up special courts to stop hoarding and black marketing, however, no special courts have been set up so far; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons to fail in controlling the prices of petroleum products?

Package for backward districts of Andhra Pradesh

2588. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act clearly indicated that 7 backward districts would be given a package on the lines of KBK districts in Odisha and Bundelkhand region in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons behind granting just $\stackrel{?}{\scriptstyle \checkmark} 350$ crores for 7 districts for three years and withdrawing granted $\stackrel{?}{\scriptstyle \checkmark} 350$ crores in the fourth year and not giving anything in the fifth year;
- (c) whether request from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Ministry so far in this connection?

CMS to file online complaint against banks and NBFCs

- †2589. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether RBI has launched a Complaint Management System (CMS) to file online complaints against banks and Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), if so, the number of complaints received on CMS;
- (b) when investigation and strict action would be taken against guilty persons on the basis of received Complaints; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to start Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system which is dedicated to track the status of complaints by complainant, if so, the details thereof?

Threat to national security

- 2590. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the foreign investments are posing threat to the national security, particularly in financial services, critical infrastructure and technology sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure national security, while promoting foreign investments in the country?

Prohibition of crypto currency

- 2591. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has prohibited crypto currency in the country;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken note about prevalence of crypto currency in the country;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken against the persons who are responsible for running the crypto currency in the market?

Indian currency notes in Nepal

2592. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made on the request of the Nepal Rashtra Bank (NRB) to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in a letter mentioned in media reports asking it to issue FEMA notification to declare the new Indian currency notes above the denomination of rupees 100 as legal tender;
- (b) what progress has been made of NRB's request in the same letter for the exchange of the demonetised Indian currency still in Nepal; and
- (c) the value of demonetised Indian currency notes in the banking system and with private holders in Nepal?

Improvement in the currency circulation

2593. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the currency circulation in the country is down since demonetisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the currency circulation situation in the country and to curb black money in the country?

Revision of IT guidelines for black money and tax evasion

2594. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to revise IT guidelines under the IT Act, 1961;
- (b) if so, whether Government has received any proposal from the concerned to curb black money in the country;
- (c) the details of compounding offences, procedure and charges to be taken therefor;
- (d) how the process/action will streamline the serious cases of black money and criminal tax evasion possible?

Objectives of disinvestment

2595. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives of disinvestment and their current status;
- (b) the disinvestment planned for the year 2019-20;
- (c) the amount raised by Government through disinvestment till date; and
- (d) the details of where this money has been spent thereof?

Same pay scale for CRPF Jawans and Government peons

2596. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there exists the same pay scale under the Seventh Pay Commission for a Government peon and a CRPF Jawan despite the immense disparity in the role of their services to our nation;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
 - (c) if not, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the CRPF Jawans and their families receive adequate compensation for their service?

GST reforms

2597. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to bring petroleum products and electricity into the purview of GST;
- (b) whether the Ministry is open to the option of cross-utilisation of at least CGST credit across India by States which was an option during service tax era; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Sharing information by banks on overvaluation of coal imports

2598. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had sought RBI's assistance in obtaining information from two State-owned banks on the alleged overvaluation of coal imports from Indonesia by Indian companies;
- (b) whether the RBI has declared that it has no power to ask banks to share information on customers to third parties including investigative agencies; and
- (c) whether two other private banks have shared all information with DRI on the case citing national interest, while two Government-owned banks have declined to do so citing the confidentiality clause?

Prevention of insider trading by SEBI

2599. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether prompted by the insider information received from a whistle-blower that exposed the NSE co-location algorithmic trading, the SEBI has come out recently with a discussion paper to nip insider trading in the bud;
- (b) whether SEBI paper has proposed an informant mechanism where genuine whistle-blowers will be rewarded upto ₹ 1 crore for exposing fraud and wrongdoing in companies relating to trading on insider information; and
- (c) whether SEBI is likely to confine this scheme to insider trading only leaving out the bigger evil of siphoning of funds by promoters?

Taxes collected from and given to Kerala

2600. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the taxes collected by the Central Government from the State of Kerala, as Central Taxes, during each of the last three years; and
- (b) the amount released to Kerala on the basis of taxes collected during the period?

Exposure of PSBs and institutions to Jet Airways

2601. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) how many is the exposure of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and institutions to Jet Airways;
- (b) whether the promoters furnished any personal guarantees against these loans/ advances; and
- (c) the steps being taken to recover these dues?

NPAs in Public Sector Banks

2602. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to reduce the NPAs of banking institutions;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the data of NPAs in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the last three years and the steps taken to reduce them?

Exemption of Income Tax on District Mineral Foundation

2603. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government will take steps for exemption of income tax on the interest income of District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Trusts from the purview of Income Tax Act, as a substantial amount of the Trust Funds will be spent to clear the tax liability, which will have adverse effect on the Trust Funds and defeat the very objective of the DMF scheme for uplifting the socio-economic condition of the people in mining affected areas?

Amending secrecy clause to disclose the borrowers name

2604. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of all NPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) that is around ₹ 4.5 lakh crore are owed by top 100 borrowers;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise;
- (c) whether Government would amend the secrecy clause which restricts disclosing the borrowers' name;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Granting educational loans for post graduate diploma courses

2605. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the instructions/ guidelines issued by Government/Reserve Bank of India to the banks including State Bank of India for granting education loans for pursuing higher education;
- (b) whether the SBI and a few other nationalised banks are not granting education loan for post-graduation diploma courses conducted by colleges and approved by AICTE;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the students particularly those belonging to poor families are being exploited by the private banks by charging higher interest rates as a result thereof; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Subsidy on interest accrued on housing loans to weaker sections and low income groups

2606. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: DR. AMEE YAJNIK: SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

provide subsidy on the amount of interest accrued on housing loans for the weaker sections and low income groups of the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of rural housing scheme sponsored by nationalised banks in the country; and
- (d) the number of people benefited/ likely to be benefited including in rural areas under the said scheme during the last two years?

Grounds for disinvestment of PSUs

†2607. 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 heading towards disinvestment of some Public Sector Units (PSUs);
- (b) if so, the names of some PSUs and the amount of money Government is likely to receive therefrom; and
- (c) the reasons on the basis of which Government proposes to disinvest the PSUs?

Regulating e-sale of drugs

2608. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has created any mechanism to regulate e-sale of drugs, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken action to ensure quality of drugs being sold through e-sale;

- (c) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study to assess effects of e-cigarettes on human health, if so, details thereof?

Sub-standard medicines

†2609. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the medicines being manufactured by many pharmacompanies do not meet the prescribed quality standards and are found to be substandard:
- (b) the quantum of generic medicines and branded medicines, respectively, among them; and
- (c) the details of the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Labs for diagnosing cancer

2610. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed to set up more Cancer Hospitals across the country in view of increasing number of cancer cases and also emerging types of various cancers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has proposed to establish labs nearby all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to undertake all types of tests pertaining to cancer, instead of referring them to tertiary care hospitals;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, reasons therefor?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Vacant administrative posts at AIIMS, New Delhi

- 2611. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the posts of Registrar and Chief Administrative Officer at AIIMS, New Delhi are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor:
- (c) the mode of recruitment for these said posts to be filled up on regular basis and whether any timeline has been fixed for filling up these posts; and
- (d) when are the posts likely to be advertised for being filled up on regular basis?

Prosecution for adulteration of food items

- 2612. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of individuals and concerned groups/parties against whom proceedings have been initiated for adulteration of food articles in last three years;
- (b) how many have been punished out of them:
- (c) whether Government is aware about the myriad ways of adulteration of edible oils; and
- (d) what steps have been taken to prevent adulteration?

Survey on functioning of Government Hospitals

2613. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the present status and working of all the Government Hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Post Graduate Institutes of Medical Education and Research (PGIMERs), Delhi and Chandigarh and Central Government controlled hospitals/associated hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to improve the functioning of these hospitals?

Wellness centres for fishermen

- 2614. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken steps to set up any national wellness centres for fishermen particularly in Andhra Pradesh with free medical facility;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to provide emergency medical facility in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated for this initiative and the details thereof?

Hospital infrastructure to combat AES outbreak

- †2615. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that children in large numbers succumb to death due to fever in summer season in some districts of Bihar

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and some districts of Eastern Uttar

- (b) if so, whether Government would consider setting up of research institutes or special hospitals for its diagnos is so that its causes could be ascertained and proper arrangements for its treatment are put in place; and
- (c) the plan of Government to solve this problem?

Opening of Wellness Centres

2616. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has set a target of setting up 1.53 lakh Wellness Centres to cater to the needs of Ayushman Bharat by 2022;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that by 2018-19, the Ministry had aimed to open 15,000 Wellness Centres;
- (c) if so, the reasons that only 6,000 Wellness Centres have been able to be opened which are fully functional; and
- (d) the reasons for lagging behind in opening of Wellness Centres and how many Wellness Centres are fully manned so far, State-wise?

National Programme for Prevention of Deafness

- 2617. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the contribution of States' share has been increased from 0 per cent to 25 per cent for National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

- (c) how successful has the programme been in early identification of deafness; and
- (d) how well has it responded to these identified cases?

Patients load at AIIMS, Delhi

2618. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of patients who visited AIIMS Delhi during last two years, department-wise;
- (b) whether doctors are posted sufficiently in each department;
- (c) how expeditiously they receive treatment; and
- (d) the waiting time for treatment, department-wise?

Filling of seats of Non-Clinical Post Graduate Courses

- †2619. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of seats available for 'Non-Clinical Post Graduate Courses in the country;
- (b) the number of seats filled and remaining vacant, respectively, during the current year;
- (c) the reasons for not filling those vacant seats; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to fill these vacant seats, as 2000-3000 seats have remained vacant in last 2-3 years and by when these seats are proposed to be filled and policy to be adopted by Government in this regard?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Data linkages for health facilities

2620. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is formulating any plan to adopt the WHO Injury Surveillance System to build a mechanism that enables future data linkages, for example with Aadhaar card and National Identification Number for health facilities; and
 - (b) if so, the details in this regard?

Treatment of malaria

- 2621. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the therapeutic efficiency of the Artemisinin-based Combination Therapies (ACTs) for treatment of malaria in the country, if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the said treatment has been effective and successful in the treatment of malaria caused by Plasmodium falciparum in the country;
- (c) whether any case of development of resistance to the said drug has been reported in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the fresh measures being taken by Government to prevent the spread of malaria in the country?

Revamping health system in Muzaffarpur, Bihar

2622. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children who died due to encephalitis in Muzaffarpur, Bihar during the last three years, year-wise details thereof:
- (b) steps Government has taken to check the outbreak of encephalitis in Bihar and measures taken to minimise deaths due to encephalitis; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal of Government for modernisation/revamping of the health system in Muzaffarpur?

Shortage of anti-rabies vaccine

- 2623. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government hospitals in the National Capital are facing acute shortage of anti-rabies vaccine, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Dr. RML and Safdarjung Hospitals are also facing the shortage of this vaccine, if so, by when the vaccine is likely to be supplied to cater to the needs of the patients?

Deaths due to AES outbreak

- 2624. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of children affected and died due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) outbreak in various parts of the country during the recent times;
 - (b) the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the failure of the existing mechanism to check the outbreak reflects failure of Public Health System in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to fix responsibility of the agencies involved

for providing timely treatment and other necessary assistance to victims of the said disease in the country and remedial measures taken by Government to prevent such outbreak in the future?

Preventing AES outbreak

2625. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 children have lost their lives in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES);
- (b) whether it is also a fact that according to doctors in Muzaffarpur, the deaths where preventable, if poor families had access to good food, clean water and better medical care:
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon:
- (d) the details of action being taken to improve the deadly situation; and
- (e) the details of measures being taken by Government to prevent similar situations in the future?

Child deaths from AES

†2626. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a number of children died because of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (Chamki) in Muzaffarpur in Bihar, if so, the details thereof:
- (b) whether it is also a fact that children under the 10 years of age belonging to poor families contract this disease and it breaks out every year in the months of May-June;

- (c) if so, the details of assistance given to the State Government so far by Government for eradicating (AES); and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to prevent the outbreak of AES (Chamki) in future?

Schemes to reduce child deaths and Infant Mortality Rates

2627. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the comparative details of rates of childbirth deaths and Infant Mortality Rates for the last decade; and
- (b) the details of schemes and Statewise annual expenditure to prevent such mortalities?

Suggestions for improvement of Ayushman Bharat Yojana

2628. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received suggestions from any State for improvement of Ayushman Bharat Yojana;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Yojana is doing well to the satisfaction of people?

Caesarean delivery

2629. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in private hospitals caesarean delivery has become a practice rather than necessity;

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- (b) if so, whether Government can fix certain norms to stop it; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of programme for welfare of hearing impaired

2630. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the approvals have been given for implementing the programme for deafness in 436 districts of 35 States and Union Territory; and
- (b) how these challenges can be addressed in the absence of proper infrastructure in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs)?

Prioritising family planning programmes

- 2631. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether initiatives are being taken by Government to prioritise Family Planning (FP) programmes especially at the State level, since the National Health Mission (NHM) allocations are made as per the requirement submitted by State Governments;
- (b) if so, how are these initiatives being carried out;
- (c) whether these initiatives will lead to an increase in the allocation of more budget to FP programme; and
- (d) what actions are being taken to expedite the Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) approvals and release of funds, so as to give more time for utilisation of funds?

New Wellness Centres

†2632. SHRI LAL SINH VODODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to open a large number of Wellness Centres across the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government is also considering to set up Wellness Centres in the State of Gujarat; and
- (c) if so, the number of and the places of the Wellness Centres being set up and by when they would be set up and if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018

- 2633. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government intends to finalise the proposed Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018;
- (b) if so, the time-line set by Government;
- (c) whether Government is proposing to extend the permissible gestation limit for termination of pregnancy of rape survivors to 24 weeks and indefinitely in case of serious foetal abnormalities; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Dengue and swine flu cases

- 2634. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the cases of dengue and swine flu have been reported in

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the country throughout the year, if so, the details thereof. State/UT-wise:

- (b) whether Government has received complaints for inadequate protection to the healthcare workers dealing with patients of dengue and swine flu in Central Government Hospitals during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon, hospital-wise; and
- (c) the other corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Healthcare centres

2635. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of healthcare centres is going to decrease across the country; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Vacancies in SC/ST posts of doctors

2636. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of SC/ST vacancies of doctors in Government hospitals and healthcare centres across the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

Wastage of vaccines

2637. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for wastage of vaccines under the Universal Immunization Programme; and
- (b) the details of steps taken by Government to reduce the wastage thereof?

Impact of strikes by doctors

2638. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of strikes by doctors in the country has risen in the past three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of strikes held by doctors in the country in the past three years, yearwise and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the details on the adverse impact on the health of patients owing to these strikes?

Blood banks in remote areas

2639. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for setting up blood banks on priority basis in remote and rural areas in the country including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether coordination with voluntary organisations, private and public sectors is there to encourage voluntary blood donations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to check and stop illegal sale of blood or related illegal activities?

Cadre restructuring of physiotherapists in CGHS

2640. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of cadre restructuring for physiotherapists in Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), till date:
- (b) whether any committee has been set up for the same;
- (c) if so, tenure of the committee and recommendations provided thereto; and
- (d) time likely to be taken to implement the recommendation of the committee?

Controlling rising trend of cancer patients

2641. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of cancer patients are ever increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of cancer patients diagnosed, treatment provided, cured and died due to various types of cancer;
- (c) whether Government has taken measures to control the rising trend of cancer patients in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing retirement age of doctors

2642. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase MBBS seats from 2019;

- (b) if so, present status and addition of seat therefor, State-wise;
- (c) whether there are enough faculty in medical colleges for fulfillment of demandsupply ratio therein;
- (d) whether it is a fact Government has increased the retirement age of doctors in the country to 65 years; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to depute and/or shift surgeons over 60 years of age from hospitals to colleges *i.e.* technical staff to administrative staff, if so, the details of process and plan thereof, if not, the reasons for not shifting the aged, experienced?

Private insurance companies in Ayushman Bharat

2643. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale for involving private insurance companies in Ayushman Bharat when it is well known that such companies would keep a part of people's money as profit for themselves; and
- (b) the details of procedures performed under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, the number of beneficiaries and money spent, State-wise?

Expenditure on PMJAY

2644. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of money which has so far been spent on Ayushman Bharat and break up of money spent on Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), health and wellness centres; and (b) the quantum of money which has been spent on the publicity of Ayushman Bharat and breakup of money spent on publicity of PMJAY, Health and wellness centres?

Data transfer of digital health records

2645. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has introduced any legislation on healthcare to ensure data transfer of digital health records of patients between hospitals, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the mechanisms introduced to safeguard the data security and privacy of patients and the details thereof?

Coverage of AES under Ayushman Bharat

2646. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was assistance provided to the children who survived and/ or are undergoing treatment of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Bihar, under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not reasons therefor:
- (c) whether the disease can be covered under the above mentioned scheme; and
- (d) the measures Government is taking to ensure capacity building of hospitals in districts across the country in order to

ensure they are not ill-equipped to handle crises such as AES?

Multi-disciplinary group to monitor Encephalitis outbreak

- 2647. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to constitute a permanent multidisciplinary group of experts at the Centre to monitor and formulate measures to be taken in the event of outbreak of such a situation like Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) or Japanese Encephalitis (JE);
- (b) if so, the composition of this group; and
- (c) what measures are being taken to further strengthen the management of AES and JE cases in Bihar?

New AIIMS

- †2648. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the State-wise number of AIIMS proposed by Government during the last three years;
- (b) the State-wise number of AIIMS out of the above which are to be built by upgrading the old hospitals and those which will be built as new; and
- (c) the number of AIIMS out of the proposed AIIMS which have become operational and those which are yet to become operational, the details thereof and the deadline for their construction?

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Prohibition of commercial organ transplants

2649. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to enhance in the national transplant law to prohibit commercial transplants in India; and
- (b) whether Government has taken initiatives to bring awareness in the public and to prevent illegal organ trading, if so, the details thereof?

Establishing super-speciality block in medical colleges

†2650. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to establish super-speciality block in various medical colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to establish super-speciality block in the medical colleges of Uttar Pradesh as well and, if so, the details thereof?

Programmes targeting women and children well-being

- †2651. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the salient features of the programmes being organised by

Government regarding health issues pertaining to women and children;

- (b) whether Government proposes to relax the norms meant for opening health centres in the country; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation out of GDP on healthcare

2652. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) how much per cent of GDP is allocated on healthcare sector in India;
- (b) whether there is any plan to increase the budgetary allocations for the healthcare sector:
- (c) how many AIIMs have been set up by Government in last three years; and
- (d) how many new Government hospitals will be set up in the next three years, the details thereof, State-wise?

Bill on Protection of Resident Doctors

2653. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to bring in a special Bill on Protection of Resident Doctors:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the norms of working hours and safe environment for doctors in Governmentrun hospitals/healthcare centres in the country, along with the details thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Deaths attributable to bidi smoking

2654. SHRI D. RAJA: SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that nearly 6 million people are killed every year globally by tobacco epidemic that is projected to grow to more than 8 million by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of people died due to bidi consumption in India in the last three years;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to reduce deaths due to bidi smoking, if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocation for Ayushman Bharat Yojana

†2655. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

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

- (a) the funds allotted for treatment under "Ayushman Bharat Yojana" and the funds expended from it;
- (b) whether the allotted funds are found to be inadequate for treatment;
- (c) the number of patients getting registered under this scheme, till date; and
- (d) by when the target would be achieved in view of current rate of registration?

Untimely removal of uterus

†2656.CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the incidents of untimely removal of uterus of large number of young women by private hospitals for their personal gain in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to check the trend of untimely removal of uterus of young women; and
- (c) whether Government is conducting any study in this regards to know the factual position?

Eradicating TB by 2025

†2657. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has developed a National Strategic Plan including the target of eradicating Tuberculosis by the year 2025, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of TB in the country and its ratio *vis-a-vis* the population according to the Global TB Report; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to use artificial intelligence device to root out diseases like TB and Cancer, if so, the details thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Subsidy for roof top solar system

2658. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has paid attention and analysed the reason for low take-off of roof top solar power system in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any subsidy element is being proposed for roof top solar project, especially in rural areas where the energy supply is not dependable; and
- (d) the efforts made by Government to popularise roof top solar system in the country in coordination with the State Governments?

Approved solar power parks

2659. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of solar power parks approved by Government to achieve its target for solar capacity of 100 GW by March, 2022; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that barely 6 GW parks have seen the light of the day so far, if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps Government proposes to take to achieve the target by 2022?

Clean and renewable source of energy in Haryana

2660. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken initiative to popularise clean and renewable sources of energy in Haryana;
- (b) if so, the target areas and the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made on such initiatives and the amount of energy produced through such sources in the urban areas of Haryana?

Steps to boost off grid renewable power generation

2661. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to boost off-grid renewable power generation in the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the budgetary allocations made in this regard over the last three years, year-wise?

Increase in production of solar energy

- 2662. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the solar energy production has increased in the country in the last three years:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to reduce the unit cost of solar production;and
- (d) the details of increase in the installed capacity and production of solar energy in the last three years, year-wise and Statewise?

Solar energy in group housing buildings

2663. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to make it mandatory to set up solar energy in group housing buildings;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Target set for new and renewable energy for 2030

2664. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

- (a) whether Government has set an ambitious target of producing 500 GW energy by 2030 over and above 175 GW by 2022 as part of climatic commitment;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is monitoring the progress being made to achieve the target set for generation of new and renewable energy by 2022; and
- (d) if so, the details on the progress achieved till March, 2019 in solar power and wind power projects?

Investigation on shortage of electricity

†2665. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not investigated the role of Government employees and private companies in the shortage of electricity till date, as a result

- of which shortage of power has not been addressed till today;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and reasons for which the investigation has not been conducted; and
- (c) if not, the result of the investigation conducted for the same?

Implementation of UDAY

2666. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the States and Union Territories meeting the targets of reducing Aggregate Technical and Commercial losses so far under UDAY;
- (b) the details of the States and Union Territories reducing the gap between the Average Cost of Supply (ACS) and Average Revenue Realised so far under UDAY;
- (c) whether the establishment cost of a majority of discoms under UDAY are still higher, if so, the details thereof as well as reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government is yet to develop norms for establishment costs, if not, the reasons therefor?

Transmission and distribution losses in the power sector

- 2667. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken note of transport and distribution losses in the power sector which is posing a great threat to power companies;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified the reasons;
- (d) the remedial measures being taken to control the transmission and distribution losses in the power sector; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Establishment of new training centres

2668. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new training centres established during the last three years by the Ministry through the National Power Training Institute (NPTI), the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of people trained in these institutes in the last three years and how many of them are from SC/ST and OBC background; and
- (c) whether the Ministry plans to establish more such training institutes, if so, the details thereof and their locations and estimated date of establishment?

Electrification of villages in the country

2669. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all villages in the country have been electrified till March, 2019; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the number of districts and villages which are proposed to be electrified during the next one year, along with the action taken in this regard?

Power export to neighbouring countries

2670. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether power is exported to neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the names of countries to which it is exported; and

(c) the amount of power exported and the value of export realisation?

Coal consumption by NTPC Plant, Lara

2671. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the consumption of coal by thermal power project of NTPC located at Lara in Chhattisgarh adjoining to Odisha border per annum and which subsidiary of Coal India supplies the coal to Lara plant; and
- (b) what is the mode of transportation of coal to this plant and what is the number of heavy vehicles that are engaged in transport of coal?

Wind power projects in low air velocity States

†2672. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the policy for the development of wind power projects in the low air velocity States which fall under the category of 'Wind States' by the Ministry; and
- (b) how the purchase of power generated from these projects will be ensured, so that financially viable projects may be developed?

Disinvestment of power sector PSUs

2673. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether disinvestment plan of power sector PSUs is pending with Government;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for disinvestment of power sector PSUs?

Formation of power sector council

- 2674. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any plan to set up a power sector council to address the issues between the Union and the States as part of the Ministry's action plan;
- (b) if so, what is the composition of this council; and
- (c) what measures are being taken for bringing about a common agenda for Union and State Governments and ensure roundthe-clock power to all?

R&D activities by power sector PSUs

- 2675. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
- (a) the total percentage of profit being used by public sector undertakings in power sector on Research and Development activities;
- (b) what are the various projects and achievements of these R&D undertaken by these undertakings, project-wise; and
- (c) the details thereof, public sector undertaking-wise?

Solar street lamps

2676. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of solar street lamps that have been installed across the country since 2014; and
 - (b) how many of these lamps have been

manufactured in India under the Make in India initiative?

Rural electrification under NRES

2677. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: DR. AMEE YAJNIK: DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any achievements have been made by Government with regard to the work of rural electrification under its National Rural Electrification Scheme (NRES);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of villages electrified thereunder, State-wise:
- (c) the number of villages covered under the scheme during the last three years, Statewise;
- (d) whether Government has worked out the modalities regarding the distribution of electricity to villages under the scheme;
 and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure uninterrupted power to the villages?

National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems

2678. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is launching National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to be implemented by Department of Science and Technology at a total outlay of ₹ 3,660 crore for a period of five years to address

the ever increasing technological requirements of the society, the international trends and roadmaps of leading countries for the next generation technologies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of R&D activities

2679. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with new measures and schemes for the promotion of people's participation in research and development;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Research and Development (R&D) activities in India is at very low as compared to other developing nations; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

National Institute of Oceanography, Visakhapatnam

2680. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is more than three years since the foundation-stone was laid for shore-based laboratory for National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) near Rushikonda in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Coastal Regulation Zone clearance has already been obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forest;
 - (c) if so, reasons for not taking up the

works at a time when NIO does not have a proper laboratory since 1976;

- (d) in the absence of basic infrastructure, how students and researchers are able to study and do research at NIO; and
- (e) by when the Ministry will take up and complete the works?

Police force for tourism sector

2681. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the atrocities on tourists visiting the country have damaged the country's reputation to a large extent:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up a separate police force for tourism sector; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

New tourism centres in the country

†2682. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the details of newly developed tourism centres and amount spent thereon along with the details of renovation done in the old tourism centres in last three years, State-wise?

PRASAD scheme in Chhattisgarh

†2683. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated any work to be implemented under the PRASAD scheme in Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the popular pilgrimages like Maa Danteshwari Temple in Bastar district

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and Maa Kudargarhi temple in Surguja and other pilgrimages are included under PRASAD scheme; and

(c) if so, the amount of fund sanctioned and allocated for each of the temple?

Measures to attract tourists in the country

2684. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to help the State Governments to set up tourist oriented projects to attract tourists in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a number of proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Funds for fairs and festivals in Odisha

2685. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund sanctioned as financial assistance for organisation of fairs and festivals in the State of Odisha during the last one year;
- (b) whether Government is sanctioning more funds for organising other fairs and festivals; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for development of spiritual circuits in Odisha

2686. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to sanction funds for the development and to promote tourism for the spiritual circuits of Odisha in Akhandalamani Temple, Biraja Temple, Sarala Pitha and Baladev Jew in Kendrapada district of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the proposed amount of funds to be sanctioned;and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Deepor Beel in Assam

- 2687. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Union Government received a proposal from Government of Assam who intends to develop Deepor Beel into an eco-tourism hub;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would consider extending all possible help to the State Government to develop Deepor Beel as an eco-tourism hub, particularly in view of tremendous potential of Assam in the development and promotion of tourism?

Outperforming of economy by country's travel and tourism sector

2688. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is on track to build the world's fourth largest travel and tourism industry;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that India's travel and tourism industry has

outperformed its economy as a whole; and

(d) whether this sector has generated more than US\$ 230 billion in 2017?

Rise in share of global international tourist arrivals

2689. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has implemented initiatives to take advantage of the country's flourishing tourism sector;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government aims to achieve one per cent share in global international tourists arrivals by 2020 and 2 per cent share by 2025; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Creation of infrastructure for sea fort tourism in Maharashtra

2690. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that Maharashtra has fairly a good number of sea forts having potential for development as tourist attraction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and plans Government has formulated to create proper infrastructure for sea fort tourism promotion;
- (c) whether Government has any timeline for tourism promotion and creation of

infrastructure to access sea forts in Maharashtra; and

(d) whether it is not necessary to constitute a co-ordination committee involving concerned Ministries of the Central Government and Departments of Maharashtra Government to give a push to sea fort tourism in Maharashtra?

Incentives to promote tourism

2691. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any incentives have been provided to increase travel by ships/cruise to boost tourism in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of schemes available under inland waterways tourism at par with Railway tourism?

Project on tribal tourism in the country

2692. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government considers any project on tribal tourism for improving economy of backward areas of the country especially in the tribal areas of Kerala;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any action plan to explore the scope of tribal tourism in the country; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign tourists in the country

2693. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists that arrived in India from abroad during the last three years;

- (b) what are the destinations they visited the most;
- (c) the amount of revenue country received due to their visit during the same period and the details of steps taken by Government to grow this sector; and
- (d) whether a feeling of security is there among these visitors?

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