

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, July 23, 2019/Shravana 1, 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**

#### **Opening of yoga institutes in foreign countries**

3334. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to open yoga institutes in foreign countries;

(b) if so, how many such institutions would be opened and the time-frame set in this regard;

(c) whether Government is in dialogue with the 191 countries which observed International Yoga Day; and

(d) whether Government is contemplating to start a yoga TV channel to enlighten about and publicise yoga and the details thereof?

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

(a) whether Government has any scheme for the cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants;

(b) the action taken to ensure availability of quality AYUSH drugs to the public;

(c) the details of financial assistance given in the last three years for conservation of medicinal plants and infrastructure development; and

(d) the achievement made so far in the promotion of AYUSH system and medicines in the country and outside, and the details thereof?

#### **Studies on quality standards of AYUSH sector**

#### **Cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants**

3335. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,

3336. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies have been

conducted on quality standards of medicines, lack of human resources and lack of infrastructure in the AYUSH sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the Shailaja Chandra Report on the status of Indian medicine and fold healing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Contributions of AYUSH systems**

3337. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had assessed the role and contributions of AYUSH systems including workforce, therapeutics and principles in healthcare delivery with special reference to National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of distribution of AYUSH doctors appointed on a contractual basis in Primary Health Centres under National Rural Health Mission till 31 March, 2019 in each category *i.e.* SC/ST/OBC/EWS/General Category, State-wise?

#### **Regularisation of services of contractual AYUSH doctors**

3338. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH medical officers working on contractual basis against sanctioned post since last 18 years under Government and Municipal Corporations

of Delhi appointed through due selection process;

(b) whether there is any Court directive to regularise them, if so, the steps Government has taken in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in various AYUSH hospitals/Government departments, all doctors are on contractual basis and on superannuation of Department Heads, the posts will remain unfulfilled as there are no regular employees to replace them, if so, the reasons therefor and the remedies thereto?

#### **Upgradation of AYUSH hospitals/ dispensaries under NAM**

3339. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries upgraded in the past three years under the National Ayush Mission (NAM);

(b) how many Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) have been upgraded with AYUSH facilities, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total number of seats offered to students at various AYUSH educational institutions under NAM, since its inception;

(d) the increase, if any, in the number of seats in the past three years; and

(e) the estimated amount spent by the Ministry of AYUSH on NAM in the past three years?

### **Alternative medicine research institutions**

3340. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to promote research in the field of alternative medicine; and

(b) the number of educational and research institutions in this field which have been opened by Government since 2014?

### **Curriculum on Yoga**

†3341. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a curriculum of Yoga;

(b) if so, whether help is being sought from institutions such as yoga centres at Munger in Bihar and Patanjali Institute; and

(c) whether Government is considering to include Yoga in the curriculum in the country?

### **State Yoga Boards**

†3342. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has announced to set up a State Yoga Board to promote the mental and

physical health of all the residents of the State;

(b) if so, whether Government will encourage other States as well to establish such Yoga Boards;

(c) whether Government will consider opening branches of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) in all the States of the country; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Special AYUSH clinics for senior citizens**

†3343. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides better services to old age people under AYUSH Medicine System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government has any proposal to open special clinics for old age people in villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures being taken by Government to provide low cost nursing facilities to old age people under AYUSH Medicine System?

### **CSR money spent on projects**

3344. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects for which CSR money of the Central PSUs has been spent during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

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(b) the amount allocated for each of such projects; and

(c) the category in CSR spending norms under which each of such projects for which funds were allocated?

**Notices to limited liability partnerships**

3345. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further steps were taken after sending notices to 7,775 limited liability partnerships for not filing annual returns for at least two consecutive years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Serious Fraud Investigation Office will prepare a digital database of inactive limited liability partnerships?

**Multinational audit firm under public glare**

3346. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether multinational audit firms are under public glare for wrong reasons with IL&FS financial wrongdoings presently under investigation;

(b) whether the Companies Act defines the role, rights and duties of auditors to ensure that they maintain integrity and independence of audit process; and

(c) whether SEBI on the recommendations of the Uday Kotak Committee on corporate governance has mandated companies to disclose the reasons for the resignation of audit firms ahead of expiry of term?

**Identification of shell companies**

3347. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed any smart mechanism to identify shell companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details about the action being taken so far against top 50 shell companies during the last three years?

**Cash reward for informant of insider trading cases**

3348. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SEBI has mooted a reward of ₹ one crore for the informant for reporting insider trading cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it would help strengthen the mechanism for early detection of insider trading cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Stricter norms for MF investments by SEBI**

3349. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SEBI tightens norms for Mutual Fund (MF) investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the SEBI does not recognise funds standstill agreements with company promoters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**CSR spending monitoring mechanism**

3350. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of companies who are spending under CSR head in various fields throughout the country during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) whether Government has constituted any monitoring mechanism to oversee the spending done by companies under CSR head and whether people and organisations are actually getting benefited by it, if so, the details thereof?

**Action taken against companies on courts' direction**

†3351. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not taken any action against any company despite directions from the courts;

(b) the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the number of companies against which the courts have issued directions for taking action and the number of cases where the said action was taken?

**Preservation of remains of pre-christian era civilisation found near Rewa**

†3352. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the historical and ancient monument and sites being protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the funds allotted by Government for this purpose;

(b) whether ASI is aware of the fact that the coins of archaeological importance, clay pots associated to pre-christian era civilisation were recovered during the excavation in Rewa, which could be 2000-2220 years old; and

(c) whether ASI would consider to preserve and develop this significant historical heritage site from the tourism point of view by resorting to scientific excavation at this place?

**National monument status to Andaman Cellular Jail**

3353. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman Cellular Jail is not a National Museum;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to declare the Andaman Cellular Jail as a National Museum?

**Revival of traditional food culture**

3354. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

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proposal to revive traditional food culture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special scheme is there to organise street food market and street food festival in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Preserve ancient Indian languages**

3355. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian languages have vanished and many are at the fag end of its eclipse;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to preserve the ancient Indian languages?

#### **Removal of encroachments from heritage sites**

†3356. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heritage sites freed from encroachment during the last three years; and

(b) the reason behind the slow pace of action taken for removal of encroachment?

#### **Wrong forecast of monsoon**

3357. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of the monsoon in the country was not as predicted by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the IMD predicting wrong weather forecast; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Upgradation of weather forecasting technology**

3358. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for upgradation of weather forecasting technology/equipment to more accurate prediction is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it will have the facility of providing the timely information of likely damage due to weather to farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Operation of CSS through IFMS in Odisha**

3359. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government will consider to allow flexibility to State Government of Odisha for operation of Central Sector Schemes (CSSs) directly through the treasury system instead of opening separate scheme based bank accounts as Odisha has a robust Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) which is fully integrated with Public Financial Management System and this system not only allows availability of funds, both Central and State share, to the implementing agencies whenever needed but also ensures financial accountability on real time basis?

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**Beneficiaries under MUDRA Yojana**

†3360. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Loan Yojana (PMMLY) till date, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Bringing potential borrowers under credit net**

3361. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that there are as many as 150 million potential credit-borrowers available in the country as per Trans Union CIBIL study;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that out of nearly 220 million credit-eligible population in the country, only 72 million are credit-active; and

(c) if so, the efforts and policy intervention that the Ministry is thinking to bring more and more potential-borrowers under credit net so as to boost economy, growth opportunities to retail lenders, increase economic activity which helps to provide employment opportunities?

**Estimation of black money**

†3362. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of the total black money in the country;

(b) the reasons of such amount of black money;

(c) whether it is a fact that this black money is increasing due to lack of alertness by Government; and

(d) the response of Government thereon?

**Changes in Acts to make public the names of defaulters**

3363. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has been repeatedly asking the R.B.I. to make public the names of the highest bank defaulters especially willful defaulters; and

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to make changes in the R.B.I. and other Acts to ensure that Supreme Court directions are followed swiftly?

**Loans under 59-minutes scheme to MSME**

3364. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received, accepted and loans given under the new 59-minutes Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) scheme, bank-wise;

(b) whether any other initiatives have been taken to ensure effective credit to MSMEs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

**Restoration of the provision of Central Assistance to Odisha**

3365. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India will appreciate the genuine concerns of the State

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Government of Odisha, restore the provision for Area Development Programmes like Special Plan for KBK, Backward Region Grant Fund and Integrated Action Plan for Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts keeping in view the developmental needs of the most vulnerable and backward regions of Odisha; and

(b) whether Government of India will provide a special package to the State of Odisha for continuation of these programmes from the budget provision available with NITI Aayog?

#### **Public Sector Banks lending to MSME sector**

3366. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) lending to MSME sector has shrunk over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will take any corrective steps to bring more PSBs for the lending to MSMEs in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Regulation of NBFCs by RBI**

3367. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to give more powers to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to regulate Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has been taking necessary regulatory and supervisory steps to strengthen the NBFCs

and maintain stability of the financial system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Closure of overseas PSB branches**

3368. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of overseas branches and other operations of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in abroad at present, Bank-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether Government has decided to close certain loss making overseas branches of PSBs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to rationalise unviable overseas branch operations of PSBs?

#### **Achievement of goal of US\$ 5 trillion economy**

3369. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make India a US\$ 5 trillion economy by 2024;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the same; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the States to accelerate their work to achieve the said goal?

#### **Loans written off from balance sheets of PSBs**

3370. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:



(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of loans have been written off from the balance sheets of nationalised Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the last three years;

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

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sick organisations**

3371. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to think about the organisations which had performed very well and earned good fame and business to the country in case they face any loss and not able to continue with it; and

(b) whether these organisations will be absorbed by Government and the employees will also be placed in Government sector?

#### **NPAs and Basel III norms**

†3372. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount trapped in Nationalised Banks of the country in the form of NPAs at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last one year, there has been an increase of 15 per cent in the bad loans of banks, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government for time-bound recovery of increasing bad loans; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to fulfill Basel III norms of the banking industry?

#### **Steps to boost rural consumption**

3373. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether decline in rural consumption is the main factor behind the dip in GDP growth during the 4th quarter of 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to boost the rural consumption?

#### **Profit earned by private insurance companies under PMFBY**

3374. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether eleven private insurance companies under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) have earned a profit of more than three thousand crore from crop insurance as published by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) Annual Report 2017-18;

(b) the details of amount incurred upon insurance by the farmers against crop failure during the last three years;

(c) the details of last three years audit report of premium paid to insurance companies by Government under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana; and

(d) the number of cases filed in the courts by farmers and others against insurance companies associated with PMFBY?

#### **Recovery of gold at IGI airport**

†3375. SHRI LAL SINGH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity

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of gold was recovered from the women of foreign origin at IGI airport;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action against them, so far; and

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

#### **Law for banning usage of crypto currency**

‡3376. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken notice of the growing popularity of crypto currency;

(b) whether it is a fact that the crypto currency is primarily used for secret/illegal activities;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to put a check on the usage of crypto currency in India; and

(d) whether Government is considering to bring any law or Act for prevention of the usage of crypto currency?

#### **NPA's in Scheduled Commercial Banks**

‡3377. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has details of NPA amount in Scheduled Commercial Banks in India;

(b) the number of loans transformed into NPAs after 2014; and

(c) whether Government is taking any corrective steps to reduce the number of NPAs in Scheduled Commercial Banks?

#### **Unfair business practices by insurance companies**

3378. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of increasing complaints against the public and private sector general insurance companies under the category of unfair business practice at the point of sale during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, insurance company-wise and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government/IRDA has laid down guidelines to curb such unfair business practice at the point of sale, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this direction?

#### **Fake insurance policies of vehicles**

3379. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of vehicles remain uninsured due to proliferation of fake policies in the country, if so, the number of such complaints received by Government during each of the last three years and the current year, company-wise;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on such complaints, so far;

(c) the details of the monitoring mechanism to prevent issuance of fake insurance policies of vehicles in the country; and

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

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**GST collection**

3380. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections narrowly missed crossing rupees one lakh crore mark in June, 2019, coming in at ₹ 99,939 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the collections in June, 2019 are 4.5 per cent higher than the collections in June, 2018;

(d) whether they are still below collections in the first two months of April and May of this financial year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Decline in economic growth**

3381. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that economic growth has declined, which has been reiterated by Economic Survey 2018-19;

(b) if so, the details of those factors which affected/ hindered the economic growth;

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to revive/ reignite economic growth;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Disinvestment of profit making PSU**

3382. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether disinvestment or strategic sale of any profit making PSU is under consideration; and

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

**Significant rise in tax litigation cases**

3383. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there has been a significant rise in tax litigation cases in the recent past mainly on account of Government persisting with litigation despite high rates of failure at every stage of the appellate process;

(b) whether Government would make effective framework in the income-tax law in this regard which would help in preventing and resolving tax issues; and

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

**MUDRA scheme beneficiaries in Maharashtra**

3384. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries who have availed loans under MUDRA scheme during the last three years in the State of Maharashtra, year-wise and urban and rural area-wise; and

(b) the steps Government has taken or proposes to take to popularise the MUDRA scheme in rural Maharashtra?

**Allocation to Kerala from Central taxes**

3385. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign exchange remitted to Kerala during each of the last

three years by Indians living in foreign countries; and

(b) the amount allocated to Kerala on the basis of Central taxes collected?

**Recovery of black money stashed abroad**

3386. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deposits by Indians in Swiss banks have reduced;

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

(c) the details of the recovered black money which was stashed abroad in the past three years, year- wise and country-wise?

**Credit crunch for MSMEs**

3387. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MSMEs are facing credit crunch;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard;

(d) whether the credit to large industries has grown substantially, while the growth in credit to MSMEs is too low; and

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

**Protection to MSME sector**

3388. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is lack of access to finance and a dearth of funds for the MSME sector which is facing a

huge credit gap of about ₹16.66 lakh crores; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to protect and to develop the MSME sector in the country?

**Opening of PSBs branches in rural areas**

3389. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) branches opened during the last three years in the country especially in rural areas;

(b) whether Government has laid down any criteria for opening of PSBs branches; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by Government to open PSBs branches in rural areas which are not having banking facilities?

**Funds for backward areas based on population**

3390. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the reports that the sanction of funds for the development of backward areas taking districts as a unit is creating problems for highly populated districts in same States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to sanction funds to the backward areas based on the population of the district instead of taking district as a unit?

### **Curbing mechanism for wilful defaults**

3391. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the last three years due to accumulating wilful defaults, the details thereof;

(b) the mechanism in place, and the steps taken by Government, to ensure that the incidence of wilful defaults is curbed, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has initiated bank recapitalisation measures, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government can assure that public funds or funds for welfare programmes will not be mobilised to recapitalise banks, if so, the details thereof?

### **Downgrading of country's GDP rate forecast by Fitch Ratings**

3392. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global rating agency-Fitch Ratings has downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rate forecast for financial year 2020 from 6.8 per cent to 6.6 per cent as manufacturing and agricultural sectors showed signs of slowing down over the past year;

(b) whether the agency has noted that India has been faltering on export front also; and

(c) whether late arrival of monsoon earlier slated for June last week has also caused much concern about the crop yields to considerable extent?

### **Waiving agricultural loans**

3393. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to waive off agricultural loans in the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to waive off all agricultural loans?

### **Transfer of Accounts Officers of National Insurance Company**

3394. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Insurance Company, in spite of working on two Accounting Systems, namely GENSIS and EASY, has transferred (inter-State) a larger number of its Accounts Officers, including women officers, under its Transfer and Mobility Policy; and

(b) if so, why can not these Accounts Officers be treated at par with Marketing/IT Officers who are exempted from such transfer when these Accounts Officers are also doing a specialised kind of work, more particularly, at a time when the impending merger of Oriental Insurance, United Insurance and National Insurance is under consideration of Government?

### **Transfer and Mobility Policy (TMP) of National Insurance**

3395. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC guidelines are the basis of the harsh Transfer and Mobility Policy (TMP) being followed by National Insurance as compared to Oriental Insurance and United Insurance;

(b) if so, why these companies are following different TMP and whether it is one of the reasons for continuing losses suffered by these companies, particularly, National Insurance Company;

(c) if not, the basis of TMP being followed by National Insurance Company and whether it has served its desired objectives; and

(d) whether Government would withhold implementation of this TMP being followed by National Insurance till a uniform policy is formulated after proposed merger?

#### **Deteriorating Indian economy**

†3396. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decrease in industrial production, increase in inflation and lowering of GDP level in the last five years is sign of India's deteriorating economy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen the economy during the last five years?

#### **Complaint resolution by Bimalokpal**

3397. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received in the office of Bimalokpal at Jaipur and Chandigarh separately from 1st July, 2018 to 30th June, 2019 including General Life Insurance separately;

(b) the number of complaints resolved along with details of order in each case; and

(c) the time-frame for resolving the remaining cases?

#### **Atal Pension Yojana**

†3398. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched by Government on 9th May, 2015 to address the risks of old age of the people working in unorganised sector and who are not covered under any statutory social security scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Atal Pension Yojana is not successful as expected due to lack of awareness and whether special efforts are being made to sensitise the beneficiaries about this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gold smuggling by passengers through Shamshabad Airport**

3399. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are several instances of gold smuggling by air passengers reported in Shamshabad/Hyderabad Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases registered during the last three years and how much of gold was recovered in this airport?

#### **Loan sanctioned to MSMEs**

3400. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the status of the portal that would sanction loans of up to rupees one crore to small and medium enterprises in 59 minutes;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure its strict implementation; and

(c) whether Government is considering any special provisions for the MSMEs owned/run by women in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disinvestment of profit making PSUs**

3401. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether profit making PSUs are being disinvested;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether after the modernisation and expansion, the Salem Steel Plant is being considered for disinvestment; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Compensation of losses to cooperative credit structure**

†3402. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cooperative credit structure is suffering losses owing to the disbursal of short-term loans to farmers at concessional rates;

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

(c) whether Government intends to compensate the losses incurred by short-term cooperative credit structure due to disbursal of short term loans to farmers at concessional rates;

(d) if so, the details of such amount in percentage; and

(e) whether Government proposes to increase the re-financing limit of NABARD from 40 to 60 per cent?

#### **Low GDP growth rate**

3403. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's GDP growth has hit a five year low of 5.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of financial year 2019;

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

(c) the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Pensionary benefits under NPS on voluntary retirement**

3404. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether voluntary retirement is allowed to employees of Central Government covered under NPS after completion of 20 years of service on the lines of old pension scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of pensionary benefits and other retirement benefits available/allowed under NPS to employees who voluntarily retire;

(d) whether Government would increase its contribution to 20 per cent from 14 per cent under NPS in view of dismal returns on NPS fund to make it more attractive;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Drop in GST collection**

3405. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that GST collection in May, 2019 has dropped by about 12 per cent as compared to previous month, the details thereof;

(b) whether the revenue collection dropped inspite of increase in the total number of tax returns filed, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to constitute a monitoring mechanism to look into the matter, if so, the details thereof?

### **Assets monetisation of CPSEs**

3406. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any list of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) assets for sale from NITI Aayog;

(b) if so, the details of the companies identified for asset monetisation; and

(c) the details of the procedure adopted for such asset monetisation, roadmap for asset monetisation and agencies involved in asset monetisation?

### **Tax collection under Swachh Bharat Mission**

†3407. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to achieve the set targets of tax collections under Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the number of

urban and rural areas where sanitation has improved during the past three years and the details of expenditure from this budget head, year-wise?

### **Increase in retail inflation rate**

† 3408. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in retail inflation rate in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of percentage increase in rate of inflation during the last three years?

### **Study on trade misinvoicing losses**

3409. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade misinvoicing cost India potential revenue losses worth \$13 billion in the year 2016 as per a report by Washington DC based Think Tank;

(b) whether Government has done a study on trade misinvoicing losses to the States' revenues, if not, whether Government would conduct a study on trade misinvoicing; and

(c) if so, the steps Government will take in plugging the loopholes which can stop trade misinvoicing?

### **Money collected by banks on account of minimum balance penalty**

†3410. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased

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to state: the details of money earned by public and private sector banks of the country in the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 on account of minimum balance penalty, year-wise?

**Revision of pension of NCC(PC) officers**

3411. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases regarding revision of pension in respect of NCC(PC) officers in the rank of retired Majors that have been received by the concerned branch of the State Bank of India, Delhi; and

(b) the steps taken to clear all such cases?

**Loans to good tax payers**

3412. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed report on bank fraud in India during the last three years;

(B) whether it is a fact that over ₹ 2 lakh crore have been siphoned-off therefrom;

(c) the reported frauds and action taken report thereon, bank-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that several loan applications are lying pending with banks who are also good tax payers and having repayment capacity but getting no loan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to disburse loans to such persons?

**Tax collection and number of tax payers**

†3413. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the tax collected during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;

(b) the ratio of direct tax and indirect tax in this collection; and

(c) the increase in the number of tax payers during these years?

**Linking RuPay card and accounts with Aadhaar**

†3414. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to direct banks and financial institutions to link complete details and activation of RuPay card as also to link bank accounts with Aadhaar; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**AES outbreak in Assam**

3415. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam has recorded a number of deaths due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Central Team visited Assam to review the situation and if so, the details of observations made by the team and measures suggested; and

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(d) the details of logistic and technical support extended by Government to the State Government of Assam to tackle the situation ?

**Delay in delivery of indented medicines**

3416. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of indenting medicines in the Homoeopathic dispensaries under CGHS has still not been computerised like it is in case of allopathic dispensaries;

(b) whether the delivery of indented medicines to the beneficiaries takes an inordinately long time, some time, more than one month;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many of the medicine counters, general medicines are not available in dispensaries, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(d) the steps contemplated to be taken by Government to resolve these problems; and

(e) the timeline by which these problems will be resolved?

**Field Inspection Committees**

3417. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken to check adulterated milk and dairy products in the country, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to constitute Field Inspection Committees for surprise on the spot checking of quality of

milk and dairy products, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

**Major diseases threatening the country**

3418. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has advised India against seven diseases as most threatening/viral and has advised to take action against such diseases;

(b) if so, whether pollution is one of the main causes of three major diseases therein;

(c) if so, the action which has been taken to combat Diabetes, Cancer, Influenza, Dengue and other bacterial infections;

(d) the present status of HIV in the country and the details for the last three years and the rehabilitation process thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether Government proposes for special combat team for public awareness thereto and the details thereof?

**Issue of smart cards under NHIS**

3419. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:  
DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

(a) the number of such needy people in the country who have been issued smart cards under National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) so that they get help in treatment of diseases, district-wise and State-wise;

(b) when this scheme was implemented and what target was fixed to make it available to needy people;

(c) the funds provided by Government to needy people for treatment under this scheme so far, State-wise; and

(d) whether this scheme is far behind in achieving its fixed target?

**Price review of procedures under Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

3420. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Flagship Programme of Government, Ayushman Bharat Yojana, is going for price review of over 1000 medical packages being offered to patients under the Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a committee was also formed to hold deliberations on the existing prices of the medical packages, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard?

**Faculty and staff of new AIIMS**

3421. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new AIIMS were opened by Government in the last three years;

(b) if so, the status of their completion;

(c) whether the hospitals are equipped with required staff, supplies and equipment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of action being proposed by Government to improve the situation?

**Generic medicines stores**

†3422. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private sale and storage centres of generic medicines in the country, State-wise numbers thereof;

(b) whether the effects of allopathic and generic medicines are similar, if so, the reasons for higher prices of allopathic medicines available at allopathic medical store as compared to generic medicines; and

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that Government and private doctors discourage patients to use generic medicines, if so, whether Government has any action plan to maximise the usage of generic medicines?

**Export of food items under purview of food regulator**

3423. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:  
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the country's food regulator to bring export of food items under its regulator purview;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

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**Implementation of Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram**

3424. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:

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

(a) the details of the good practices that have worked under the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) in various implementing States and the plans to scale up the programme based on the good practices, across the country;

(b) the details of annual footfall numbers of established Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs), State-wise, district-wise, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of how much of the allocated budget has been utilised for Adolescent Health under NHM from 2014-2019, State-wise; and

(d) the details of community, facility and school-based future plans under RKSK for promotive and preventive care, specially aimed at Adolescent Health?

**Medical college in each district**

3425. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, the names of the districts in Tamil Nadu which do not have even a single medical college and the steps being taken to set up medical colleges in these districts?

**Improving rural healthcare infrastructure**

3426. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any concrete plan being chalked out for improving the healthcare at village/Panchayat level to realize the Prime Minister's dream of creating New India by 2022, as healthcare at village level languished the most;

(b) the present status of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Bihar;

(c) the status of upgradation of Muzaffarpur district hospital which was taken up in Phase I of infrastructure development of district hospitals; and

(d) whether Government is contemplating to open new scientific institutions in Muzaffarpur in the wake of AES disease?

**Occurrence of communicable diseases**

3427. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for some time the country has been witnessing new communicable diseases such as the one that happened in Bihar recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country does not have sufficient laboratories to test communicable diseases; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up in this regard?

**Measures to handle dengue and Zika virus outbreak**

†3428. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to global warming, the possibility of increasing threats of diseases like dengue and Zika is being anticipated;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take special steps to prevent this; and

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

**Oral Cancer**

3429. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Oral Cancer is more prevalent among the public in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any initiative to prevent Oral Cancer instead of concentrating on treatment of cancer; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Misusing of MCI certificates**

3430. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the use of certificates of MCI for commercial products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken

against those involved in misleading the public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Institutional deliveries of children in Maharashtra**

3431. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued guidelines and provided Central funds to Maharashtra Government to ensure that all deliveries in the State should be conducted by qualified persons in the hospitals for the safety of mother and child;

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

(c) if not, what action Government proposes to take to ensure institutional deliveries of children in the State?

**Dependence on Infant Formula Milk**

3432. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a growing number of cases where natural mothers milk is not produced hence infants have to resort to Infant Formula Milk, which becomes the only source of protein and essential minerals required for the child's growth at that tender age;

(b) whether Government is also aware that these Infant Formula Milk are excessively expensive and taxed beyond the common man's pocket;

(c) whether Government has taken any initiative to cut the prices of these Life source Artificial Milk of our infants; and

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

**Change in food habits to control diabetes**

3433. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of diabetic patients has reached an all time high now;

(b) if so, whether a change in our food habits has made us to be diabetes affected;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to have a public campaign to create awareness about avoiding use of preserved food;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Doctors applying for VRS**

3434. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some doctors of Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. RML Hospital have requested for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS);

(b) if so, whether any of them had been facing inquiry;

(c) whether before granting VRS, they have joined private hospitals; and

(d) if so, what actions have been taken against them?

**Data theft at Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital**

3435. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether data of Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital was stolen;

(b) if so, whether inquiry was conducted in the matter;

(c) what were the findings thereof; and

(d) what actions were taken in the issue?

**Engagement of non-Governmental agencies/individuals to organise health awareness**

3436. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to engage non-Governmental agencies/individuals to organise health awareness campaigns across India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the concerned department and nodal officer along with the entire mechanism regarding the same?

**Specialists to meet requirement of cardiac patients in NER**

3437. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is insufficient number of doctors in North Eastern Region (NER) to meet the requirement of cardiac patients, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government and Medical Council of India (MCI) consider that more qualified doctors are required in the NER to meet the needs of cardiac patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to promote the institutions and Universities in NER conducting/willing to conduct Post Graduate Diploma or certificate course in clinical cardiology; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in incidence of Asthma**

3438. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of Asthma is increasing day by day for the last couple of years due to increase in pollution levels and various other reasons;

(b) the total number of Asthma patients in Delhi in 2018-19;

(c) whether Government has made efforts to ensure that Asthma related medicines, which are very costly, are available at nominal prices for the people; and

(d) whether Government is planning to launch mass media campaign for awareness on Asthma especially among children?

#### **Plan to tackle heat wave in India**

3439. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a heat wave gripping almost 54 per cent of the country, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has also issued a red warning;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since 1992, India has lost more than 22,000 people as a result of exposure to extreme heat;

(c) what steps Government plans to take to alleviate the plights of the common people, especially from the poor and marginalised sections, in such conditions; and

(d) whether there is any action plan in place to tackle such heat wave, and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of anti-rabies vaccines**

3440. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of anti-rabies vaccines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State-wise details are available in this regard;

(d) if so, the details in respect of the State of Rajasthan;

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to increase the supply of anti-rabies vaccines to meet the shortage; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Opening of MDRUs at medical colleges in Rajasthan**

3441. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved establishment of multi-disciplinary research units (MDRUs) at medical colleges in Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has requested for allocation of funds for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has allocated any funds for establishment of multi-disciplinary research units at medical colleges in Rajasthan; and

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

**Discrimination in availing medical facilities**

3442. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of Indian Railways and the Defence Services are not paying any Monthly Contribution for availing facilities like CGHS, if so, what is the justification for discrimination between two sets of Central Government employees;

(b) whether Central Government employees, not residing in CGHS covered area, are eligible for getting medical reimbursements under Central Services (Medical Attendance) [CS(MA)] Rules, without any contribution, unlike CGHS beneficiaries, if so, the reason for discrimination between two sets of Government employees working together; and

(c) whether Government is planning to take corrective measures to bring all the employees at par, if so, details thereof?

**Measures to reduce population growth**

3443. DR. C.P. THAKUR:

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

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

(a) whether India is expected to overtake China in population within the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rate of population growth in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has introduced any schemes and innovative solution to reduce the population growth in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what impact the various awareness programmes have made on the aim to contain the population and whether any study has been conducted in this regard and details thereof?

**Shortage of Audiologists**

3444. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government is aware of acute shortage of Audiologists, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

**Treatment for poor patients in corporate private hospitals**

3445. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government mandates that at least certain percentage of poor patients shall be treated free of cost in private and corporate hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal with Government to compel the private hospitals to extend free medical treatment of poor and needy patients?



#### **Increase in seats for medical students**

3446. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States like Maharashtra are seeking an increase in the number of seats for students in the UG and PG Medical courses;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider the proposal to increase the number of seats in the field of medical education system; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government will fill the gaps arising in the education system due to mandatory reservations for certain sections?

#### **Review of cost of medical packages under Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

3447. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up committees of leading doctors across the country to review the cost of medical packages under Government's flagship health insurance scheme-Ayushman Bharat;

(b) if so, the number of medical packages reviewed and recommended by the committees to Government and status of implementation of the recommended medical packages; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to further strengthen and ensure sustainability and quality health care under the Scheme and the details thereof?

#### **Patients' Welfare Committees**

3448. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the presence of distinguished citizens in the Patients' Welfare Committees has a positive impact on the functioning of the committees;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider enhancing the social responsibility of Patients' Welfare Committees and empowering them further keeping in view their importance; and

(c) whether Government would give clear directions regarding regular constitution of these committees and providing financial rights to them?

#### **Overhauling of healthcare sector**

3449. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's healthcare needs a rapid overhaul in the coming years;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to increase the healthcare budget shortly; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Comparative study on healthcare spending**

3450. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any comparative study regarding spending by Government in Health Sector with regard to BRICS countries, ASEAN, SAARC etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is satisfied with its current spending on Health Sector; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**Health facilities for LGBTQ community**

3451. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing health outreach activities under Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) aimed at transgender and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuals, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) adolescents, as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement in NALSA *vs* Union of India 2014; and

(b) the future plans of health outreach activities under RKSK aimed at transgender and LGBTQ adolescents as per the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement in NALSA *vs* Union of India 2014?

**Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme**

3452. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union and the State Governments on the treatment under Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of rules and conditions laid down for the treatment; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to make people aware of the programmes/schemes being implemented?

**Selling of tobacco products near school premises**

3453. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are rampant violations of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003 around the school premises, with tobacco products being sold to children within 100 yards of school premises, if so the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has set up any task force to identify the violations; and

(c) whether Government has asked the States to furnish the report of such violations around schools, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Control of Fluorosis in Karnataka**

3454. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 19 districts including Bellary to Shivamogga in Karnataka are suffering due to Fluorosis; and

(b) the steps Government has taken/ proposes to take to control Fluorosis in the above 19 districts and the manner in which Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Government in this regard?

**Cheapest producer of solar power**

3455. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's

installed capacity in respect of solar power has reached 29.41 GW as on 31st May, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has become the cheapest producer of solar power globally; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Opportunities to small companies in the renewable energy sector**

3456. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is still behind in production of energy supplement in the world renewable power generation inspite of several New and Renewable Energy projects of the country;

(b) if so, the Central and State projects in the renewable energy sectors working during the last three years thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether small companies have been unsuccessful in winning the power projects and participating in auctions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken and or plan details of Government to resist dominance by large players and giving fair opportunities to small companies in the Renewable Energy sector?

**Stable policy for financial assistance to renewable energy projects**

3457. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH  
TOMAR:  
SHRI HARNATH SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) the changes made during the last two years in the schemes of financial assistance being given for various new and renewable energy projects;

(b) the reasons why the schemes of financial assistance are often being changed mid-way; and

(c) how Government would ensure a stable policy regime?

**Solar pumps for irrigation**

3458. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether priority is given to farmers in areas with rainfed agriculture in the KUSUM scheme under which subsidised solar pumps are given to the farmers;

(b) whether Ministry would consider implementing the KUSUM scheme in areas with rainfed agriculture;

(c) whether allocations have been made for this scheme, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the criteria used for allocations to different States; and

(e) the implementation schedule for the scheme?

**Power generation through rooftop solar panel**

3459. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government for generation of power by installing solar panels at rooftops of the houses along with

the funds allocated by Government to achieve the said target during the last three years;

(b) the status of project/scheme at present, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has assessed the quantum of power generated through the solar panels installed at rooftops of the houses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of power in megawatt likely to be generated as a result of the projects/schemes?

#### **KUSUM scheme for farmers**

3460. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme to promote the use of solar power among farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the objectives of launching the KUSUM scheme along with the financial support being given under the scheme;

(c) the time by which the KUSUM scheme is likely to be rolled out; and

(d) the details of the solarisation of existing grids connecting agricultural pumps and funds earmarked under the scheme for Jharkhand and Gujarat in particular out of the total fund earmarked for the country?

#### **Financial assistance under KUSUM scheme**

†3461. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) based on Central assistance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government would provide ₹34,422 crore for this project by the year 2022 to generate 25750 megawatt power production capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps taken towards financial assistance and power production target for power-deficient State of Jharkhand?

#### **Status of solar energy production in Rajasthan**

3462. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan have plans to increase generation of solar energy since the State has lot of sunshine; and

(b) what are the targets and how is it proposed to be achieved?

#### **Payments pending to private producers by DISCOMS**

3463. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note that the delay in payments by DISCOMS to Private Producers like NTPC are posing a big problem to DISCOMS as well as Power Producers for the solar power supplies made to the projects under National Solar Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether Government has taken any steps to control the situation, if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in subsidy for installing renewable energy equipments**

3464. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy to increase the subsidy to attract more households to install new and renewable energy devices/equipments; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of subsidy proposed to be extended for encouragement?

**Subsidy for rooftop solar power plants**

3465. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state what are the various schemes available for common house holdings and what is the subsidy being extended to them for installation of solar rooftop power plants?

**Status of rooftop solar generation**

3466. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government scheme of rooftop solar generation and supply to grid is successful and acceptable to public;

(b) if so, the details of such installation during last two years with quantum of energy supplied to grid; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Additional capacity created under new and renewable energy sector**

3467. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the additional capacity created under new and renewable energy sector is commensurate with the potential, State-wise; and

(b) if not, what steps are taken to expand the installed capacity under this sector?

**Renewable energy projects in Tripura**

3468. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India installed just 55 per cent of targeted renewable energy capacity during the year 2018-19;

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

(c) the details of renewable energy projects set up by Government in Tripura during the last three years and the current year?

**Creation of jobs under NBMMP**

3469. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of biogas plants that have been constructed in the last three years under the scheme National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP), the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) what is the total amount spent on subsidies by the Ministry in the above mentioned scheme; and

(c) the number of new jobs that have been created in the last three years due to these projects?

#### **Green/solar cities**

3470. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to develop 55 cities in 27 States and Union Territories as Green/Solar cities in 2015, if so, the status of these cities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Safeguard duty on solar panels**

3471. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of solar power produced during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any decrease in the solar power produced in the year 2018-19;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the rate of safeguard duty imposed on solar panel and the reason for imposing the duty?

#### **Power Sector Council and its legal framework**

3472. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suggested Power Sector Council act as a *quasi-judicial* authority for Centre-State disputes with regard to power;

(b) whether the Council will have the power to suggest legislative actions to the Centre or the State Governments;

(c) what shall be the term of the Council and what legal framework shall it adhere to;

(d) whether the Power Sector Council have constant oversight over the Centre-State policies or will it have to be approached by either party in case of a disagreement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Payment security mechanism for independent power companies**

3473. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of independent power companies for implementation of payment security mechanism is met by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be mandatory for distribution companies to open and maintain adequate letter of credit as payment security to private power plants;

(d) if so, since when the orders would be effective; and

(e) the efforts taken to resolve the issue of stressed power assets of the companies, the details thereof?

#### **Water wastage by thermal power plants**

3474. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the thermal

power plants in the country are wasting water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this wasting of water is in contravention to 2015 order of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Less dependence on coal for power generation**

3475. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal generates 72 per cent of India's electricity;

(b) whether Government expects this number to go down in the next decade or so; and

(c) how does Government's aim to reduce dependence on coal fit into Coal India Limited's plans to double coal production by 2020 *vis-a-vis* the production figure of year 2015?

#### **Valuation of fixed assets of NTPC**

3476. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the list of significant components of property, plant and equipments (more than 5 per cent value of the total) in the Balance Sheet of NTPC;

(b) whether the Ministry has undertaken the fair valuation of the same under INA-AS 103; and

(c) if so, what is the fair value?

#### **Status of reforms in Electricity Sector**

3477. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has brought reforms in the Electricity Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the reforms made and the effect of the reforms thereto;

(c) whether the reforms have shown any positive results to overcome the losses of the power sector the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken to make the reforms more effective?

#### **Pay scale anomalies in NHPC**

3478. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given its approval on 16th January, 2019 for regularisation of pay scales and removal of pay anomalies of executives in NHPC w.e.f. 1.1.1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether pay scale anomalies of E1 and E2 grade executives have been rectified w.e.f. 01.01.1997; and

(c) if not, by when the anomalies in pay scales are likely to be removed?

#### **Fly Ash produced due to coal burning**

3479. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Fly Ash produced annually due to burning of coal in power stations;

(b) the details of arrangements made to handle this Fly Ash by power station authorities;

(c) whether there is any byproduct made from Fly Ash and if so, the details of profit it adds to the power stations; and

(d) whether there is any contribution of Fly Ash in pollution?

**Augmentation of power transmission lines**

3480. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has adequate capacity to transmit power from the place of surplus to the areas of deficit;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government felt any necessity to augment the existing lines of transmission at par with foreign countries, where best practices are adopted; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**Right to getting electricity as fundamental right**

†3481. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include the right to getting electricity under the fundamental rights keeping in view the utility and requirement of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the response of Government to these reasons?

**Vacant posts of scientists in CSIR**

†3482. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts of various senior scientists in the Council of

Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) are lying vacant for a number of years;

(b) the details of the posts of senior scientists lying vacant in CSIR, post-wise;

(c) whether any advertisement regarding the recruitment of scientists was published in February, 2018;

(d) if so, the number of posts for which advertisements have been published from February, 2018 till date and the status thereof, post-wise; and

(e) whether the work in the department is getting hampered due to non-recruitment of senior scientists against vacancies in time?

**Students selected under INSPIRE scheme**

†3483. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the students selected under the Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) Programme during last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the students whose accounts have been credited with award amount out of the said selected students?

**Setting up of Tourist Circuits**

3484. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the President's Address for the year 2014, it was mentioned that fifty Tourist Circuits in the country would be developed; and

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(b) if so, how many out of 50 Tourist Circuits, promised by Government have become operational?

#### **Promotion of rural tourism**

†3485. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether tourism is very essential for rural economy, keeping in view that the present share of rural tourism is only 0.38 per cent and hotel rooms in these areas are also only 10 per cent in comparison to China, also the market of rural tourism is scattered and it is not being promoted effectively;

(b) if so, the plans made by Government to enhance basic amenities like road transport, airport management and electricity in order to promote rural tourism;

(c) whether acute shortage of funds is being witnessed for rural tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds for tourism sector in Kerala**

3486. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is ready to give a special package for the revamping of Tourist Circuit of flood hit district of Wayanad in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Regulation of Chardham Yatra in Uttarakhand**

3487. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is unprecedented rush in the Chardham Yatra which is going on in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether the pilgrims are facing a lot of difficulties in view of traffic jams and non-availability of accommodation at various places in Uttarakhand during Yatra;

(c) whether Government intends to regulate the Yatra to ease out the difficulties being faced by pilgrims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Central Financial Assistance to Odisha**

3488. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to accord Financial Assistance of ₹ 3.00 crore under Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for organisation of Konark Festival, Mukteswar Dance Festival, Rajarani Music Festival, Dhauli Kalinga Festival, Chilika Bird Festival, Khandagiri Udayagiri Festival in Odisha as requested by Tourism Department of Odisha to Central Government *vide* Letter No. 5905/TSM, dated 18th June, 2018; and

(b) whether the Ministry is considering to sanction funds for development of Rural Circuit and Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme as requested by Government of Odisha to Central Government *vide* Letter No. 11178/

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24.10.2015 and *Vide* Letter No. 303/05.01.2016?

**Development of tourism in Tamil Nadu**

3489. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified places in the State of Tamil Nadu including those in the Tuticorin district to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked adequate funds to augment the infrastructure in the existing tourism centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of Tourism Circuits in Andhra Pradesh**

3490. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Level Consultant engaged by the Ministry identified Chittoor-Nellore-Anantpur-Kadapa Circuit in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what would be the expenditure involved to develop the above circuit;

(c) what plan of action the Ministry has prepared to develop the above circuit; and

(d) by when it is going to be completed?

**Coastal Tourism Circuit in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

3491. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details of components and progress of the project;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and what is the revised cost, if any; and

(d) by when the project is going to be completed?

**Identification of Iconic Tourism Sites**

3492. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are Iconic Tourist Sites proposed in this year's Budget;

(b) whether any sites have been identified as Iconic Tourism Sites in the country;

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

(d) whether there is also a component of sponsoring Iconic Tourism Sites on the lines of 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Karnataka?

**Development of Bamleshwari temple under PRASAD scheme**

†3493. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has selected Bamleshwari temple, situated in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, to be developed under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme;

(b) if so, whether the State Government

has sent any Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Central Government under this scheme to develop the place with Eco-Tourism perspective; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame by which Government will approve and release the funds for the development of Bamleshwari temple?

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