

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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)

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Cultivation of medicinal plants

1601. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or been taking any steps to cultivate more medicinal plants to ensure quality AYUSH drugs to the public;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked any fund for this purpose;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Certification for Yoga professionals and recognition to Yoga schools

1602. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to

issue certification for Yoga professionals and recognition to Yoga schools;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any norms for giving certification to Yoga professionals and recognition to Yoga schools in this regard; and

(e) the details thereof?

Promotion of quality AYUSH products

1603. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AYUSH Ministry is trying to promote better quality AYUSH products on a larger scale for maximum benefit of consumers;

(b) if so, the challenges the Ministry is facing in promoting better products for wider use by the consumers;

(c) whether there have been cases where malpractices have been detected in manufacturing different AYUSH medicines; and

(d) if so, what actions/measures have been taken, if not, the reasons therefor?

AYUSH hospital in Darjeeling District, West Bengal

1604. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved an AYUSH hospital in Darjeeling District in the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the construction work has started or not; and

(c) the number and places approved for such hospitals in the State of West Bengal?

Establishing AYUSH hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir

1605. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to create posts for Yoga trainers in rural areas in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to establish more hospitals in Jammu and Kashmir through AYUSH?

Establishing AYUSH Hospital in each district of the country

1606. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to establish dedicated AYUSH hospital in each district of the country to offer effective medical treatment in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy and Naturopathy;

(b) if so, details thereof and also the time-line fixed for setting up AYUSH hospitals in each district;

(c) how many hospitals are proposed to be made operational during 2019-20 and succeeding years to cover each district of the country; and

(d) whether these hospitals shall also be equipped with latest diagnostic facilities?

AYUSH Wellness Centres

†1607. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the district-wise details of AYUSH Centres proposed to be opened at AYUSH Wellness Centres at Madhya Pradesh along with a timeline thereof; and the system of medicines to be applied for treatment and medicines to be provided under existing AYUSH system of medicines?

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**Deputing of Yoga instructors in
CGHS dispensaries**

1608. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is provision for deputing Yoga instructors for Yoga classes to CGHS dispensaries;

(b) if so, the details of guideline to avail the facility thereof;

(c) whether any request for the same has been received from any CGHS dispensary of Delhi, particularly CGHS dispensary No. 42 of Kalkaji where more than 90 per cent old and aged patients are enrolled; and

(d) if so, what is the state of progress in this regard and by when the Yoga instructors will be deputed at CGHS dispensary, Kalkaji, New Delhi?

**Prescribing of Ayurvedic and
Allopathic medicines by
BAMS doctors**

1609. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BAMS doctors are using both Ayurvedic and Allopathic medicines for patients;

(b) if so, whether the practice of using Allopathic medicine is recognised by Government;

(c) whether any study has been

conducted to give immediate relief to patients of Ayurvedic medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Companies manufacturing sub-
standard Ayurvedic medicines**

†1610. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies manufacturing Ayurvedic medicines in the country;

(b) the steps that have been taken to prevent such drug manufacturers, who do their business without research, under the pretext of Ayurveda; and

(c) the number of companies/people against whom action has been taken, in order to stop the manufacturing of fake Ayurvedic products during the years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, respectively?

**Funds for AYUSH units in health
facilities**

†1611. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds have been released by Government for additional AYUSH units established in health facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allotted in the current financial year?

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Strengthening growing economy

†1612. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to strengthen the rapidly growing economy of India amidst the current global recession, the details of the agreements to be made with the other developed countries in the times to come through Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Summit which will be helpful to achieve India's aim of being a five trillion dollars strong economy?

More benches of NCLT

1613. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up more benches of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in the next two to three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that currently, about 9,000 cases are pending before NCLT benches in the country for insolvency and other routine matters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unavailability of the facility to incorporate new LLP

1614. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state since when during financial year 2018-19, the facility to incorporate new limited liability partnership (LLP) was unavailable for those who did not have their Director Identification Number/ Designated Partner Identification Number (DIN/DPIN) ?

Weeding out ghost directors

1615. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 lakh company directors have failed to register for eligibility;

(b) whether the ID numbers are to be frozen for those missing the deadline;

(c) whether non-compliance could be due to a large number of ghost directors;

(d) whether drivers and domestic helps have been found to be registered directors; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that weeding out ghost directors is part of the crackdown on shell companies?

Cases pending with Registrar of companies and Regional Directorate

†1616. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases are pending with Registrar of companies and Regional Directorate eventually to be sent to Serious Fraud Investigation Office;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the zone-wise and Regional Director-wise number of pending cases at present;

(c) whether it is also a fact that by creating undue delay, the Registrar of Companies and the officers of Regional Directorate are trying to save the corrupt companies; and

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(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Cases under IBC

†1617. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) till 30 June, 2019;

(b) the details of the action taken so far on the above mentioned cases;

(c) the details of the companies against which action has been taken under the IBC;

(d) whether it is also a fact that action has not been taken against those companies against whom cases have been filed; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Monitoring of CSR activities

1618. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities of profit-making companies, public sector companies and other private companies has been satisfactory during the last three years;

(b) whether Government is monitoring it regularly, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the schemes under which companies are engaged in CSR activities;

(d) whether the companies are adhering to the guidelines issued by Government; and

(e) whether any violation of the

guidelines and misuse of funds have been reported during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Companies formed by subsidiaries of NDDB

1619. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the Companies Act, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is the holding company of all companies formed by its subsidiary companies, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government gave previous approval to NDDB under section 43 of the NDDB Act to form companies which in turn could independently form their own subsidiary companies, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether without the previous approval of Government, NDDB's subsidiary companies formed their own subsidiary companies and amalgamated such subsidiary companies, if so, the details thereof?

CSR activities by Pune based corporate firms

†1620. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the corporate firms in Pune have complied with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) norms as per the Companies Act, 2013 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the list of all corporate houses/firms/

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companies of Pune which come under the purview of CSR; and

(c) the details of activities carried out by Pune based corporate firms with regard to CSR related expenditure during the last three years?

Decriminalisation of many sections of the Companies Act

1621. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to decriminalise many sections of the Companies Act and do away with provisions of jail term where compounding is permitted;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and number of sections of the Companies Act proposed to be decriminalised; and

(c) whether Government proposes to bring in new stringent steps to deter violators, without putting them behind bars?

Support to artists in the cultural mapping database

1622. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 6000 registered artists in the cultural mapping database receive no fiscal and other support from Government, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) whether Government will consider extending support to the artists so as to encourage art and other cultural activities in various States?

Renovation of sites of cultural and historical importance in Jharkhand

1623. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has planned to renovate around 12 sites of historical, artistic and cultural importance in Jharkhand in the years 2017-2019;

(b) if so, the details of the sites renovated so far; and

(c) the sites that are yet to be renovated and the reasons thereof?

Takeover of Gandhi Monument and trust by Government

1624. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued eviction notice to residents in the extended Sabarmati Ashram and also to organisations, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government had asked to hand over the precious archives and the valuables from Bapu's time;

(c) why renovations can not be done like before under the supervision of Sabarmati Ashram Trust; and

(d) whether Government has a plan to take over the Gandhi Monument and organisation?

Conservation of historical buildings and temples in Chhattisgarh

†1625. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the historical buildings and temples conserved by the

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Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Chhattisgarh, region-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds spent for the protection thereof, including the Goddess Danteshwari Temple, Mahadev Temple and Lakshman Temple, during the last three years, year-wise, monument-wise and temple-wise; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government for the conservation and protection of these temples of Chhattisgarh, including the ones in other States?

Guidelines regarding management of earthquakes in the country

1626. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued guidelines regarding management of earthquakes in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of earthquake-prone State/areas in the country, location-wise;

(c) the details of the earthquakes reported in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the details of the loss of life and property due to these earthquakes;

(e) the measures put in place during the last three years in these States; and

(f) the action plan to ensure that damage to earthquake prone areas is minimised and prompt rescue operations are carried out?

World Earth Day

1627. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Earth Day has been

celebrated this year, if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(b) the theme of the day alongwith the programmes/events organized by Government for it;

(c) whether Government has created awareness to plant more trees, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said objectives were achieved, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government proposes to take concrete steps to minimise carbon emission on Earth Day, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by Government to support environmental protection?

Identification of sensitive posts by IRDAI to prevent corruption

1628. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified sensitive posts and has acted to prevent corruption as per the guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) No. 18/Misc/02-392171 dated 23/08/2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for protecting corruption?

Study on impact of economic slowdown

1629. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Monetary Fund (IMF) has opined that the effect of

global economic slowdown will be more pronounced in some of the emerging market economies like India, if so, the details thereof along with reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain the impact of such economic slowdown on growth rate and livelihood of common man in the country, if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to mitigate effects of economic slowdown to boost the growth rate and to protect the livelihood of common man in the country?

Shortcomings in implementation of PMMY

1630. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loans disbursed under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) have largely turned into Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of Banks, if so, the details thereof since inception, Bank-wise along with the total loans disbursed under the PMMY;

(b) whether Government has noticed certain shortcomings in implementation of the said Yojana in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove such shortcomings and to make the said Yojana successful in achieving its aims and objectives in the country?

Recapitalisation of Exim Bank

1631. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to recapitalise State-owned

Exim Bank to the tune of ₹6,000 crore and double its authorised capital to ₹20,000 crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the equity will be infused in two tranches; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans to small and marginal farmers and MSMEs

1632. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans extended to small and marginal farmers and MSMEs during 2018-19, public sector bank-wise;

(b) the details of loans extended to small and marginal farmers and MSMEs during 2019-20 till date, quarter-wise and public sector bank-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken for easy availability of loans to small and marginal farmers and MSMEs?

Rationalisation of current framework for ECBs

1633. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to rationalise the current framework for External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs);

(b) whether the RBI has also decided to issue rupee denominated bonds to further improve the ease of doing business;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has allowed borrowers to raise upto US \$ 750 million a year and expand the list of borrowers eligible to raise ECBs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Closing of branches due to merger of banks

†1634. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existence of total 3427 branches of 26 public sector banks have been affected following the process of merging of banks or closing of branches during the last five financial years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that due to the process of creating four big banks by merging ten big banks, it is likely to result in the closing of 7,000 branches;

(c) if so, the places where the staff of the branches to be closed would be accommodated; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loans written-off by PSBs

1635. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much loans have been written-off by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) since April, 2014;

(b) the beneficiaries of the loans written-off; and

(c) whether any PSB or the Cooperative Bank has written-off loans of farmers and on which date?

Tax collected from social media companies

1636. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the quantum of tax being collected from Facebook, Google and other social media companies?

Implementation of Direct Tax Code

1637. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee appointed to look into direct taxes in the country has submitted its Report on Direct Tax Code;

(b) if so, the details of each of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) how much time the Ministry will take to study the recommendations and inter-Ministerial consultations, if any; and

(d) by when the new code is going to be implemented?

Investment by LIC in Public Sector

1638. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LIC has invested ₹10.7 lakh crore in public sector from 2014-2019 as against a total cumulative investment in public sector which was ₹11.9 lakh crore till financial year 2013-14 and that over ₹20,000 crore was lost in two years in just five PSU stocks- NTPC, IDBI, HAL, GIC and New India Assurance;

(b) if so, the reasons for such catastrophic failure in not conducting adequate risk assessment before such investment; and

(c) whether there is any plan to curb public sector investment in view of the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Withdrawal of Foreign Investors from Capital Market

1639. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign investors pulled out ₹ 8,319 crore on a net basis from capital markets (both equity and debt) in the first half of August; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government to build confidence in the foreign portfolio investors?

Penalty imposed on NBFCs

1640. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalty on many non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) for violating norms of fair practices code during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the NBFCs with their customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Income tax filing project

1641. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved ₹4,242 crore income tax filing project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the project will cut down the processing time for returns to one day from 63 days and expedite refunds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reducing GST on items under 28 per cent bracket

1642. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the items under 28 per cent bracket of GST;

(b) whether it is a fact that some States are demanding to reduce GST on some of these items, if so, whether the Ministry has taken the same before the GST Council;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the final outcome of the same; and

(d) the details of revenue being generated through GST since its implementation, month-wise and State-wise and amounts so far transferred to various States, State-wise and year-wise?

GST on cycle

†1643. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a levy of 12 per cent GST on cycle which is a pollution-free means of transport for a common man whereas GST rate in 5 per cent on battery-powered vehicles;

(b) whether Government proposes to

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do away with the current GST rate being charged for cycles, a means of transport for the common man so that it can promote the use of cycles; and

(c) the details of the GST rate which is being levied on the equipments and vehicles which are used in tractors and for agricultural work?

Simplification of process for start-ups

1644. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government simplified the process for start-ups seeking exemption from angel tax notices by eliminating the need for a certification from an inter-Ministerial body;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the move seeks to ease concerns raised by start-ups about tax officials questioning the share premium received at the time of raising capital through the sale of new shares; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Banking facilities in backward districts

†1645. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to provide banking facilities in selected backward districts under "Aspirational Districts Programme";

(b) the details of the number of branches and ATMs of nationalised banks, functioning in the said backward districts, before the year 2018;

(c) the details of the number of branches and ATMs of nationalised banks

functioning in such backward districts, at present; and

(d) the details of increase or decrease in transactions of the nationalised banks subsequent to implementation of this scheme in said districts?

Accounts under PMJDY

1646. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the number of accounts operational as on date and the number of non-operational accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana for the last one year, State-wise since inception of the scheme?

SGST transferred to States

1647. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue income from GST, IGST and SGST had been reducing in the last financial year and ongoing financial year;

(b) if so, the revenue income of the Union Government from GST and IGST; and

(c) the amount of revenue from SGST transferred to the States in 2018-19 and 2019-20 upto 31st October, 2019, State-wise?

Write-off loans by banks

1648. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Banks wrote-off a record ₹2.54 lakh crore bad loans in Financial Year 2019-20; and

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

Recovering of public money from companies

1649. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 15 companies are responsible for one third of the total NPA's of nationalised Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

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

(c) the time by when Government plans to recover the public money?

Mechanism to detect fraud in banks

1650. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism is available with the banks to detect fraud cases instead of reporting such cases by their customers;

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

(c) whether cases of frauds in banks have increased across the country during each of last three years and current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise and State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the bank employees have been found involved in such cases during the said period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise along with the action taken or being taken by Government/respective banks against such employees?

Regulating fee structure in private medical colleges

1651. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether aimed at eliminating the role of black money in medical education and making it accessible to all, Government is working on nitty gritty of regulating the fee structure of Indian private medical colleges and deemed universities;

(b) whether the newly constituted National Medical Commission will ratify the proposal and methodology to regulate the fee structure in private medical colleges for which currently there is no provision in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956; and

(c) whether there still remains a free-for-all situation between private medical colleges/deemed universities and Government in regard to fixation of fee for medical courses?

Exempting cooperative hospital from income tax

1652. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exempting cooperative hospitals from income tax net is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating any consultation regarding the concerned cooperative bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in valuation of PSBs post capital infusion

1653. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of capital infusion done into Public Sector Banks (PSBs) by

Government during each of the last three years, bank-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there has been a commensurate rise in the valuations of these banks post the consistent infusion of taxpayers money, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the updates on "Project Shakti" and the details of steps/actions taken under the same?

Meeting the fiscal deficit target of the budget

1654. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortfall in collection of GST and other direct taxes in the country during the period April-October, 2019;

(b) if so, the details of GST and Central taxes collected from 1st July, 2017 to 30th October, 2019 and the projected shortfall in meeting the budget target of revenue collection; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to meet the fiscal deficit target of the budget?

Assessment of reasons for higher inflation

1655. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retail inflation has breached the mid term target of 4 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has assessed the reasons for higher inflation?

Funds allocated for schemes of SCs/ STs

1656. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated for schemes towards welfare of SCs/STs along with the schemes being implemented by the various Ministries;

(b) total amount of funds spent so far towards the schemes and the amount lying unspent; and

(c) the reasons for the funds lying unspent and the steps taken by Government to ensure that the funds allocated are fully spent in an efficient manner?

Fresh boosters for economy

1657. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether festive season of Diwali has failed to boost up market sentiments and demands in the domestic market and GDP growth rate is likely to decline further;

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

(c) the details of fresh boosters for economy that Government would announce in view of shrinking demands and shrinking economy of the country?

Shoring up falling business confidence

1658. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether investment, core sector growth, credit to industry, consumer demand and business confidence are falling in the country;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the concrete steps Government is taking to shore up these things?

Bank loans to States

1659. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government and various State Governments are taking huge loans from Public Sector and Private Banks for various infrastructure and development projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of outstanding loans availed by the Central Government and various State Governments from Public Sector Banks and Private Banks either individually or as a consortium separately?

Liability of banks in case of shutdown

1660. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an image of a stamp is going viral which claims that private banks are only liable to repay one lakh rupees of customers' deposits in case of a bank shutdown;
- (b) if so, under which law this provision is provided; and
- (c) if not, the details in this regard?

Some tax benefits for insurance policies

1661. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to

consider some tax benefits for insurance policies covering natural disaster so that people can be encouraged to buy these policies; and

- (b) if so, the status of the proposal?

Disinvestment of PSUs

1662. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of disinvestment targets set by the Ministry and achieved results each year over the last five years;
- (b) whether Government is planning on selling its majority stake in profit-making PSUs; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for the same including the details of expected returns from the sale?

Scrapping of GST on income of religion institutions

†1663. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether GST is levied on the income received from religious institutions like Religious Justice Board, Sunni Waqf Board, etc.; and
- (b) if so, whether Government would consider to scrap it?

Fugitive Economic Offenders

1664. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fugitive economic offenders who have left the country illegally;

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(b) the total Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) against each such offender and the status of the recovery from them;

(c) the status of the prosecution/court proceedings against such offenders;

(d) how much money was written-off/ concession given to these offenders;

(e) whether Government has initiated extradition measures on such matters; and

(f) if so, the status of such measures?

Cases under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002

1665. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of economic offences were filed by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the last five years and what are the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure faster disposal of cases;

(b) how many PMLA Special Courts have been established by Government for trial of offences under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002;

(c) the conviction rate of the Sessions Court established under the Act; and

(d) whether there are cases at ED which are also being investigated into by other investigating agencies and if so, the details of the investigating agencies working with ED on these cases?

Single window for annual allocation and sharing patterns of CSS

1666. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is evolving a single window system for communication

of annual allocation and sharing pattern of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to the States including Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is going to introduce the process of giving indications to the States about annual allocation and sharing pattern of CSS in order to impart a greater degree of certainty to the budgeting exercise for ensuing year?

Withdrawal of ₹2000 notes

†1667. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that currency note of ₹2000 denomination is being stashed;

(b) in terms of total value, the share of ₹2000 currency notes and out of that the total value of stashed notes;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to stop circulation of the ₹2000 notes in phased manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Taking strict action on producing wrong Aadhaar for big transactions

†1668. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on taking strict action on producing wrong Aadhaar number for big transactions;

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

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

Rural household spending

1669. SHRIMATI THOTA
SEETHARAMA
LAKSHMI:
SARDAR BALWINDER
SINGH BHUNDER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the household spending has slowed down during the last four quarters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to mitigate the slowing in rural spending?

Sale and disinvestment of profit making PSUs

1670. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has listed Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for disinvestment and sale during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the PSUs listed for sale and disinvestment include any profit making PSUs also; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Funds allocated under agricultural loans to farmers of Konkan area

†1671. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated to the farmers from the districts of the Konkan area in the State of Maharashtra under the agricultural loans during the last two years, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of the farmers getting benefitted under the said schemes, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the banks have not made adequate disbursal of agricultural loans to the farmers; and

(d) if so, the response of Government in this regard?

Exempting primary cooperatives from income tax net

1672. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exempting the primary cooperatives from income tax net is under consideration;

(b) whether any amendment in the Income Tax Act is under consideration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Exemption from income tax payment for coal mine workers

1673. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy/proposal for consideration for providing exemption of income tax to the mining workers in view of the persistent demand from coal mine workers in the country for exemption from payment of income tax; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the proposals are being considered?

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**Farmers loan waiver in
Madhya Pradesh**

†1674. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) the details of the extent to which
loans of cooperative and nationalised banks
on farmers have been waived in Madhya
Pradesh during 2019-20, district-wise;

(b) the details and number of the farmers
whose loans have not been waived so far;
and

(c) the reasons for not waiving the loans
of farmers?

AYUSH dispensaries in A.P.

1675. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no
AYUSH dispensaries under CGHS in
Andhra Pradesh (A.P.);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made to open
AYUSH dispensaries in A.P.?

Intensive vaccination programme

1676. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether intensive vaccination
programme is going on in various States;

(b) if so, the number of children
vaccinated during the last three years, State-
wise;

(c) the number of diseases covered under
the vaccination programme;

(d) whether some new vaccinations are
also going to be introduced in the
programme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Meeting WHO criterion on doctor to
population ratio**

1677. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan
to match the number of doctors per
thousand of the population as per WHO
norms;

(b) if so, the time required to achieve it;
and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

**Strengthening primary healthcare
system**

1678. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA
RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any
proposal to have strong primary healthcare
system to maximise the efficiency and
effectiveness of primary healthcare centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has earmarked
any fund for this purpose; and

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

**Strengthening medical colleges and
hospitals in Assam**

1679. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD
TASA: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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proposes to strengthen the Medical Colleges and District General Hospitals in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government during the current year;

(c) whether Government proposes to extend financial assistance to existing medical colleges in the State and, if so, the details of the financial assistance given during the aforementioned period;

(d) whether Government had received proposal from Government of Assam for financial assistance to construct new medical colleges in each district of Assam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard?

Early detection of cancer

1680. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any programmes for early detection of cancer in the country;

(b) if so, the details of specific programmes/schemes addressing early screening of cancer; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor together with the future course of action on part of Government, if any?

Proposed changes in Drugs and Cosmetics Rules

1681. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering changes in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules so that companies which are marketing

drugs are held accountable for the quality of the product, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government would constitute a Monitoring Committee consisting of experts in this field to look into this issue so that any company violating quality of drugs is blacklisted or penalised, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures to check adulteration of milk products

1682. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to check adulterated milk and dairy products in the country, if so, the 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, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal occupations of CGHS land

†1683. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lands allotted for CGHS dispensaries have been illegally captured by anti-social elements in various parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that people have constructed slums illegally on the land allotted for CGHS dispensary in R.K. Puram, Sector-4 in New Delhi; and

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(c) if so, the measures Government is taking to remove such illegal occupations, if not, the reasons therefor?

London FP2020

1684. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had committed to invest \$3 billion for Family Planning at the London FP2020 Summit in 2017;

(b) if so, the success achieved in this regard, so far;

(c) the details of the spending from 2017 till October 2019, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the status of commitment to ensure 74 per cent of the demand for contraceptives is satisfied by 2020; and

(e) the progress on Indicator 14 (adolescent birth rate) from 2012 to 2019, as part of FP2020, India has committed to enabling young people to access sexual and reproductive health information and services?

Withdrawal of security personnel from Government hospitals

†1685. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of conflicts with relatives of patients and attacks on doctors have increased in Government hospitals over past few years;

(b) whether Government had increased the number of security personnel in Government hospitals, keeping in view of incidents of conflict and attacks;

(c) if so, when decision to increase the number of security personnel was taken and details of the number of security personnel increased in Safdarjung Hospital, along with other hospitals;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 200 security personnel had been withdrawn afterwards from Safdarjung Hospital; and

(e) if so, reasons therefor and number of security personnel withdrawn?

Beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Yojana

†1686. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor families benefited by the Ayushman Bharat Yojana so far and the number of hospitals in the country empanelled through this scheme; and

(b) whether any target has been set to expand this scheme further and the expenditure set to be made by Government in this regard and the details thereof?

Survey on quality of medicines supplied to Government hospitals/ dispensaries

1687. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to look into the quality aspects of medicines being distributed in Government hospitals and dispensaries;

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

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(c) the percentage of poor quality medicines being sold in the market in comparison with the percentage of such medicines being given in Government hospitals and dispensaries; and

(d) the reasons for a large quantity of medicines available in Government hospitals and dispensaries being of poor quality as compared to private chemist shops and private hospitals?

Strengthening of capacities for disaster reduction and response

1688. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, recently, Government has actively participated in 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South East Asia in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Delhi Declaration on Emergency Preparedness to strengthen and operationalise crossborder capacities for disaster reduction and response was unanimously adopted at the above meeting;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other steps being taken by Government to minimise disaster reduction and improve response rate in India?

Monitoring roles of NGOs in healthcare in the North East

1689. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is monitoring the roles played by NGOs in the North East in promoting better health;

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

(c) whether Government is providing financial assistance to these NGOs in Mizoram;

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has made any reliable assessment on whether the NGOs' roles in health sector have any positive significance or not?

UNICEF's State of the World's Children Report 2019

1690. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently released UNICEF's State of the World's Children Report 2019 indicate that every second child in India is affected by some form of malnutrition;

(b) whether the report says that 87 per cent of children in our country are either stunted or wasted or underweight or combination of these;

(c) if so, the reasons for Ministry's justification that there is reduction of 3.7 per cent in stunting and underweight by 2.3 per cent between 2016 and 2018;

(d) whether extant schemes and programmes have little impact on achieving objectives; and

(e) how Ministry is planning to go ahead in this regard?

Contaminated polio vaccines

1691. SHRI S. MUTHUKARUPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least three

batches of polio vaccines containing 1.5 lakh vials have been found contaminated with type 2 polio virus, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all oral polio vaccines contain live viruses that are shed by vaccinated kids in their stool; and

(c) whether the Centre, regulatory body and doctors fear that if the type 2 virus passes into the sewage or water system, it may regain neuro virulence and spread polio, if so, the details thereof?

Adoption of two-child norm policy

1692. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have adopted the two-child norm as a policy;

(b) whether these States have performed better in achieving replacement levels than those which did not adopt two-child norm;

(c) whether Government is aware of any study which provides evidence on effectiveness of two-child norm; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the evidence they presented?

International commitments on family planning

1693. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount India has invested so far with respect to its commitment at the Family Planning Summit (FP2020) in 2012 to invest 3 billion dollar in family planning;

(b) the current status of the commitment pertaining to ensure that

74 per cent of the demand for contraceptives is satisfied by 2020; and

(c) what proportion of the family planning initiatives has been focused on spacing methods?

Iodised salt causing thyroid problems

1694. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to newspaper reports that unnecessary use of iodised salt is causing hypothyroid problem in people, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also in the notice of Government that anti-caking agents used in the table salt are cancerous, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is permitting marketing of iodised salt without monitoring sodium and iodine level, against WHO recommendation?

Implementation of Ayushman Bharat Yojana

†1695. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayushman Bharat Yojana is being implemented successfully and whether millions of poor people from various States of the country have benefited from this scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ayushman Bharat Yojana has not been implemented by various States/Union Territories, in which National Capital Region Delhi is also included; and

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(d) whether special efforts are being made by Government to implement this scheme in the States/Union Territories which have not implemented Ayushman Bharat Yojana, if so, the details thereof?

Establishment and upgradation of hospitals under PMSSY

†1696. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the establishment of All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Super Speciality Hospitals and the upgradation work of functional hospitals are in progress under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), in different regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the achievements of the said schemes and upcoming schemes so far; and

(d) the details of the progress made in respect of the establishment of All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Super Speciality Hospitals and upgradation of functional hospitals under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana?

Cancer care facilities

1697. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people affected by cancer in India and details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise;

(b) whether the existing cancer care facilities/infrastructure are adequate to meet the requirements of all these cancer patients; and

(c) if so, details of the capacity in terms of the total number of cancer patients that can be treated in Government institutions at any point of time?

Action against milk and food adulteration

†1698. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken against adulteration of milk and use of chemicals-laced oils in pulses and vegetables;

(b) the number of such cases which have come to light during 2017-18 and 2018-19; and

(c) the details of legal reforms Government is introducing to stop such trades from indulging in such illegal and inhuman works in view of the increasing possibilities and reality of cancer due to adulteration?

Violation of designated smoking areas

1699. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to ensure that designated smoking areas are complying with the specifications laid down in the COTPA, 2003;

(b) if so, what are those steps; and

(c) whether Government, in the interest of public health, has taken any steps or is planning to take steps to remove designated smoking area from various airports in India, if so, details thereof?

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E-Cigarettes Ordinance

1700. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to implement the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Ordinance, 2019;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken to introduce a Bill to replace the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes (Production, Manufacture, Import, Export, Transport, Sale, Distribution, Storage and Advertisement) Ordinance, 2019; and

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

Status of AIIMS set-up under PMSSY

1701. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of AIIMS under Phases II, III and IV of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and the details thereof;

(b) whether the six AIIMS under Phase I are operating at full capacity;

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

(d) whether Government has planned any future AIIMS or medical colleges for Odisha?

Top tertiary care procedures under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

1702. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the top tertiary care procedures for which money has been sanctioned under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and the amount spent thereon; and

(b) whether there is any plan to discontinue service like cataract and dialysis for which separate national programmes already exist and details thereof?

Irregularities in implementation of Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Madhya Pradesh

†1703. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation status of 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' is on expected lines in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any case regarding the irregularities in the implementation of 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' in Madhya Pradesh has come to the notice of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring mechanism for Centrally sponsored health schemes

1704. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to ensure the proper functioning of the Central Government health schemes in various States;

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(b) whether there is a State-wise report of the performance of various States under the Central health schemes; and

(c) if so, the details of such report, if not, the timeline as to when it shall be published?

Cancer deaths in the country

1705. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of cancer deaths taken place in the country during the last two years, State-wise, men, women and children-wise separately;

(b) the details of the preventive measures being taken globally in different countries; and

(c) the details of the steps and safety measures being adopted in India to avoid such cancer deaths?

Heat-wave related deaths

1706. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of heat-wave related deaths, State-wise;

(b) whether any efforts have been made to geolocate these deaths to identify danger zones;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Second AIIMS in Bihar

†1707. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due

announcement was made regarding the establishment of second AIIMS in Bihar in the 2015-16 budget;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the direction of establishment of second AIIMS in Bihar; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating on a plan of upgrading the Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) to AIIMS as DMCH has overall eligibility required to be upgraded to an institution like AIIMS?

Building public health infrastructure

1708. SHRI K.T.S TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aims to build and develop public health infrastructure by providing Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in Telangana

1709. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of Swasthya Suraksha Yojana has been taken up in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is releasing about ₹ 150 crores for the projects under this scheme for implementation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified to be

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implemented in the State of Telangana and the details thereof; and

(d) when these projects are being taken up and the details thereof?

Quality assurance check of drugs supplied to CGHS

1710. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need to put in place an efficient mechanism of quality assurance of the drugs supplied through CGHS ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Healthcare for the elderly

1711. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of healthcare facilities that have been provided under the National programme for the healthcare of elderly ;

(b) the resources that have been allocated for each of these healthcare facilities; and

(c) the amount that has been spent for each of these programmes, State-wise?

Rise in cancer and kidney diseases

1712. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

cancer and kidney related diseases have rapidly increased in the last three years across the country and, if so, the initiatives taken by Government to tackle this serious condition; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to open cancer and kidney hospitals in Jaipur, Rajasthan?

Vacant PG medical seats

1713. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of PG medical seats are lying vacant in the country;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken to fill up these vacant seats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Air pollution behind cancer cases

1714. 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 air pollution is one among the various reasons for the cause of cancer, a non-communicable disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any initiative on its part to curb air pollution across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

High MMR in U.P. and M.P.

1715. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has been increased by more than 7 per cent in two States namely, U.P. and M.P.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor in view of the fact that overall Maternal Mortality Rate is declining throughout India?

Shortage of doctors at State-based AIIMS

†1716. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of AIIMS hospitals have been set up in various States of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a great deal of rush of patients from North India at the Delhi-based AIIMS;

(c) whether the reason behind the rush at Delhi-based AIIMS is the availability of eminent doctors whereas there is a shortage of doctors in the AIIMS of other States and also eminent doctors are not available there; and

(d) the plan being formulated by Government to fill the vacant posts of doctors in the State-based AIIMS?

Congo fever

1717. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that patients suffering from Congo fever were detected

in Gujarat and Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what precautionary and other measures Government has taken to deal with Congo fever in these States?

One couple-one child policy

†1718. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the policy of 'one couple-one child' in order to ensure population control; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to implement this, if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical treatment facility for CGHS beneficiaries in States

1719. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued any guidelines to the State Governments to provide medical treatment to the Central Government Pensioners who have valid CGHS Cards and are entitled free of cost treatment in Civil Hospitals and other State Government Hospitals;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) on what basis pensioners and their dependent family will get treatment in the State-run Hospitals, as there are some States where there is no empanelled private hospitals and diagnostic centres?

Implementation of smoking ban at public places

1720. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to ensure

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that smoking is prohibited in public places across all States;

(b) the number of violations reported with regard to the Section 4 of COTPA, 2003, State/UT-wise, details thereof;

(c) the number of people, (gender-wise and age-wise) who have been fined for violating the smoking ban till date, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, including Haryana; and

(d) the total amount of money collected as fine from people for violating smoking ban at public places and COTPA, 2003, till date?

Outreach of contraceptives

1721. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by the Ministry to increase the outreach of contraceptives in remote areas;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of these initiatives;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to spread awareness about the family planning;

(d) the amount allocated for awareness campaigns in last three years; and

(e) the amount spent by the Ministry on these campaigns in last three years?

Promotion of generic medicines

†1722. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Council Act provides for every registered doctor to

prescribe medicines under generic names;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that Government and private doctors discourage patients from using generic medicines and do not prescribe generic medicines; and

(d) if so, whether Government has any effective plan for increasing the use of generic medicines?

Discovery of scam in Ayushman Bharat Scheme

1723. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a big scam has recently been detected in Ayushman Bharat Scheme launched by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken thereon?

Utilisation of medical graduates from overseas universities

1724. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the much awaited National Medical Commission now in place, Government has initiated steps towards enhancing seats in medical colleges from the current 77,000 to 1,00,000 to cope up with the increasing demand for healthcare professionals;

(b) whether presently a large percentage of medical students graduating from medical colleges in Russia and China, fail to qualify the Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE) conducted by the National Board of Examinations; and

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(c) how Government plans to utilise the under-rated professional skills of medical graduates from overseas universities who repeatedly fail to qualify the FMGE?

Public Health Budget

1725. DR. AMAR PATNAIK:
PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:

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

(a) the spending on health as a per cent of GDP in the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the strategy and roadmap that is in place to gradually increase public health spending to 2.5 per cent of the GDP by 2025;

(c) the current status of the plan; and

(d) if delay is envisaged, the reasons therefor, and the estimated year of reaching the target?

Presence of mercury in healthcare products

1726. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of extensive use of highly toxic mercury in healthcare and lighting sector;

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

(c) whether Government has undertaken any exercise to identify the products that contain mercury, if so, details thereof;

(d) whether Government has conducted any study to ascertain ill-effects of mercury

on human health and environment, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has signed the Minamata Convention; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with other steps taken or being taken by Government in this direction?

India's Free Trade Agreement Framework

1727. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Ministry has initiated a review of India's free trade agreement (FTAs) framework, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that FTAs have hitherto adversely affected India's revenue, investment and manufacturing; and

(c) what safeguards, if any, would be build in to ensure that a new policy, which if forged, does not undermine the "Make in India" policy, if so, the details thereof?

Renewable energy generation under PM-KUSUM in Odisha

1728. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target of renewable energy generation for State of Odisha under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM); and

(b) the allocation and disbursement of Central Financial Assistance for Odisha under PM-KUSUM?

Biomass energy

1729. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) what is India's scope of biomass energy;
- (b) the details of measures taken by Government to increase it; and
- (c) how can biomass substitute fossil fuel for eco-friendly energy generation?

Norms for developers to set up solar projects

1730. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering norms to attract developers to set up solar projects in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that various solar tenders have remained under subscribed due to rigid policies of the Government; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government is contemplating to ease norms for solar projects in the country?

Measures to increase solar energy generation

1731. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken to increase solar energy generation by 2030;
- (b) the details of revised solar manufacturing tender specification for the

energy expansion; and

- (c) the number of model solar cities in the last three years and the number of estimated expansion of model solar cities?

Scheme for manufacturing equipments for wind power production

†1732. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any special scheme for manufacturing of the equipments used in generation of wind power in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether special efforts have been made by Government for generation of wind power in economically backward States including Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether tender has been invited by Government to setup windmills in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of current status of the wind power projects in the country and steps taken/being taken by Government for augmentation of wind power in the country, State-wise?

PERC solar cell production

1733. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the objective of Passivated Emitter and Rear Cell (PERC) project;

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(b) whether it has been possible to develop PERC type solar cells; and

(c) whether commercial production of these cells has been started?

Solar MSMEs

1734. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any action to support the solar Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises which manufacture solar modules, ancillary products, raw material suppliers in the solar photovoltaic space to boost the sector of solar energy in the country so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Solar power waste policy

1735. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy of dealing with solar power waste, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has formulated appropriate quality standards for use of environmentally sustainable materials in manufacturing of modules which will help in minimising potentially hazardous end-of-life module waste in India; and

(c) the details of cost of recycling of the solar waste, including amount spent and persons involved, State/UT-wise since 2014?

Committee on power cuts

1736. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power cuts have become quite common across the country, if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which it affects the economy of the country;

(b) whether any expert committee has been formed to analyse the drawback of power cuts, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce the power cuts so far along with the funds allocated by Government in this regard during the last three years?

Cyber security for national power grid

1737. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of assets on country's national power grid could be more vulnerable to cyber-attacks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase security further across the power grid in the country?

Electrification under Aspirational Districts Programme

†1738. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households to which new electricity connections have been given under the 'Aspirational Districts Programme';

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(b) the number of Gram Panchayats to which electricity connections have been provided in the said districts;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats which are yet to be electrified; and

(d) the works undertaken for the arrangement of lighting facilities at public places in the said districts, the details along with the achievements thereof?

Demand and production of electricity

1739. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of electricity in the country has increased during the last two years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the production of electricity in the country is enough for meeting the demand, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the new power projects approved by Government under the central scheme in the country?

Change in names of schemes under power sector

†1740. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the names of a number of schemes has been changed by the Ministry after 2014;

(b) if so, the names by which these schemes were being run previously along with the present names thereof;

(c) the reasons for changing the names of the schemes; and

(d) the details of benefits derived by changing the names of the schemes?

Loans under UDAY scheme

†1741. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which have given consent under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) and the details of States included under the scheme;

(b) the details of the States bearing loans under 'UDAY' alongwith the details of the amount borne by such State so far, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been a financial burden on the States included in this scheme and as a result electricity consumers have to pay higher electricity tariff; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that loan amount is increasing again under 'UDAY'?

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**Coal allocation for Amarkantak
Thermal Power Plant**

†1742. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request regarding the coal allocation for Amarkantak Thermal Power Plant located in Madhya Pradesh remains pending with Central Electricity Authority, Government of India;

(b) if so, the reasons for the pendency thereof; and

(c) whether Government has fixed any deadline for taking a decision on the said request, if so, the details thereof?

**Integrated Power Development
Scheme in Nagaland**

1743. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the extent of improvements in the generation, transmission, distribution of electricity in the State of Nagaland post its inclusion under the Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) since the commencement of the scheme in Nagaland, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) the details of proposed and completed work/projects under the scheme in Nagaland, district-wise along with the percentage of work completion in different town alongside the details of amounts earmarked under IPDS and allocated in which scheme or plan; and

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

**Fall in demand of electricity
consumption**

1744. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power generation in the country fell 12.7 per cent year-on-year, in October recording a third straight month when power generated was less than the corresponding year-ago month;

(b) whether Government would attribute the fall in demand to extended monsoons this year since electricity cannot be stored and generation being the most robust indicator of consumption of trends; and

(c) whether the lower generation in October could also be due to an all-time low Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 51.1 per cent of coal plants stressed for adequate demand and coal supply issues?

**Patents filed by Indian Scientific
Organisations**

1745. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patents that have been filed by Indian Scientific Organisations/Institutions and how many have been granted over the past ten years, year-wise and organisation/institution-wise;

(b) the number of scientists/researchers who have been employed by Indian Scientific Organisations/Institutions presently and the total expenditure towards them, year-wise and organisation/institution-wise; and

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(c) the plans to improve the scientific research and development in India with special focus on innovation?

KIRAN scheme

†1746. SHRI RAM SHAKAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing (KIRAN) programme for encouraging women in the field of science;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allotted for said programme in current financial year?

Participation of women in scientific research and development

1747. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women scientists working in various research institutions and technology departments/agencies of Government, and their percentage among total number of scientists in these organisations;

(b) the details of the various schemes/programmes initiated by the Ministry, including KIRAN Scheme, to promote gender parity in scientific research and development;

(c) the status of implementation of these scheme in Maharashtra; and

(d) whether the Ministry has plans to introduce any further measures to increase

the participation of women in scientific research and development programmes across the country, if so, the details thereof?

Policy for becoming a global force in science

1748. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Council to Prime Minister has urged Government to find innovative ways to attract the best talents in teaching profession so as to bring improvement in the quality of education;

(b) whether the panel has also insisted that there is need to increase the investment in science and technology education in order to realise its ambition for becoming a global force in science;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has formulated any *ad-hoc* policy in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

Support to strengthen the field of Science and Technology

1749. LT. GEN. (DR.) D.P. VATS (RETD.):

DR. L. HANUMAN-
THAIAH:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

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

(a) whether Government is providing any financial/institutional support for both the invention as well as the innovation to

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strengthen the field of Science and Technology and encourage the new inventors/scientists in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of tourism in Assam and North East India

1750. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Assam and other North-Eastern States have many tourism destinations which require development and promotion, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of proposals received from the State of Assam for Central Financial Assistance (CFA) during current year along with the funds sanctioned, released and utilised, respectively during the period; and

(c) whether Government has received any proposal for CFA and the inclusion of Majuli Island and Kaziranga National Park in the India Tourism Circuit by promoting the eco-tourism ventures in Assam, if so, the details thereof?

Development of cruise tourism

1751. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to develop cruise tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken and the details of expenditure, if incurred thereon?

Development of tourist spots in Assam

1752. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist spots in Assam, location-wise;

(b) the details of tourist spots developed and beautified in Assam with the Central Financial Assistance provided during the last three years;

(c) the number of tourism projects/proposals pending with the Central Government received so far from the State Government of Assam for grant of Central Financial Assistance;

(d) the time by which the financial assistance will be released; and

(e) the present status of projects as on date?

Measures to improve tourism

1753. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign tourists that visited India over the past five years, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) total estimated revenue earned due to foreign tourists who visited India over the past five years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the details of plans to improve the foreign tourist experience in India and steps taken in this direction?

**Infrastructure development for
Beating Retreat ceremony at
Agartala-Akhaura border
with Bangladesh**

1754. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned funds to create infrastructure for Beating Retreat ceremony at Agartala-Akhaura border with Bangladesh, similar to that at Wagah in Punjab, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the funds were sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the present status of improvement of India's ties with Bangladesh?

Increase in domestic tourism

1755. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Domestic Tourist Visits have been growing at an astonishing pace in recent decades, especially religious tourism in the country;

(b) if so, number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) in the country for the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in consultations with the State Governments to improve tourist and religious places to make them tourists friendly?

**Centrally Sponsored Schemes under
implementation**

1756. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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

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

**Tourist festival to boost tourism in
Kashmir**

1757. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is incentivising the tourist operators in Jammu and Kashmir to give boost to the tourism sector in the valley; and

(b) whether Government is planning any tourist festival in Kashmir valley to attract international tourists, if so, the details thereof?

**Promotion of tourism in naxalite
affected areas**

†1758. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any special schemes to promote tourism in the naxalite affected areas of the country;

(b) if so, the number of people who have been awarded employment through these schemes in the last two years in Jharkhand and the details of the quantum of funds allotted to Jharkhand in the last two years; and

(c) if not, the schemes of Government with regard to providing employment

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through the tourism in the naxalite affected areas in future?

Adopt a Heritage initiative

1759. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of private sector companies that have taken part in the initiative 'Adopt a Heritage' and the monuments they have adopted;

(b) the details of efforts that have been made through this initiative for upkeep and beautification of monuments and their surroundings; and

(c) the details of new jobs, if any, that have been created through this initiative?

Promotion of local tourism

1760. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented schemes for the promotion of local tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has set up any information centres in the country for raising awareness regarding local tourism and to promote local religious and non-religious spots to the tourists coming from both outside and within the State, if so, the details thereof?

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