

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, February 5, 2019/Magha 16, 1940 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy
(AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Culture; Finance; Health and Family Welfare;
Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Tourism)

Total number of questions — 129

Medicinal plants in the country

154. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medicinal plants available in the country; and

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government for the farming, conservation, processing and promotion of such medicinal plants?

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

(c) whether Government has set up ayurvedic clinics or started ayurvedic treatment at existing hospitals/clinics during the last one year;

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

(e) the details regarding funds allocated by Government for promotion of ayurvedic system of medicine?

Promotion of ayurvedic system of medicine

155. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote ayurvedic system of medicine;

Patent for yoga mudras

156. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the origin of yoga as a practice;

(b) whether Government has made efforts to obtain patent of yoga mudras;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in obtaining patent; and

(d) the further steps taken by Government to acquire patent for yoga mudras?

CSR complying companies

157. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has maintained data regarding the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) compliance by companies, if so, the details thereof since 2014 till date, State/UT/sector-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many companies are not complying under CSR, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, State/UT/sector-wise;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard and the result therefor; and

(d) whether Government has provided schemes to the companies for CSR, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

CSR spending in Jharkhand for development

†158. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of all companies spending in CSR head during last three years till date in the State of Jharkhand and the total number and names of those districts where the amount was spent in CSR head, year-wise; and

(b) the details of total amount spent by companies in CSR head dedicated for employment and increasing income of local communities and people affected by mining project and for environment protection and sustainable development in the State of Jharkhand?

Mechanism of detect corporate frauds

159. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to detect corporate frauds at nascent stage;

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

(c) whether Government has assessed the efficacy of existing fraud detection mechanism in corporate world; and

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

CSR non-compliance

160. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data on CSR non-compliance by Indian companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that CSR funds are actually utilised judiciously; and

(d) the data on prosecutions undertaken for non compliance with CSR guidelines?

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Growth of corporate sector

161. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of growth made by the Indian corporate sector during the last five years;

(b) the details of employment created in the country in the last five years by the Indian corporate sector; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for growth of corporate sector in the country?

Uneven flow of CSR funds to States

162. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent PSUs have taken measures to reorient policies and implementation in line with the advice and suggestions given by Hon'ble Prime Minister during the address to CMDs and Directors of PSUs in April, 2018;

(b) the steps being taken to arrest uneven flow of CSR fund to different States; and

(c) which States got less than 5% CSR funds during Financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18?

Annual Reports of the National Monuments Authority

163. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Monuments Authority (NMA) established under

Section 20F of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 has prepared Annual Reports as mandated under Section 20P;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, whether these reports have been placed before the Parliament as mandated in Section 20P(2);

(d) whether the National Monuments Authority (NMA) has made any recommendations for grading and classifying protected monuments and protected areas under Section 201(1) (a) or (b) of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958; and

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

Promotion of the musical heritage and the dance forms of Uttar Pradesh

164. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to promote Kathak as an integral dance form;

(b) the efforts being made to revive Rasia, Qawalli and Ghazal forms of music endemic to Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the institutions established, funded, aided by Government to promote the above;

(d) whether there exists central scholarships for underprivileged scholars who want to achieve mastery in these fields; and

(e) the efforts being made on the international fora to promote these cultural heritages?

Promotion of cultural development programmes in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Chhattisgarh;

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

(c) the other steps taken or being taken by Government to promote the culture of our country?

Digitalisation of National Archives

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

(a) whether digitalisation work of National Archives of India has been completed;

(b) the number of such files (Deptt. of Home Affairs) concerning RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) in National Archives of India which have been registered in Non-Transferred Category; and

(c) the efforts being made for availability of those files?

Committee to review ancient history

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

(a) whether Government has constituted a committee to review aspects of ancient history and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the credentials of the members in the committee, and whether they can suitably represent the diversity of cultures in India; and

(c) whether this report will be used in textbooks and academic research?

Detrimental impacts of pollution on national monuments

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

(a) whether Government has taken up or plans to take up a study of the effects of pollution on national monuments and if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken steps to ensure that national monuments are saved from the effects of pollution such as air pollution, acid rains, water contamination etc. and if so, details thereof?

Reduction of GST on drugs and medicaments

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any review of taxation of drugs and medicaments under GST regime;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any requests for reduction in GST on life saving drugs and medicaments;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has taken any decision to reduce GST on such drugs and medicaments; and

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

Rise of NPAs under MUDRA Yojana

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

(a) the details of loans disbursed till date, under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Public Sector Bank-wise;

(b) whether RBI has red flagged recently that NPAs under MUDRA Scheme have risen to ₹ 11,000 crore;

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

(d) the details of the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

Fake currency

171. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are growing instances of fake currencies, particularly of ₹ 500 denomination notes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was confusion with ₹ 500 denomination notes with mis-spelt 'Resurve' Bank of India (RBI) printed on it;

(d) if so, whether RBI issued any clarifications about genuineness of the notes; and

(e) the measures taken to print the currency notes with high technology so that printing of fake notes would be most difficult?

Investment against poverty and unemployment

172. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of large investments in agriculture, particularly irrigation and infrastructure to reinforce the campaign against poverty and unemployment;

(b) if so, in what manner Government proposes to raise resources for this massive investment in view of increasing revenue expenditure and rising revenue deficit, coupled with substantial decrease in domestic savings due to low rate of interest; and

(c) how grass-root poverty and rural unemployment would be taken care of in the above economic scenario?

Disbursement of unclaimed amount of insurance policy holders

173. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of policy holders lying unclaimed with insurance companies in the last five years;

(b) the steps taken to identify the policy holders or beneficiaries to disburse the claims;

(c) whether Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has the maximum unclaimed amount; and

(d) if so, the special efforts made by LIC and other insurance companies to disburse the claims in view of latest technology and data available with them?

Payment of GST revenue to States

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

(a) the details of revenue earnings under GST since its implementation, month-wise;

(b) the details of revenue earning one year prior to introduction of GST, month-wise;

(c) GST to be paid and already paid to various States since implementation of GST, month-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that GST compensation has gone up during the last few years;

(e) whether it means that States are losing revenue due to GST; and

(f) if so, how Government is planning to go ahead in this regard to shore up GST revenue?

Penalty on Bank deposits during demonetisation

175. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has served notices to depositors who deposited large sums during demonetisation, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, the status of the notices as on date, along-with any penalty imposed and the details of the amount of penalty collected; and

(c) the details of the notices served under benami property, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Issuance of bills for transaction by restaurants

176. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased

to state:

(a) the total number of small shops or restaurants in the country whose income is taxable by mandatory issue of bill receipts for transactions;

(b) whether there is a large number of small restaurants or shops in different parts of the country where the transaction is in cash without any bills;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to make transaction by bills mandatory even for small and middle level shops and restaurants in various parts of the country to discourage generation of black money;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Relaxing listing norms for startup companies

177. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) intends to relax the listing norms for startup companies in certain sectors;

(b) the details of the sectors that are being relaxed for listing; and

(c) what benefits will be accrued to such companies by relaxing the listing norms?

Loans to Agriculture sector under PSL norms

178. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount of loans given and the total number of bank accounts that received the loans, under the category of Agriculture in Priority Sector Lending (PSL), State-wise, bank-wise and year-wise since 2015; and

(b) the details of beneficiaries of such loans, State-wise and year-wise since 2015 and specifically for small and marginal farmers, big farmers, MSMEs and Companies?

Autonomy to States to design specific programmes

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

(a) whether it is a fact that adoption of Fourteenth Finance Commission recommendations to devolve 42 per cent of funds in the divisible pool of taxes from Union to States have resulted into more autonomy for the States to design State specific programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of quantum of funds transferred to States during the last three years, State-wise?

RBI surplus

180. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the profit of the RBI distributed to Government in the form of dividend during the last three years and the details of the profit retained towards risks and reserves;

(b) whether Government has any future plan of action to ask the RBI to distribute further dividend to itself and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plans of invoking Section 7 of the RBI Act?

Detection of Bogus Refund Claims

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in the detection of Bogus Refund Claims based on fraudulent investments and fraudulent high-pitched assessments in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and year-wise;

(c) the details of action taken against individuals and entities for the above offences in the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the impact of the bogus refund claims on the exchequer; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to curb these malpractices and its impact thereon?

Detection of Suspect Account Holders

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

(a) the details of the Suspect Account Holders detected due to the enormity of money being deposited in their accounts during demonetisation;

(b) the details of the action taken by the Government against these account holders so far;

(c) the details on the quantum of black money detected in these accounts as a result of the above action taken; and

(d) the money collected under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) so far?

Overshooting fiscal deficit target

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

(a) whether Government is likely to overshoot its fiscal deficit target for 2018-19 owing to shortfall in Goods and Services Tax collections;

(b) whether experts are concerned about a likely announcement of an income transfer scheme for farmers;

(c) whether such a spending shift might outweigh its negative economic impact and there is far bigger risk for financial markets; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Rise in number of IT return filers

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

(a) whether the number of income tax return filers have increased this year;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that all income tax assessee file their returns in time; and

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

Increase in interest on small savings schemes

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

(a) whether Government has increased rate of interest on small savings schemes;

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

(c) whether Government has increased rate of interest on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana;

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

(e) whether Government has decided to provide additional benefits to senior citizens under small savings schemes; and

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

Bridging the fiscal deficit

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

(a) whether it is a fact that fiscal deficit hits 95 per cent of budget estimates in the three quarters of 2018-19 fiscal;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that tax collection during last 9 months is only 39.4 per cent of the budget estimates;

(c) whether there is a wide gap between the receipts and expenditure of Government exchequer; and

(d) if so, the plan details of Government to bridge the gap and balance the fiscal deficit below 3.5% of GDP for this fiscal?

NPA's referred to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)

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

(a) how many NPA accounts were referred to NCLT under Insolvency Bankruptcy Code (IBC);

(b) the total amount of NPA of all accounts so referred;

(c) how many of the NPA accounts referred to NCLT have so far been resolved;

(d) how much amount was realized and how much amount was subjected to haircut; and

(e) whether any party that acquired a Company under NCLT mechanism availed fresh bank loan for completing the acquisition?

Recruitments in NABARD

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

(a) how many batches of recruitment in Group 'B' and 'C' posts took place in NABARD after 2000;

(b) how many Group 'B' and 'C' employees have retired after 2000;

(c) in which Regional Offices recruitments have taken place after 2000; and

(d) which Regional Offices were excluded from recruitment?

Impact of MUDRA loan on beneficiaries

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

(a) how many people have been given Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana loan during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme has not made an impact on the income/asset growth of beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with response of Government and any action taken in this context?

Additional taxes on entertainment and amusement industry under GST

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

(a) the details of additional taxes that can be levied by local bodies on entertainment and amusement industry under GST;

(b) whether it is a fact that such tax structure amounts to double taxation and is thus antithetical to the basic premise of GST and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government plans to take to ensure that the cinema theatre industry growth is not hampered by GST?

Waiving off amount by SBI

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per RBI statistics, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have waived off ₹ 2.5 lakh crores during the last five financial years;

(b) what are the reasons that in the last fiscal alone SBI and its subsidiaries waived off ₹ 82,000 crore which is the highest in the last five years; and

(c) what is the status of 12 companies identified under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code for liquidation, company-wise?

Loans to MSMEs

192. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the schemes to provide loans from PSBs to MSMEs within 59 minutes;

(b) the details of the ownership and management of the web portal used to obtain applications from industry for the scheme; and

(c) whether there exists any registration fee for firms to register on the portal, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Loans from Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank

193. DR. VIKAS MAHATME : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB) has allocated funds to India to invest in domestic projects relating to roads, housing and urban development, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the projects for which the funds have been utilised; and

(c) what will be the interest on the loan and in how many years will the repayment be made?

Relaxation to Andhra Pradesh under FRBM limit

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government sought one per cent Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) relaxation in view of the huge revenue deficit the State is facing;

(b) whether Telangana Government also sought relaxation under FRBM limits;

(c) whether requests of both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Governments have been acceded to;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the current status of borrowing of State of Andhra Pradesh *vis-a-vis* FRBM limit?

Regulations for credit rating of instruments other than securities

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

(a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in absence of regulations for rating of other securities, instruments and loans or facilities provided by banks, issued a circular in 2012 making regulations and guidelines applicable to credit rating of securities applicable to instruments other than securities as is, with no modifications, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether SEBI has considered amending largely single standard of regulation for all instruments for more specific regulations for different products to enable better regulation of credit rating agencies; and

(c) any other reforms envisaged by SEBI for increasing transparency and accountability of credit rating?

Simplification and better implementation of GST

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

(a) whether several policy changes have been recommended for implementation of GST by GST Council in its recent meetings and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has constituted Group of Ministers (GOM) on issues related to lottery and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also constituted Group of Ministers (GOM) for boosting the real estate sector under GST regime by providing a Composition Scheme for residential construction units and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for simplification and better implementation of GST?

Sufferings of patients due to fights in hospitals

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that due to stoppage of emergency services by the doctors for several days owing to the fight taken place between doctors and attendants of patients in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi in February, 2018, several patients did not get timely treatment and had to move from place to place causing death of some patients;

(b) the names of hospitals in Delhi where doctors went on strike owing to fight between doctors and attendants of patients during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to avoid such incidents?

Suicide deaths in India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent

study conducted by Government agencies suggested that India is a major contributor to World's suicide deaths, particularly among younger generation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) States which have reported high suicide rates and major reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to make concerted efforts to reduce this avoidable loss of human lives?

Curbing population explosion

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

(a) whether Government has identified the groups of people in different income brackets who are prone to increase in population in excess of national policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the special steps being taken or proposed to be taken to curb population explosion?

Condition of medical infrastructure in rural areas

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards medical services, doctors and para-medical staff in rural and remote areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps being taken to improve

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health services and making doctors and nurses available in rural areas; and

(c) the target set for expenditure on rural health services during the current Five Year Plan?

High incidence and risk of cervical cancer

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

(a) whether Government is aware that cervical cancer, which is preventable, accounts for twenty six per cent of female cancers in India and twenty five per cent of deaths due to cervical cancer worldwide occur in India;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to deal with this serious issue, including establishing a National Screening Programme, to ensure early detection and timely treatment;

(c) whether Government plans to include the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV) in the National Immunisation Programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether any alternate vaccination will be introduced to prevent cervical cancer?

Capacity Building for developing Trauma Care Facilities on National Highways

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

(a) whether Government has achieved the target of reducing preventable deaths due to road accidents to ten per cent under Capacity Building for developing Trauma Care Facilities in Government Hospitals

on National Highways scheme implemented in 2015;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the year by which Government expects to achieve its objective;

(c) the number of trauma care facilities that have been established along highways out of the intended target of 140 trauma care facilities; and

(d) whether Government has any plans of increasing the number or establishing Trauma Care Centres in other places as well?

Rise in the number of diabetic patients

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of diabetic patients in the country is continuously rising day-by-day;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government for proper treatment of diabetic patients?

AIIMS for Uttar Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government in 2017 had promised to set up six All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to set up such institutions and their locations and the time by which there are likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Handing over of Sub Centres in Andhra Pradesh to private players

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

(a) whether the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) handing over 6,500 sub centres out of 7,500 to private agencies in the name of e-Sub Centres has come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether Sub Centres can be privatized by paying them more than ₹ 200 crores;

(c) whether Government is aware of GoAP handing over 40 Sub Centres earlier with promises ranging from tele medicine, medicine vending machines, tele consultancy, tele consultancy hub, etc., which have so far not been provided; and

(d) whether Government will contemplate stopping this practice of handing over of Sub Centres to private agencies by GoAP?

Corruption in appointment of nurses at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of corruption in appointment of permanent nurses for newly constructed Super Specialty and Emergency Block in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi has come to light last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to

non-availability of nurses and doctors as per the strength in the said newly constructed Super Specialty and Emergency Block, treatment of patients is being hampered; and

(c) the number of operation theatres which are operational and the number of the same which are closed at present and the reasons for keeping them closed?

GDP allocation for healthcare sector

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

(a) the percentage of GDP that has been allocated for healthcare sector for welfare of women and children in the country during the last financial year; and

(b) the progress and achievements made under the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) in the light of the targets set?

Sensitisation regarding mental illness

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

(a) whether Government is taking any steps to sensitise people towards mental illness, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Government-run mental health facilities and hospitals established in the country in the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to monitor the functioning of these hospitals?

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HIV awareness

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to generate awareness about HIV in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that patients suffering from HIV are not discriminated against in society; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to track the patients through HIV diagnosis to care and treatment?

Hearing and speech impairment patients

210. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that around 6.3% of Indian population suffers from hearing and speech impairment and this includes close to 50 lakh children, if so, the details of action taken by recruiting adequate doctors in this regard?

Funding for State Health Societies

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

(a) whether the transfer of funds to State Health Societies through the Treasury mode adopted in 2014-15 has been causing a lot of delay, instead of the implementation capacity of States;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government thereto;

(c) if not, the manner in which the system of transferring funds be made more efficient;

(d) whether Government has considered switching to Society Mode of transfer of funds;

(e) if so, by what time-frame will this be implemented in the States; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Targets for TB elimination

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

(a) whether Government has met the targets set for the year 2018 under the National Strategic Plan for TB elimination, namely, 15 lakh patients to be notified from the private sector, 50% of patients from private sector to be provisioned or reimbursed by the programme for anti-TB drugs, 80% treatment supporters and 50% private providers to be paid incentives under the Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) scheme, 50% of notified TB patients to receive financial support through DBT; and

(b) if these targets are not met, reasons therefor and updated targets?

Identifying beneficiaries under PMJAY

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

(a) whether Government has identified beneficiaries to be enrolled under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY);

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in percentage of tobacco users

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) 2, the overall use of tobacco went up from 16.2 per cent in 2009-10 to 20.0 per cent in 2016-17 in Tamil Nadu, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the percentage of smokeless tobacco users vs tobacco smoking usage;

(c) the details of the GATS 2 survey, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to curb the availability of cigarettes at stores, indicating easy availability?

Heavy out-of-pocket spending on healthcare

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India spends 1.02 per cent of GDP which comes to approximately ₹ 3 per day on Public Health, according to National Health Profile;

(b) the reasons for failure to achieve its 2010 target of 2 per cent of GDP, as reported by India Spend in April 2017;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indians are the sixth biggest out-of-pocket (OOP) health spenders in the low-middle income group of 50 nations, pushing around 32-39 million Indians below the poverty line every year; and

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

Deaths in clinical trials

216. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise, year-wise number of clinical trials registered since 2015;

(b) the State-wise, year-wise number of deaths and Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) reported in these trials since 2015;

(c) whether compensation has been paid in each case of death and SAE, if so, the State-wise, year-wise details of compensation claimed, paid and due, since 2015, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the State-wise number of Ethics Committees operating currently and the number of clinical trials approved by each Committee, State-wise, year-wise, since 2015; and

(e) the number of complaints of violations of clinical trials rules recorded, State-wise and year-wise since 2015?

Implementation of National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)

217. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allotted for National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), since 2015;

(b) the funds allocated to each State, year-wise, since 2015;

(c) the details of the funds utilised by such State, year-wise, since 2015;

(d) the number of districts covered under NTCP, State-wise, year-wise since 2015; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to revise the NTCP guidelines, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of PMJAY

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

(a) the manner in which the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), world's largest health protection scheme which was launched recently, will finance hospitalisation of underprivileged families to the extent of ₹ 5 lakh annually, the details thereof;

(b) whether proper infrastructure monitoring mechanism, Grievances Cell etc., are in place and the details thereof; and

(c) the details of how empanelment of Government and private hospitals have been done, selection criteria adopted?

Compensation for victims of faulty hip implants

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

(a) the number of patients who suffered from faulty hip implants supplied by a global pharma major;

(b) whether Government has worked out compensation from the supplier to each patient who had suffered due to faulty hip implant; and

(c) whether patients have been taken on board before arriving at the compensation amount and if so, the details thereof?

Karnataka's PIP for NHM

220. SHRID. KUPENDRA REDDY:
SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY:

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

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had sought approval of Project Implementation Plan (PIP) for the National Health Mission (NHM) for 2018-19, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has granted its approval for the same; and

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

AIIMS-type hospital for Karnataka

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

(a) whether the Karnataka State has been requesting for establishing an AIIMS-type super-speciality institution in Karnataka and had suggested suitable sites for the purpose;

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

(c) the time by which the AIIMS-type hospital is expected to be set up in Karnataka?

Status of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in Haryana

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

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) has begun its implementation;

(b) if so, the progress made under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) State-wise including the State of Haryana;

(c) the details of allocation made under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) the details of third-party administrators associated, State-wise; and

(e) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme in the State of Haryana?

Opposition to family planning measures

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

(a) the steps taken to strengthen family planning for population control;

(b) the steps taken in the Financial Years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 to make it effective among minority communities; and

(c) whether Government is also facing protest from minority communities in implementing family planning?

National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance

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

(a) the funds allocated to tackle antibiotic resistance (ABR) in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has removed the separate budget head for ABR in 2018-19 and it is not part of a common pool allocated for different public health programmes, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has considered making it a separate budget head in 2019-20; and

(d) the status of the implementation of the National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance?

Banning the use of antibiotic colistin

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

(a) whether Government has set permissible limits for antibiotics use in chicken, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these limits have been effective in curbing the misuse of antibiotics in poultry industry;

(c) whether the use of the antibiotic colistin, in the meat and poultry industry in India is linked to antibiotic resistance in humans, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has considered banning the use of the antibiotic colistin, if so, the details thereof?

Transparency in admission to medical colleges

†226. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government to bring more transparency in admission process in Joint Medical Entrance Examination and to ban the rule of charging capitation fee by the private universities in the country;

(b) whether Government is aware that illegal admissions have taken place ignoring National Eligibility and Entrance Examination; and

(c) if so, the number of such private and Government Medical colleges and the efforts made by Government to stop this?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Criteria for availing entitlements
under PMJAY**

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

(a) whether Government is applying two different criteria for urban and rural population in the country to be entitled under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY);

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified beneficiaries under two different criteria from the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Financial assistance to States for
augmenting patient transport
services**

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

(a) whether Government is providing any financial help/assistance to State Governments in augmenting its emergency medical services of transporting patients under ambulance services and patient transport vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has extended any financial support to all District Hospitals in the State of Tamil Nadu to augment the ambulance services;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Exclusion of eligible beneficiaries
from Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

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

(a) the number of people benefited through the Ayushman Bharat Yojana since its implementation till date in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some of eligible beneficiaries have been excluded from the said Yojana, if so, the action taken to include all the eligible persons under this Yojana?

AIIMS in the country

†230. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of AIIMS established in the country before 2014 and the number of AIIMS established in the tenure of the present Government and the details of the places where they have been established?

**Screening of diseases at health and
wellness centres**

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

(a) how many people have so far been screened at health and wellness centres and the findings thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the details of what happened to the patients after they were diagnosed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Detection of fraud in Ministry's PFMS

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

(a) what precautions has the Ministry taken after the recent ₹ 3.5 crore fraud, so as to make the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) safe;

(b) whether connivance of any Ministry's officials has been detected in the fraud; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Health Ministry officers and staff got only 80 per cent of their December salaries and details thereof?

Tuberculosis eradication

233. SHRIDEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recent Lancet study that says India's TB crisis is likely to get worse and Multi Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) will become more common than it is now, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how Government intends to tackle the problem of TB by 2025, especially MDR-TB;

(c) the total number of people suffering from TB and MDR-TB at present; and

(d) the total number of people with access to the Bedaquiline drug at present?

Frequency of health data collection

234. SHRIDEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that health data, especially regarding children,

needs to be collected more frequently than once in 10 years with the National Family Health Survey;

(b) if so, the steps taken to collect and release health data frequently; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical and dental colleges in Gujarat

†235. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any effort for opening any medical colleges and dental colleges in the districts of Gujarat;

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

(c) the number of medical colleges and dental colleges in the districts of Gujarat at present and location-wise details thereof and strength of students studying in these colleges?

Inadequacy in availability of blood banks

†236. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after 72 years of independence of the country, there are 74 districts in the country which have no blood bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith names of those districts;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of blood banks, many people in non-blood bank districts die/are dying due to non-receiving of blood; and

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(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

Reusing of old and expired medicines

237. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that old and expired medicines are being reused with new expiry date;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Drug Controller General of India; and

(c) whether in view of such malpractice affecting health of patients, surprise inspection and monitoring is made from time to time to prevent such incidents?

Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram

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

(a) the State-wise number of beneficiaries and total funds allocated for the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram, for the last three years;

(b) whether implementation of this scheme has had any effect on the following indicators, namely reduction of malnutrition amongst adolescents, reduction of Iron-Deficiency Anaemia (IDA) amongst adolescents, reduction in teenage pregnancies, improving of birth preparedness, complication readiness and provision of early parenting support for adolescent parents, or improving the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of adolescents towards sexual and reproductive health; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise for the last three years, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Black Day over National Medical Commission Bill

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors called as 'Black Day' in the history of the medical profession, the day when National Medical Commission Bill was introduced; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is finalising an Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (APELF), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that till 2016, 8.7 million cases of Lymphatic Filariasis were reported in India, with 29.4 million recorded as suffering from disability associated with the disease and 650 million people across 256 districts in 21 States and Union Territories still face a risk; and

(c) the steps taken by Government apart from WHO's recent recommendation of adopting the triple drug therapy of IDA to meet the global LF elimination target of 2020?

National Policy for Treatment of Rare Diseases

241. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is facing issues of fund shortage for the implementation of policy of treatment of rare diseases;

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

(c) the salient features and guidelines of the National Policy for Treatment of Rare Diseases;

(d) the definition and the coverage of rare diseases under the said policy by Government; and

(e) the details of patients treated, funds allocated, released and utilised under the policy so far, State/UT-wise, year-wise and disease-wise?

Empanelment of hospitals under Ayushman Bharat

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

(a) the total number of hospitals empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme at present, State-wise break-up thereof; and

(b) the total number of public hospitals and private hospitals empanelled under the scheme?

Lack of information on availability of dialysis machines

†243. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has no information as to whether dialysis machines in the country are available as per requirement or not;

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

(c) the basis on which Government makes strategies for treatment of kidney patients in the country in the absence of above figure?

Data on kidney patients

†244. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons suffering from diseases of kidney in the country has not been estimated to know whether it is increasing or decreasing in the country;

(b) if it has been estimated and information is of increase in the same, the reasons for this increase; and

(c) the efforts made by Government at Central level to redress the causes of renal diseases?

Educational backwardness among Muslim community

245. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the recently released Census data that 43 per cent Muslims in the country are illiterate against the national average of 36 per cent;

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(b) whether only 2.75 per cent to 42 per cent of them are graduates;

(c) the reasons behind this pathetic condition in spite of various schemes and programmes undertaken by Government by spending thousands of crores;

(d) the status of Muslims in AP; and

(e) the money, Ministry is going to save by abolishing Haj subsidy and in what manner it is going to fulfill its promise that the amount would be spent on educating poor Muslim boys and girls?

Multi Sectoral Development Programme

246. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a low achievement in physical outcomes across components under the Multi Sectoral Development Programme during last three years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the completion rate of the sector-based infrastructure against the units sanctioned under MSDP during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds spent under the Multi Sectoral Development Programme during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the criteria used for identifying the minority concentration areas; and

(e) the details of the data of the minority population living below the poverty line?

Schemes of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation

247. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of

MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and the procedure to avail concessional loans under these schemes;

(b) the funds allocated by NMDFC along with the details of utilisation of allocated funds by NMDFC for the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether most of the beneficiaries are not in a position to avail concessional loans provided under these schemes due to complicated procedures;

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to make NMDFC more effective and efficient?

Amendment of Waqf Properties' Lease Rules, 2014

248. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether faced with enhanced litigation, declining income from Waqf properties and protests from tenants, Government has finalised to amend the Waqf Properties' Lease Rules, 2014;

(b) whether there are around 6 lakh registered Waqf properties in the country with more than 25,000 cases pending in courts pertaining to such properties; and

(c) what are the main recommendations of the Justice Zakiullah Khan Committee report to streamline the operation and maintenance of Waqf properties, which is now with Government?

Reservation for Muslims in education and employment

249. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has commissioned any study to ascertain the social and educational backwardness among Muslims, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Sachar Committee in its report also recommends affirmative action for upliftment of Muslims;

(c) whether the Ministry supports reservation for Muslims in education and employment, if so, the details of the steps that the Ministry will take to actualize the same, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministry will petition the Prime Minister to make a law to provide reservation for Muslims, if so, the details thereof?

Beneficiaries of schemes operated by NMDFC

250. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households of minorities who have been benefited from various schemes of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC);

(b) the classification of beneficiaries among Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Buddhists and Jains;

(c) whether any impact assessment of various schemes by independent agencies has been carried out; and

(d) if so, the major findings thereof?

Establishment of Ultra Mega Solar Power Plant in Kurnool

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

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to establish a 1000 MW Ultra Mega Solar Power Plant in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh in order to provide 24X7 quality and reliable power supply to the industrial sector and to achieve self-sufficiency in power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds have been released to take up the project, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of the ongoing works of the power plant, the details thereof?

Solar and wind energy projects in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

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

(a) the number of solar and wind energy projects that have been sanctioned and implemented in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States; and

(b) the installed capacity thus created in the two States?

Impact of climate change on renewable energy capacity

253. SHRI MAJEED MEMON : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the effects of changing weather patterns which may negatively impact India's renewable energy generation capacity; and

(b) in what manner Government proposes to achieve its renewable energy programme to produce 100 Giga Watts (GW) from solar projects in the wake of increasing pollution levels and 60 GW from wind power plants by March, 2022?

Promotion of wind energy

254. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a special scheme to manufacture the equipments used to generate wind energy in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made any special efforts for generation of wind energy in economically backward States including Karnataka, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has invited bids for the setting up of wind mills in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the present status of wind power projects in the country, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to promote the wind energy in the country?

Lack of interest in solar power auctions floated by SECI

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

(a) whether auctions for solar power floated by Solar Energy Corporation of

India (SECI) in the last few months have been going unsold, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the tweaks that have been made by SECI to revive interest in these auctions;

(c) whether distribution companies have been refusing to sign power purchase agreements for solar energy, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether SECI will have to pay ₹ 40 lakh annually for every Mega Watt of solar power produced that remains unsold?

Potential of solar energy in Gujarat

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge potential of solar energy in the districts and areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Ministry in this regard, if so, the outcomes of the survey; and

(d) the strategies formulated and implemented by Government for these districts based on these outcomes?

Subsidy for having roof top solar equipment

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

(a) the number of persons who have installed solar equipment on the roofs of their houses in the capital and energy likely to be generated as a result thereof;

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(b) whether Government had announced that subsidy would be given to such persons who have installed such equipment at their residence and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many persons have since been given subsidy?

Status of research and development in renewable energy sector

258. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether Ministry has signed any agreement with the national and international institutions/countries for promoting research and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;

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

(d) in what manner Indian R&D can be compared with other countries of the world?

International Solar Alliance

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

(a) the number and names of the countries that have joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) so far;

(b) whether Government has made progress in achieving the objectives of the ISA, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas where solar projects have been established under the framework of

the ISA, and the production capacity and costs of these projects, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether Government has any plans to encourage more countries to join the ISA, and if so, the details thereof?

Purchase of power equipment by Thermal and Hydro Power producers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is making it mandatory for Thermal and Hydro Power producers to purchase power equipments from local markets, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government while issuing the guidelines made sure that the equipments that power producers are going to purchase are made available in the local markets, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to make sure that the equipments are made available in the local market?

Steps to plug DISCOMs' losses

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

(a) whether Union Government has prepared a scheme in consultation with the State Governments to provide electricity connection to every poor household in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether DISCOMs are axis of power sector and these are running in heavy losses and if so, the steps taken or suggested to plug DISCOM losses?

Pre-paid electricity meter

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

(a) whether it is a fact that almost every newly constructed residential flat has pre-paid meter only, having fixed per day rental charges ranging from ₹ 18 to ₹ 20 per day other than consumption; and

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

Inefficient thermal power plants causing pollution

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

(a) the overall contribution of thermal power plants to air pollution in India, percentage-wise;

(b) whether there are thermal power plants which are old and inefficient or those who do not have space for air pollution equipment, and if so, the details thereof including location and capacity; and

(c) whether the Ministry plans to shut the above-mentioned thermal power plants, and if so, the detailed timeline thereof, considering the urgency due to increasing air pollution?

Electrification in Chhattisgarh under SAUBHAGYA

†264. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the region-wise details of urban electrification in Chhattisgarh under

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) from the year 2017 to 2018;

(b) the details of rural electrification in the State of Chhattisgarh under the said scheme from the year 2017 to 2018; and

(c) the district-wise details of amount allocated, released and used in the said scheme in Chhattisgarh from the year 2017 to 2018?

Underground power transmission infrastructure

265. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that high and extra-high voltage underground electricity cable systems rated 220kv and above have become part of the backbone of modern day power transmission infrastructure; and

(b) whether Government has implemented such underground cable systems in any part of the country; and

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

Delayed Hydro Power Projects

266. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hydro Projects of NHPC and SJVN which are running behind schedule in the country;

(b) the reasons therefor, project-wise;

(c) the cost of escalation for each project; and

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(d) the efforts being made to resolve these issues and complete the projects in extended time?

India's share in global tourism

267. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in world tourism is 0.6 per cent based on tourist arrivals;

(b) whether Government has planned to increase India's share to 1 per cent of world tourist arrivals by 2020 and 2 per cent by 2025;

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to build the requisite infrastructure and generate a pro-tourism culture in the people; and

(d) in what manner Ministry is going to help promote tourism in Andhra Pradesh and status of tourism in Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation?

Promotion of heritage tourism industry

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

(a) the details of the total number of foreign tourists to various important historical monuments in the country, year-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to take any initiative to boost the heritage tourism industry and make India an attractive destination for foreign tourists in this respect; and

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

Development of coastal tourism circuits in Karnataka

269. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established coastal tourism circuits in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the location/places in the country selected/identified for developing them as coastal tourism circuit, State-wise including Karnataka; and

(c) the funds earmarked/to be earmarked for the said purpose and the expected tourism potential of these circuits?

Framing of New Tourism Policy

†270. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken to frame New Tourism Policy;

(b) if so, the steps taken to attract tourists of those countries where Buddhism has spread; and

(c) the steps taken to attract more tourists to tourist places like Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar and to provide more facilities to the tourists?

Development of Spiritual/Religious tourism in Jharkhand

271. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to develop 'Spiritual/Religious Tourism' at holy places in the country including Jharkhand under 'National

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Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive'; and

(b) whether Government has sanctioned funds for the promotion of religious tourism during the last three years?

MoUs under Adopt a Heritage Scheme

272. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of adoptions made under Adopt a Heritage Scheme by Government;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study, or is aware of any studies which discourage such monument-centric development of tourism because of impacts such as excessive tourism causing environmental losses, loss of local habitat etc.; and

(c) whether Government has incorporated any clauses into the MoUs for empowerment and involvement of local communities, local State Government bodies, so that the cultural and touristic ecosystem can be effectively developed?

Promoting religious tourism in Punjab

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

(a) whether the Ministry has implemented any scheme to attract religious tourism, and/or aid the State Government in doing so, to the State of Punjab for the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including a timeline for implementation;

(c) whether all Sikh shrines across Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh are

covered under the aforementioned schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of the contribution of the said schemes to the development of the shrines?

Rural Tourism component under PIDDC Scheme

274. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been approved under "Rural Tourism Infrastructure Development" under Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been any progress on the proposals accepted, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the budget allocated for each project and the funds disbursed for the same so far?

Marketing and promotion of Indian Tourism

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

(a) the details regarding all ongoing campaigns by the Ministry in the International and Domestic markets;

(b) the details of the funds that have been sanctioned and released towards the ends of promotion and campaigning in the International market; and

(c) whether Government because of the launch of the Swadesh Darshan and the PRASAD scheme anticipates a definite per cent increase in the number of tourists, and if so, the details of such targets if any?

Increase in Taj Mahal ticket price

276. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASI has increased the price of the entry tickets to Taj Mahal from ₹ 40 to ₹ 50 and introduced another charge of ₹ 200 for going inside the Mausoleum for Indian tourists;

(b) if so, the rationale behind a 200 per cent increase in ticket price;

(c) whether Government wants to deter poor Indian tourists from accessing the shared cultural heritage by hiking the tariff; and

(d) if not, whether any concession has been planned for poor Indian visitors whereby they can enjoy the Historic Monument at an affordable price?

Guidelines for Online Travel Aggregators

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

(a) whether Government has prepared any guidelines on accreditation and classification of Online Travel Aggregators (OTAs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criterion set by Government for OTAs to get approval and accreditation;

(d) whether other establishments apart from OTAs are also bound by these guidelines and processes, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of action that can be taken if OTAs are in violation of the above guidelines?

Setting up of yoga schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up yoga schools in all the States for maintaining health of the people through yoga;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details and the number of yoga colleges opened in the country, especially in Bihar during the last three years?

Vacant senior positions in Siddha system of medicine

279. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of Advisors and Joint Advisors working in each system like Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy;

(b) whether the post of Joint Advisor in Siddha system has been filled, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) in the absence of Advisor and Joint Advisor in Siddha system, the competent person looking after the affairs of medical colleges, national institutes and research centers coming under Siddha and whether they are technically qualified to deal with those institutions?

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AYUSH institutes in the country

†280. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the State-wise status of institutes of medical sciences in the field of AYUSH and the action plan of ensuing establishment, availability of medical facility and support thereof?

Funds for Yoga Day

281. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilised for the International Yoga Day during each of the last three years; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred under the funds utilised along with the expenditure incurred by other Ministries separately since 2015?

India's share in the global herbal medicinal market

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

(a) whether India's share in the global herbal medicinal market is less than 1 per cent in comparison to the growing demand for herbal exports including medicines of AYUSH;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the share of export of AYUSH medicines;

(c) whether drug companies follow India's Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) regulation and regulatory guidelines for herbal drugs, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether regular inspections have been followed for the same and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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