RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018/Shrayana 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 — 15

AIIMS-like institute in West Bengal

- *211. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has sanctioned one AIIMS-like institute for each State in the country;
- (b) if so, the status of the AIIMS-like institute in West Bengal; and
 - (c) by when it would be completed?

Introduction of remuneration system to revamp banking sector

- *212. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is considering any order to revamp the banking sector to introduce remuneration system, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to bridge the gap between

the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Private Sector Banks on remuneration differences, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Black money deposited in various foreign banks by Indian nationals

- *213. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has consulted various countries to find out the total black money deposited in various foreign banks by Indian nationals;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimates of Government about the black money stashed by Indians in foreign countries; and
- (d) the efforts put forth by Government during the last four years to get back this money from foreign countries?

Price rise of essential food items

†*214. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the figures of inflation in June, 2018 show steep jump in prices;
- (b) the details of rise in wholesale and retail prices of essential food items for the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government machinery has not been able to successfully control price rise over the last three years;
- (d) whether any studies have been conducted to ascertain the extent of rise in prices of essential food items due to dayto-day rise in prices of petrol and diesel; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure that rise in prices does not get too high?

Increasing the healthcare expenditure

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

- (a) the reasons due to which our expenditure on health is just one per cent of GDP when compared to many developing countries and less than Singapore which spends 2.2 per cent of its GDP in spite of India becoming the fifth largest economy in the world:
- (b) how there would be some change with the proposed National Health Protection Scheme; and
 - (c) the other efforts the Ministry is

making to increase spending on health to, at least two per cent of GDP?

Sustainable energy outlets in tribal areas

- †*216. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to set up sustainable energy outlets in all the districts of the country and in the tribal population dominated districts of Chhattisgarh, in particular;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such outlets in the country State-wise/Union Territory-wise including the ones in the State of Chhattisgarh as on date; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government towards developing a system of setting up and running network of outlets in all the districts of the country by encouraging private entrepreneurs and non-governmental organisations?

Data-set on socio-economic condition of Muslims

- *217. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a representative data-set mapping the socio-economic condition of Muslims across the country since 2014, owing to the absence of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) data on the same, State-wise;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, what means does Government have to map the socio-economic condition of Muslims in the country; and

(d) by when Government proposes to appoint a commission for the same?

Single tax base structure under GST

- *218. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any proposal to adopt a single tax base structure of nine per cent for essential commodities and products under the GST regime;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the tax bases proposed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to Ministry of Finance for medicinal, educational and food and hygiene products;
- (c) whether Government has made any efforts to bring essential goods and commodities under lowest tax base structure of 5 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this?

Research and Development of generic drugs

- *219. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total money spent on the Research and Development of generic drugs in the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to ensure the quality of generic drugs; and
- (c) the details of the instances of branded drugs failing the quality test and being proven ineffective or fake?

Strengthening the Medical Establishment Act

*220. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government plans to regulate the role of private sector in healthcare in India by strengthening the Medical Establishment Act for private hospitals to ensure quality care and affordable healthcare?

Homoeopathy hospitals in India

- *221. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has any plan to promote Homoeoathy hospitals in India;
 and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Combating TB in children

- *222. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India has reported the highest number of childhood tuberculosis cases in the World for the last three consecutive years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the different Government schemes which have been undertaken during the last three years to eradicate tuberculosis among the children of the country; and
- (d) action/proposal of Government to combat the situation along with timelines?

Introduction of "Adopt a Heritage" scheme

- *223. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in order to develop heritage sites and monuments and make them tourist friendly, Government has initiated the scheme "Adopt a Heritage";
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the monuments which are proposed to be covered or have been covered under this scheme in the current year; and
- (d) the steps being taken to provide basic amenities at tourist places to attract tourist footfall, both domestic and foreign?

High GST on Hybrid cars

- *224. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that the post GST taxation

affects the Hybrid segment of cars adversely with 43 per cent tax plus 15 per cent cess on tax;

- (b) if so, the reasons for high taxation to a greener segment of cars with high fuel efficiency; and
- (c) whether Government will have a relook in Hybrid car taxation when it proposes to make changes to GST rates?

Policy for newly established AIIMS

- *225. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of AIIMS or AIIMS-like hospitals which have been established in different States of the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government is planning to frame any policy to further enhance the facilities of these hospitals;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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