

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, August 7, 2018/Shravana 16, 1940 (Saka)*

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**(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 — 160**

#### **Establishment of Central Research Institute of Yoga in Odisha**

2241. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA:  
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA  
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
had sanctioned establishment of a Central  
Research Institute of Yoga and  
Naturopathy under Central Council for  
Research in Yoga and Naturopathy  
(CCRYN) with 100 bedded hospital near  
Bhubaneswar in Odisha in 2010;

(b) the total cost of the project and the  
amount that has been released so far by  
Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the  
project is yet to be taken up although the  
State Government has allocated the  
required land long ago; and

(d) the reasons for the delay and  
whether there is any proposal to shift the  
project to any other State?

#### **Misleading advertisements regarding herbal medicines**

2242. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:  
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA  
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA  
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to  
state:

(a) the number of complaints received  
against misleading advertisements/claims  
made in the electronic/print media regarding  
herbal medicines/products the details  
thereof, of the last three years;

(b) whether Government has also  
received complaints regarding sale of these  
herbal medicines/products in the market  
without any certified clinical tests and  
incidents of death of people after using these  
medicines/products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with  
the steps taken by Government to check  
the misleading advertisements/claims and  
the success achieved as a result thereof?

**New AYUSH colleges in Jammu and Kashmir**

2243. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new colleges of Ayurveda medicine, Unani medicine and Homoeopathy which are currently functioning, State-wise, including Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the State of infrastructure available to these institutions; and

(c) whether there is any plan to open new Ayurveda and Unani medicine and Homoeopathy colleges in Jammu and Kashmir; the details thereof, district-wise?

**Ayurveda colleges in Madhya Pradesh**

†2244. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would introduce any scheme for construction of new buildings for AYUSH dispensaries;

(b) whether Government would declare Ayurveda colleges in Madhya Pradesh as centres of excellence and provide them with financial aid so as to enhance quality of education in them; and

(c) whether Government proposes to open any centre in Madhya Pradesh in order to encourage research in Ayurveda?

**Misuse of Brand name AYUSH**

2245. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA

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

(a) whether Government is aware that name of a particular brand of ayurvedic products resembles the popular name of the Ministry AYUSH;

(b) if so, whether it does not amounts to giving impression that these products are from the Ministry;

(c) if so, why no action is being taken against this; and

(d) the laws that such a practice circumvents?

**Violation of Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950**

2246. SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provisions of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 has been violated while allotting names to companies etc.; and

(b) if so, how many such instances have come to the notice of Government and what action has been taken against the authorities for contravention of provision of law?

**Check on piled-up criminal cases for minor offences**

2247. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blind application of provisions of Companies Act by officers has led to a massive pile-up of cases, which could have been dealt with penalties for minor offences; and

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(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with minor offenders to check pile-up of criminal cases for minor offences, the details thereof?

#### **Decriminalisation of provisions of Companies Act**

2248. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to decriminalise a large part of the Companies Act in an attempt to let minor offenders move on with a monetary penalty;

(b) whether Government has constituted a Committee to identify areas where decriminalisation of provisions of Companies Act can be undertaken; and

(c) the details of the process of decriminalisation of provisions of Companies Act and the time-frame for incorporation in the Act?

#### **Spending under CSR**

2249. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made it mandatory for all PSUs and contractors to regularly pay a certain percentage of their budget for Corporate Social Responsibility dues;

(b) if so, the present percentage required;

(c) whether Government has a system to annually assess their performance;

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take against the defaulters; and

(e) if not, the benefit accruing to Government by making such a rule?

#### **Flouting of corporate governance norms in banking sector**

2250. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of recent issues of allegedly flouting corporate governance norms in the banking sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures taken or proposed to strengthen corporate governance standards and improve transparency in the banking sector?

#### **Check on corporate frauds**

2551. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/is taking steps to check corporate frauds including MNCs across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the investigation undertaken by Government during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has levied penalty after such investigation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Comparative study of ease of company registration**

2252. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the impact of company registration procedure recently introduced by Government; and

(b) whether Government has undertaken any comparative study of ease

of company registration in the country and other developing countries and in case, the country is lagging, the reasons therefor?

#### **Effective implementation of CSR**

2253. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies of both public and private sectors have mandatorily spent certain percentage of their profits on welfare development activities as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) if so, the details of the amount utilised and major activities/programmes undertaken by various public sector and private sector companies during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Goa;

(c) whether Government has laid emphasis on the effective implementation of CSR and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has constituted any Committee/or Authority to ensure proper use of CSR funds and to monitor the activities therein?

#### **Amendments in Companies Act**

2254. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether amendments to the relevant rules under the Companies Act, 2013 have been made subsequent to the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the amendments shall be made?

#### **CSR funding by companies in Assam**

2255. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of registered companies in Assam and the companies that registered since 2014;

(b) how many of them are declared as dormant and how many of them are filing their Statutory returns regularly; and

(c) the contributions of those companies in CSR funding and the details of their utilisation during the last three years?

#### **Companies undergone prosecution**

2256. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of companies undergone prosecution in India for the last three years; and

(b) the details of companies and board of directors from Kerala which/who have undergone prosecution in the last three years?

#### **Deregistration of companies having zero turn over**

2257. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to deregister/delicense those companies which have zero turn over for the last two years;

(b) whether any such action has been taken by Government in this regard during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details of such companies which lost their licenses or lost their registration during the past three years?

**Long-term plan for conservation of protected monuments**

2258. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes conservation of monuments as per whims and fancies of the officers and not based upon any long-term plan;

(b) if not, in how many cases comprehensive conservation plan for conservation and development has been prepared;

(c) whether in the name of conservation, ASI is undertaking wholesale restoration amounting to reconstruction, sacrificing antiquarian value of the monuments; and

(d) what is the mechanism to stop unwarranted restoration/reconstruction of ancient monuments?

**Scholarship/financial assistance to artists**

2259. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of scholarship/financial assistance being provided to artists under various assistance schemes to performing artists, old and poor erstwhile artists, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on the scheme along with the number of persons benefited under the scheme during each of the last three years; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government to avoid criticism of neglect and non-payment of assistance to the deserving destitute and old artists suffering for a livelihood?

**Trained youngsters as tourist guides**

2260. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to train youngsters as tourist guides to help generate employment and also to enhance the interest of people in archaeological sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to rope in those staff who can contribute 12-15 hours each month as volunteers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Development of tourism circuits**

†2261. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the plan to develop tourism circuits based on life and journey routes of Sri Ram, Krishna and Gautam Buddha and the extent of works executed so far; and

(b) the number of people who will get employment through these schemes?

**Preservation of public record in various offices located in NE States**

2262. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any

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steps for preservation and management of public records of various offices/ departments located in North Eastern States of India, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is any plan to set up a record Centre of National Archives of India in the region; and

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

#### **Review of institutional audit of CCRT**

2263. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total budget for Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) for the year 2018-19;

(b) the details pertaining to total number of Staff, number of offices and activities or research projects undertaken and their outcome as well as other relevant aspects;

(c) whether Government has at any point of time undertaken a review or institutional audit of CCRT, if so, when, what has been the major observations and recommendations that emerged out of such a review, if any; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Identification of new religious and historical places in Himachal Pradesh**

2264. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any National Policy for promotion and

development of country's historic and religious heritage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified new historical and religious places in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years and current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, site-wise?

#### **Maintenance and repair of Archaeological sites in Uttar Pradesh**

2265. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Archaeological sites in Uttar Pradesh require major repairs and maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds sanctioned, released and utilised for maintenance of Archaeological sites in the country; State-wise, specially in Uttar Pradesh during the last one year?

#### **Public service facilities at Humayun's Tomb**

2266. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Delhi Municipal Committee (SDMC) applied to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for permission to provide and cater to lakhs of tourists to Humayun's Tomb in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that ASI has refused permission to South Delhi Municipal Committee to build minimum public service facilities in adjacent areas of Nizamuddin East, etc. in recent times;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ASI has refused meetings with SDMC to sort out such issues; and

(d) the steps proposed by ASI to either provide all modern amenities or permit SDMC to do so immediately?

**Loan before 2014 turned into NPAs**

†2267. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks are financially in weak position owing to NPA accounts;

(b) the number of NPA accounts out of these NPA accounts of Banks for which loans were sanctioned before 2014 and the quantum of that loan as on date; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Dues of corporate houses under NPAs**

†2268. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of corporate houses whose dues under NPAs are over Rupees one thousand crores;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the number of corporate houses against which action is being taken; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Farm loan written off by PSBs**

2269. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans written off by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) since March, 2014 till date, PSB-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether pace of writing off the loans by PSBs has increased during current Government;

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

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of farm loan under KCC written off out of the above since March 2014 till 31st July, 2018, PSB-wise and year-wise?

**Reversion of paramilitary personnel from NPS to Old Pension Scheme**

2270. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reverted/decided to revert hundreds of paramilitary personnel to Old Pension Scheme from NPS whose posts were advertised/exams conducted before 1st January 2004 but they joined in or after 2004, as per the directions of Hon'ble High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria adopted therefor;

(c) whether Government would identify and revert such officials of other Ministries/departments of Central Government

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presently covered under NPS to Old Pension Scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Chinese bank in India**

2271. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:  
SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH  
DHINDSA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed China to set up its bank in India;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of the agreement?

#### **Irregularities/frauds in Mudra Scheme**

2272. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irregularities/frauds reported in Mudra Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of irregularities/frauds reported in Mudra Scheme in UP during the last three years till date, district-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware of massive frauds under Mudra Scheme in Lakhimpur Kheri district, UP;

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

(e) the details of inquiries initiated and responsibilities fixed in this regard till date?

#### **Increase of fitment factor under 7th CPC**

2273. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to increase fitment factor from 2.57 to 3.68 under 7th CPC to all pay levels, as demanded by employees associations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be announced; and

(c) if not, the reasons for betrayal from assurances given by Home Minister and Railway Minister etc. to employees associations in 2016?

#### **Farm loans on fake documents by businessmen**

2274. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge loan scam have been reported whereby some businessmen have secured farm loans of ₹ 5,400/- crores on fake documents against the names of farmers;



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

(c) whether Government has enquired into the alleged frauds and has fixed responsibilities in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the FIRs filed against bank officials and businessmen; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Stopping ponzi schemes**

†2275. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contrary to the Reserve Bank's guidelines the chitfund companies/promoters are offering more dividends to the people on their investment through different tempting schemes like deposit schemes, ponzi schemes, collective investment schemes, multilayer marketing schemes etc. and illegally collect money from them and at the time of paying dividend they disappear with public money;

(b) the number of such companies against whom action has been taken during the last one decade which have collected people's money and committed forgery; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to stop such people-tempting schemes?

#### **Losses in Banks**

2276. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nationalised and Commercial Banks including State Bank of India have been incurring huge amount of loss due to different reasons including NPAs and incidents of frauds;

(b) if so, the amount of loss, Bank-wise, till date;

(c) the amount of losses incurred due to NPAs and fraudulent activities, separately; and

(d) the steps Government has taken so far?

#### **Tax evasion through black marketing**

2277. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of tax evasion through black marketing and fixing minimum price of import have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year after the implementation of the GST;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to the above corrupt practice, the monthly tax collection has declined to a great extent;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government against such tax evaders and the outcome of such action of Government?

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**Target of agricultural credit**

2278. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a practice to fix target for agriculture credit for each financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the target of agricultural credit for the year 2018-19 both for Kharif and Rabi seasons, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has fixed any time bound deadline for the distribution of agricultural credit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of number of beneficiaries of agricultural credit during the year 2017-18 along with the total amount, State-wise?

**Reducing printing of ₹ 2000 currency notes**

2279. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the currency notes of ₹ 2000/- denomination has lead to facilitate holders of black money;

(b) if so, whether Government has given a serious thought to this issue; and

(c) whether Government would consider reducing printing of ₹ 2000/- currency note and increase currency notes of lower denomination in order to foil the holders of black money?

**Unsatisfactory declarations under PMGKY**

2280. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of launching of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY);

(b) whether it is a fact that declarations under PMGKY have not been found to be satisfactory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the reasons and steps proposed by Government to rectify the situation?

**Foothold in payment and loans segment by foreign companies**

2281. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign companies are gaining a foothold in the payment and loans segment in India through Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) which are allowed 100 per cent foreign ownership which could lead to easier access to financial data of crores of Indians; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**Short-term loans to farmers**

2282. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to provide short-term loans to farmers on subsidised interest rates;

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

(c) whether NABARD has been mandated to refinance short term agricultural loans to farmers;

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

(e) whether Government is considering increasing the extent of refinance by NABARD, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Loss in share to AP account of census data**

2283. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to taking into account 2011 census for distribution of share to States as recommended by fifteenth Finance Commission, State of Andhra Pradesh is losing ₹ 24,340 due to taking into account 2011 census and ₹ 16,000 crores if Government brings in any change on the revenue deficit count;

(b) if so, why Government is resorting to such things which are detrimental to States like AP;

(c) whether Government will recommend to the concerned authority to change the Terms of Reference of fifteenth Finance Commission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revenue received from GST**

†2284. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of revenue received by Government after adjusting already outstanding credit after completion of one

year of implementation of Goods and Services Tax;

(b) whether the revenue received is as per the expectation of Government; and

(c) the amount refunded to the exporters during special mission and the amount of outstanding claim?

#### **Panels to control NPAs**

2285. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the NPAs as on May, 2014 and on yearly basis since 2014 till date;

(b) whether Government has been taking steps to reduce these NPAs, if so the details of the steps with the date of enforcement and outcome of these steps; and

(c) the details of the various panels that have been formed to control NPAs with the outcome along with the expenses incurred for running particular panel, panel/date-wise?

#### **Raising capital by PSBs**

2286. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first quarter results may not be very encouraging despite heavy cleaning up of books as the dust has not settled on the Non Performing Assets front;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of 21 Public Sector banks, 13 have already taken the approval of their boards or shareholders for raising capital through the equity market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Action on those converting black money into white during demonetization**

†2287. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not taken any action against those who were apprehended while converting black money into white during demonetization drive;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the action taken by Government against the banks and their officials which came under scanner during demonetization drive?

**Provision for minimum taxation on medicines**

2288. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of medicines have come down after the implementation of Goods and Services Tax and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to provide minimum taxation for medicines in future, if so, the time by which the said dispensation is likely to be implemented?

**Recovery of public money/ NPAs**

2289. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of NPAs of the Nationalised Banks have reached the ever highest mark in the last three years;

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

(c) what measures are adopted to recover the public money;

(d) how much public money has been recovered in the last three years; and

(e) the details thereof, bank-wise?

**Increase in NPAs of PSBs and Private banks**

2290. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ascertained that Non Performing Assets (NPAs) of Public and Private Sector Banks were steadily increasing for the last three years;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the corrective measures taken or being taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government/RBI has fixed the responsibility of officials of such Public Sector Banks over huge NPAs;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the authority responsible or accountable for NPAs of private banks; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by Government or RBI to keep a strict vigil on NPAs or Bad loans of the banks?

**Loan waiver to farmers**

2291. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who have committed suicides during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has extended loan waiver to farmers in the country;

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount of loan waiver, State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited by loan waiver in the country?

**NPAs due to stalled infrastructure projects**

2292. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount and percentage of Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPAs) in Banks due to delayed or stalled infrastructure projects; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to expedite the delayed projects?

**Action against 12 accounts holders which constitute substantial proportion to NPAs**

2293. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete steps against 12 accounts which owe more than ₹ 5,000 crore and constitute substantial proportion to NPAs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent those 12 account holders from fleeing the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**PM Suraksha Bima Yojana**

2294. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that PM Suraksha Bima Yojana, which was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister is not

attracting the people in the desired manner due to lack of awareness;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no proper advertisement and supervision on the implementation of the programme, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the awareness among the people to attract towards the scheme?

**Non Performing Assets (NPAs)**

2295. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount of NPAs by all Public Sector Banks for the Financial Years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, bank-wise and names of the companies having NPAs of more than ₹ 100 crore;

(b) the amount of write off/ bad debt by all Public Sector Banks for the Financial Years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 bank-wise; and

(c) the list of corporate defaulters during the Financial Years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18?

**Chance for settlement to NPA holders**

2296. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to give a chance for one time settlement or monthly payment system to NPA holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with particular reference to SBI;

(c) whether the banks are being told to coordinate with loan defaulters especially which are willing to pay them with a little bit concession; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the list of nodal officers being deputed to handle the NPA issue of banks?

(c) whether overseas banks do not share information on their tax residents with authorities in other countries?

#### **Lease out/ sale of Ashok Hotel**

2297. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management is working on a proposal from NITI Aayog to lease out its flagship Ashok Hotel to pave way for the sale of the property at the end of the agreement period;

(b) whether the sale of the iconic property is located at a stone's throw from the PM's official residence;

(c) whether security concerns are being addressed as in the case of the adjacent Samrat Hotel which is not fully operational for long; and

(d) whether to mop up funds under disinvestment target, Government hotel properties at Patna, Ranchi and Puducherry are being hived off?

#### **Harassment of NRIs by IT and ED people**

2298. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the past years many NRIs have either been summoned or served notices by the Income Tax department and the Enforcement Directorate to explain assets and earnings for certain years;

(b) whether to escape this harassment by IT or ED people, NRIs are changing their addresses in their passports to their current addresses in countries where they reside thereby establishing their tax residency status abroad; and

#### **Corruption of large sums in banks**

2299. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of corruption of large sums in banks are surfacing every now and then;

(b) if so, the number of cases that have come to the notice of Government during the last one year and the current financial year, bank-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the involvement of senior managers and officials have been established in these corruption cases;

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

(e) the action taken by Government in each case and also pro-active measures taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that such corrupt practices by officers of banks do not happen in future?

#### **Disbursal of loans to weaker sections**

2300. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government took stock of loans given by the banks to the weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked banks to provide details of loans disbursed in financial year 2018 to SC/ST people under various Government schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of cash in ATM's**

2301. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI has issued more currency in the post demonetisation period and still the ATM's in the country are running out of cash at many places in the country, especially in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the amount of currency put into circulation by RBI as on 31st March, 2018; and

(c) the action being taken by RBI to penalise banks, which do not have cash in their ATM's putting the public into difficulty?

#### **Audit of commercial banks**

2302. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by RBI concerning audit of commercial banks including their foreign branches;

(b) how many times the audit of Punjab National Bank (PNB) and overseas branches of all Indian commercial banks were carried out since 2011 to 2018 together with the details of irregularities, lapses and fraudulent transactions detected by the auditors in their audit;

(c) what are the guidelines regarding issue of Letter of Undertaking (LoU); and

(d) the details of complaints received by RBI against Commercial banks during the last three years together with action taken on each complaint?

#### **Recapitalisation to banking industry for financial reforms**

2303. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector banks are in consistent loss;

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

(c) the proposal of Government on recapitalisation to banking industry for financial reforms therein; and

(d) the present status and progress of moratorium process to PSBs thereof?

#### **Climate Change Finance Unit**

2304. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the Climate Change Finance Unit;

(b) the programmes implemented and steps taken by the Climate Change Finance Unit so far; and

(c) the programmes that the Climate Change Finance Unit will implement in the next year?

#### **Taxability of bodies getting one time contribution from Government**

2305. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:  
SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act or Statutory bodies at present where Government has made a one time contribution to their corpus;

(b) the purpose of doing so;

(c) whether interest earned on the corpus fund of the said bodies is presently being added as income for determining their tax liability;

(d) the details of view point of Government on the taxability or otherwise of interest earned on their corpus fund by such bodies; and

(e) the details of directions/guidelines of Government in this regard?

#### **Capital infusion in PSBs**

2306. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approved capital infusion to some of the nationalised banks to meet the regulatory capital requirement and to avert possible default in bond repayment;

(b) if so, the amount approved for each bank and the details thereof;

(c) the position of nationalised banks to service Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds from their own earnings;

(d) whether the public sector banks are also planning to tap the markets to shore up their capital base for business growth and to meet risk norms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Augmentation of sharing pattern under SDRF**

2307. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will augment the provisions under SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund) appropriately to the

sharing pattern of 90:10 by making provision in the 1st supplementary budget of 2018-19; and

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

#### **Appointment of Chartered Accountants**

2308. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is appointing Chartered Accountants to various Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in the country to do Statutory/Concurrent/Stock Audit, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to appoint auditor for every bank branch in the country;

(c) the list of bank branches where no Statutory/Concurrent/Stock Audit was performed during the last two years; and

(d) whether such CAs have responsibility to ensure that no bank loans be given in violations of rules and to expose such an attempt before the loan is sanctioned or given, if so, the details thereof?

#### **NPA's of PSBs**

2309. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that NPA's of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have become a matter of very serious concern;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether enactment of various legislations brought any relief to Public Sector Banks;



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

**NPA account of a private  
infrastructure company  
in J&K Bank**

2310. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the account of a private infrastructure development company in Jammu and Kashmir Bank is declared NPA;
- (b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount sanctioned by bank to the company in 2012-2016 and the amount the company owes to the bank?

**Caution on NPAs in Financial  
Stability Report of RBI**

2311. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) how Government looks at the RBI's recent Financial Stability Report which indicates that gross NPAs of PSBs would go up drastically this fiscal;
- (b) the increase in NPAs in real terms from the existing ₹10 lakh crores;
- (c) whether it does not mean that efforts of Government proved futile;
- (d) if so, the other steps Government has taken/proposes to take to contain NPAs in PSBs; and
- (e) what are the reasons that NPAs are stable in private and foreign banks and what lessons the Ministry/ RBI has learnt from them to contain NPAs?

**Merger and acquisition of  
companies**

2312. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given nod for the acquisition, merger and sale of certain PSUs and allied companies with Private and Public Limited Companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expected gains for Government;
- (c) the various legislative process and steps taken by Government for the smooth execution of mergers and acquisitions of companies in near future; and
- (d) the effective steps taken by Government for smooth transfer of Assets and Liabilities and Government's stand on this?

**Raising of capital by PSBs**

2313. SHRIR. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are planning to tap the markets to raise more than ₹ 50,000 crore this fiscal to shore up their capital base for business growth and meeting regulatory global risk norms;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the capital is very much required for these banks as they are saddled with Non Performing Assets of about ₹ 10 lakh crore; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Legislation to compensate customers  
for locker theft**

2314. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of theft and robbery

cases that took place in the lockers of each Public Sector Bank along with the approximate amount of loss suffered by customers during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that customers are not entitled for any compensation consequent upon thefts in bank lockers, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government proposes to enact a suitable legislation to compensate the customers who are reported to have lost their valuables on account of thefts in the bank lockers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Fraud cases in PSBs**

2315. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:  
SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fraud cases in Public Sector Banks, amounting to ₹ 1 lakh and above, that have come to the notice of Government in the last three years;

(b) the details thereof, bank-wise and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the corrective action RBI has suggested to Government on such cases, the details thereof?

#### **Proposal to employ women's SHGs as BCs**

2316. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to employ women's self-help-groups (SHGs) as banking correspondents (BCs) in villages with low transactions; and

(b) whether Government proposes incentives for the 12,000 inactive BCs due to low transactions?

#### **Low recovery rate under IBC**

2317. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loans worth ₹ 2.72 lakh crore were written off since 2014 and ₹ 29,000 crore were recovered;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government schemes are pressuring State-owned banks into lending more money without proper time to cross check and evaluate the creditor;

(c) what is the total value and number of cases referred to Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and NCLT and amount recovered case-wise;

(d) the reasons for the low recovery rate under IBC; and

(e) whether the current rate of success of IBC is satisfactory?

#### **Use of Jan Dhan account to deposit illicit income**

2318. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:  
SHRI SHWAIT MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jan Dhan accounts operational in the country;

(b) the total deposits in Jan Dhan accounts till date;

(c) the total number of such accounts which have zero balance and the details thereof;

(d) the number of Jan Dhan accounts

which were used post demonetisation to deposit illicit income and the amount deposited in such accounts; and

(e) the initiative taken by Government to bring to book those who used Jan Dhan accounts to deposit illicit income post demonetisation, and the amount so confiscated and the details thereof?

#### **Gap between CPI and WPI**

2319. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a wide gap between Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether such gap has also been seen in the prices in the organized and unorganized retail markets, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective action taken in this regard?

#### **Money spent of farm loan waivers**

2320. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all farm loan waivers financed in part or full in the last five years the details thereof, State-wise and UT-wise, and

(b) the total amount of money spent on all these waivers throughout the country by Government and details thereof?

#### **Rise in pension limit under Atal Pension Yojana**

2321. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering

to raise the pension limit under Atal Pension Yojana from the existing sum of ₹ 5,000 to ₹ 10,000;

(b) if so, from which date and the age criterion for getting the said pension; and

(c) how much pension has been doled out to the people under the scheme in West Bengal in the last two years?

#### **Issue of more Kisan Credit Cards**

2322. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to increase the number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs);

(b) if so, the number of KCCs now available for farmers in India in different States, State-wise figure; and

(c) whether there is any plan to increase the number of KCCs?

#### **Review committees by States on TB**

2323. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) since the Prime Minister's letter to Chief Ministers on TB, the number of States which have established review committees and manner in which Central Government is incentivising State Governments to establish review mechanism;

(b) the organisational structure of the national and State TB elimination boards, and how often these boards will conduct review meeting; and

(c) apart from tracking progress on SDG related indicators and the TB programme's performance, the manner in which the review will provide guidance to

improve programme implementation at all levels?

**Children from ordinary families taking MBBS studies**

†2324. CH. SUKHRAM  
SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that children from ordinary families are financially capable of undertaking MBBS studies in deemed medical colleges;

(b) the fees being charged by deemed medical colleges for MBBS courses and the percentage by which it is higher than the fees being charged by private medical colleges and Government medical colleges;

(c) the mechanism for determining fees in deemed medical colleges and whether it is being adhered to; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Adulteration in food products and milk**

†2325. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that adulteration in food products is extremely harmful for the health of the people;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that incidents of adulteration even in the milk to be given to the children are taking place;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent the adulteration in food products; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Registered manufacturers of generic drugs**

2326. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the manufacturers of generic drugs who have registered for their manufacturing in the country;

(b) whether these manufacturers are associated with Food and Drug Administration of the country; and

(c) the detailed list of the drugs manufactured by the aforesaid companies?

**Complaints of infections in ICUs**

2327. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study regarding complaints of increasing infection in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) in Government/private hospitals during the last three years, States/UT-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has issued any guidelines for resolving/taking corrective measures in respect of the above stated complaints and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has received any proposals from the States/UTs for making ICUs safer and if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Private practice by Government doctors**

†2328. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors of Government hospitals are doing private practice despite taking non-practicing allowance;

(b) if so, the number of the doctors doing private practice across Rajasthan State; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government to control it, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Business of camper bottles**

†2329. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business of supplying water through bottle and camper to shops and homes is on the rise;

(b) whether Government has initiated any action for testing the quality of such water; and

(c) if so, the number of times water supplied through bottle and camper was tested during the past three years in different district of Rajasthan and Delhi, the number of water testing labs in various districts of Rajasthan and Delhi and their location, district-wise?

**PHCs transferred under PPP model**

2330. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Health Policy (NHP), 2018;

(b) State-wise details of the healthcare infrastructure available including manpower in rural healthcare facilities;

(c) number of primary healthcare centres that have been transferred under PPP model by various State Governments; and

(d) the average increase in Out of Pocket expenditure borne by patients due to this transfer to PPP model?

**Skill centres for emergency medical relief training**

2331. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up skill centres to train medical professionals in emergency medical relief in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sanctioned or released funds for this purpose;

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

(e) whether Government has received any request from State Government of Rajasthan regarding inclusion of any area in the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken thereon?

**Revival of clinical trials**

2332. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a

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gradual revival in the number of clinical trials being done in India since it was at an all time low of 17 clinical trials approved by Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) in 2013;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the guidelines for conducting the clinical trials have been liberalised recently in favour of the pharmaceutical companies and Government lacks a water tight system for monitoring the trials in the country?

#### **Outside defecations causing chronic infections**

2333. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that about half of Indians defecate outside without using toilets and from here, children pick up parasites and chronic infections that impair the ability of their intestines to absorb nutrients;

(b) if so, the details of the number of Diarrhoea affected children admitted and treated in various hospitals of the country;

(c) whether Government has taken note that the UNICEF reports death of almost 117,000 Indian children per year from Diarrhoea;

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to curb the said alarming situation in the country; and

(e) the details thereof?

#### **Preventing incidents of violence in hospitals**

2334. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

increasing incidents of violence against doctors and hooliganism in healthcare delivery sectors;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem;

(c) whether Government intends to bring in a Central Medicare Act to declare hospitals as safe zones and provide security to doctors, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Budgetary allocation for NHPS in current fiscal year**

2335. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed National Health Protection Scheme; and

(b) whether Government plans to launch the scheme this fiscal year and details of budgetary allocation made in the current fiscal for the scheme?

#### **Overall decline in contraceptive usage**

2336. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to address the high unmet needs of family planning in India, especially for the age group of 15-24 years old;

(b) whether it is a fact that abortions are being used as proxy for contraception in India, if so, the remedial action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons for the overall reduction in modern contraceptive usage,

as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) III and IV; and

(d) whether Government plans to introduce long-term contraceptive subdermal implants, if so, the details thereof, if not the reasons therefor?

**Measures to raise public health expenditure**

2337. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per National Health Account estimates for India 2014-15, total health expenditure for India as percentage of GDP is around 3.89 per cent out of which public health expenditure is 1.13 per cent;

(b) if so, year-wise, State-wise, figures for health expenditure and public health expenditure as percentage of GDP since 2014;

(c) whether Government has an action plan to address disparity in public and private health expenditure, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has an action plan to increase public health expenditure upto 2.5 per cent till 2025, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Recognition for acupuncture**

2338. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the acupuncture in treatment of several common ailments is already approved by WHO, and moreover as a drugless therapy, it is most cost effective, eco-friendly and without any side effects; and

(b) if so, the reason for not giving recognition to such a beneficial and cost effective therapy which may be used as a boon for Government as well as common people?

**Menstrual Hygiene Scheme in rural India**

2339. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls in rural India sighting menstruation as the cause of dropping out of school and the details thereof;

(b) the number of girls in rural India who do not go to school during their periods for lack of clean and affordable protection and the details thereof;

(c) the number of women who cannot afford sanitary napkins and the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise usage of funds utilised under the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme of the National Health Mission, out of the total monetary outlay, and the details thereof?

**Special provision for treatment of BPL/AAY patients in hospitals**

2340. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private hospitals are charging extra from poor people pertaining to Below Poverty Line (BPL)/Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY); and

(b) whether Government is thinking/ planning to make special provisions for easy treatment on low charges in private

institutes for poor people belonging to BPL/AAY category in India?

**Antenatal care for pregnant women**

2341. 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 large number of pregnant women are not getting sufficient antenatal care in India;

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

(c) the steps that Government is taking to cover all the pregnant women under antenatal care to provide them all the care as per the recommendations of WHO?

**New Medical colleges in Jammu and Kashmir**

2342. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Central Government for the construction of 5 New Medical colleges across Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) in Jammu and Kashmir whether NHM employees are getting same salary equivalent to those of other neighbouring States as prescribed by Government; and

(c) whether there is any policy to permanently absorb them as most of the employees are working for 5-10 years and many have crossed the age limit to get Government job?

**Slow work for new AIIMS**

2343. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on all new AIIMS, announced by Government has been moving slowly, and a few are yet to receive cabinet approval;

(b) whether less than 5 per cent of the sanctioned funds for all new AIIMS, has been released so far;

(c) the reasons for slow progress of work, in issues related to Public health;

(d) whether 60 per cent of the faculty positions in six working AIIMS are lying vacant; and

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

**Reimbursement for CGHS beneficiaries for treatment in non-empanelled hospitals**

2344. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court while disposing off Writ Petition (Civil) No. 694 of 2015 has ordered that reimbursement cannot be denied to CGHS beneficiaries even if they received treatment in a hospital not empanelled under the plan;

(b) if so, whether CGHS beneficiaries can take treatment in any hospital not empanelled under CGHS in view of the recent Supreme Court Judgement;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and



(d) the details of medical claims pending in CGHS Delhi South Zone, R. K. Puram, Sector-8 Dispensary for more than three years and by which date the said claims will be settled?

#### **Imposing ban on tobacco**

†2345. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers consumption of tobacco harmful for life;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to impose a complete ban on the consumption of tobacco in the country; and

(c) if so, by when a ban is likely to be imposed thereon, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Toxicants in cold drinks**

†2346. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of toxicants in the cold drinks of various companies have been found to be more than prescribed limits in the investigation of these beverages;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government against the offending companies;

(c) whether Government has provided this information of toxicants in cold drinks of these companies to the citizens so that they avoid using such beverages; and

(d) the steps taken to save the public from the harms that may accrue to them by the usage of the said beverages?

#### **Rise of Non-communicable diseases**

2347. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint study conducted recently by Indian Council of Medical Research and a few other agencies concluded that six out of ten Indians succumb to NCDs like heart ailments, diabetes, tuberculosis, etc. in comparison to one in three in 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for largest share of NCDs in Kerala, Goa and Tamil Nadu despite their being relatively prosperous States; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to tackle this problem?

#### **Poor quality of drugs**

†2348. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the samples of 34 medicines used in viral, cold and diabetes have been found to have failed in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against these pharmaceutical companies; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to keep a check on the production and quality of pharmaceutical companies?

#### **Augmentation of supply of Oxytocin**

2349. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken

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by Government to augment the supply of Oxytocin especially for pregnant women in view of the recent restrictions imposed on its manufacture and sale by the private sector;

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

**PM's remarks on nexus between doctors and pharma companies**

2350. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government agrees with the remarks made by the Hon'ble PM at Central Hall, Westminster, London on the nexus between Indian doctors and pharmaceutical companies;
- (b) if so, whether there is any evidence/data supporting the PM's remarks, if so, details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the dais on which the PM was speaking in London had a banner of a pharmaceutical company in the background and the event was being sponsored by it?

**MBBS education system**

2351. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that presently, the MBBS education system in the country dilutes the merit of student from middle and lower income group over the fees charged by the private institutions;
- (b) if so, whether Government has made any study on the students who scored higher marks but were not registered with admission process during the last three years therein; and

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

**Details of funds given for medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh**

2352. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) details of money, Government has given for various medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh to increase number of PG Medical seats during last two years, year-wise and college-wise;
- (b) whether Government has recently written to AP expressing its inability to release further funds in view of non-submission of UCs by State Government;
- (c) if so, details thereof;
- (d) reasons for Government stopping funds and penalizing students for wrongdoings of State Government; and
- (e) details sought by Government like enhancement of PG medical seats, etc., from AP and whether Government shall adopt other methods to get UCs from State by simultaneously releasing funds?

**Joining medical college without qualifying NEET exam**

2353. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many students have joined private medical colleges despite not having qualifying NEET exam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action would be taken against those institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Trace and track mechanism for top 300 drug brands**

2354. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal regarding introduction of trace and track mechanism for top 300 drug brands that are sold in India to spot out counterfeit drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Global deadline for TB eradication**

2355. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the global deadline set by World Health Organisation (WHO) to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB);

(b) the number of TB related deaths in the country in the last three years and how it compares with the World average;

(c) the measures taken in the National Strategic Plan to achieve the target of immunisation in the country, with more holistic approach, the details thereof; and

(d) by when TB is expected to be completely eradicated in the country?

**Setting up new AIIMS**

2356. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many new AIIMS are being set up by Government;

(b) the details of each AIIMS, the year announced and the date of completion;

(c) the total funds that have been allocated for these AIIMS;

(d) how much of approved outlay for these AIIMS have been released; and

(e) the reasons for delay in releasing the funds for these AIIMS and the impact of these delays in the timely completion of these institutions?

**Change in essential qualification for physiotherapist's recruitment**

2357. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the essential qualification for recruitment of physiotherapists have been changed from diploma to Bachelor degree in recent times;

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

(c) whether the service conditions and financial emoluments have also been changed subsequently; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Synthetic drugs**

2358. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturing of synthetic drugs is increasing not only in Hyderabad and Mumbai but throughout India;

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

(c) whether it could happen without the knowledge of drug authorities; and

(d) if so, what effective steps Government is taking to identify all illegal drug units and cancel their licenses?

**Adolescent friendly health services**

2359. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans for expansion of adolescent friendly health services to ensure universal health coverage;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the specific services offered by the newly announced Health and Wellness Centres in adolescent health and well-being; and

(d) the State-wise data of functioning Health and Wellness Centres in the country?

**Low priced Government medicine stores in Private hospitals**

†2360. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines are provided by Government at all Government hospitals, general hospitals, primary health centres and sub health centres in the country, however when patients are referred for treatment to higher category of private charitable hospitals, there is no arrangements for providing medicines by Government nor is there Government medicines store for the patients and patients are not benefited due to lack of medicine;

(b) whether there is any system in place towards setting up Government medicine store by Central Government and State Governments at such private hospitals; and

(c) the factual position and details thereof?

**Raising funds to implement NHPS**

2361. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any roadmap or comprehensive plan to generate funds for proper implementation of the Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Yojana or National Health Protection Scheme for providing ₹ 5 lakh insurance cover per year to 10 crore families announced during the Budget FY 2018-19; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government will be able to implement the said scheme properly without there being any allocation in this respect in the Budget FY 2018-19?

**Multi drug resistant TB population in India**

2362. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has a third of world's multi-drug-resistant TB population;

(b) whether after a gap of forty long years, a drug for treatment of MDR TB under the brand-name Bedaquiline was made available in India to selective patients under a conditional access scheme;

(c) whether the US Drug maker Johnson & Johnson's newly introduced MDR TB drug sold by its subsidiary Jansen is trying to enter Indian market; and

(d) whether the Nobel Laureate Sir John Walker (the 1997 Nobel winner in Chemistry) has warned that the new Jansen drug might not be without side effects like cardio-vascular risks?

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**Prevention of cervical and breast cancer**

†2363. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cervical cancer and breast cancer are proving deadly for women in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating upon taking any concrete step so as to get rid of them; and

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

**PHCs and CHCs in Tamil Nadu**

2364. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any target for setting up Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centre (PHC) and Community Health Centre (CHC) in the State of Tamil Nadu under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether change in staffing pattern of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres is also proposed under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**New medical colleges**

2365. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information about the new medical

colleges introduced in India in last three years; and

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

**Quality doctors for rural areas**

2366. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to ensure better availability of high quality doctors in rural and remote areas of the country.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Centralised health record for citizens**

2367. DR. L.HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to create centralised health record for all citizens of the country in order to streamline the health information and facilitate effective management of the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has set any time-frame to implement the said programme;

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has earmarked any fund for the implementation of the programme; and

(f) if so, the details of the funds allocated and spent till date?

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**Utilisation of illegally occupied lands  
by Wakf properties**

2368. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large parts of the Wakf Board's immovable properties have been illegally transferred, sold or leased or encroached in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to free these illegally occupied lands for the utilisation of Wakf properties in the country?

**Control of Government on Waqf  
Board land**

2369. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of registered land belonging to Waqf Boards in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the nature of control by Government over Waqf Board's lands especially in cases of complaints against the funds of Boards?

**Beneficiaries from facilities  
constructed under PMJVK**

2370. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and criteria for the selection of the area to be covered under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJVK) scheme;

(b) the details regarding the beneficiaries from the schools/colleges, health centres, hostels, drinking water facilities, polytechnics, ITIs, market sheds for artisans-farmers, sadbhav mandaps, job-oriented skill development centres, hunar hubs, constructed under PMJVK since the opening till date; and

(c) whether the beneficiaries from these facilities centres provided under PMJVK is only for minorities?

**Monitoring body to track renewable  
energy projects**

2371. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is on track to exceed the target of 100 Giga-watt of solar energy by 2022;

(b) the details of solar-power capacity installed and total area of land allocated for these projects, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any monitoring body which is tracking the development of these upcoming and commissioned renewable energy projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Solar energy potential in the country**

†2372. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present assessment of solar energy potential in the country;

(b) the estimated power in megawatt likely to be produced from the solar energy; and

(c) the electricity in megawatt generated from the solar energy and bio-gas plants in the last four years?

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**Waste to energy projects in Mumbai & NCR**

2373. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether waste to energy projects are being run in some parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up waste to energy projects in Mumbai and National Capital where landfills are overflowing with garbage and waste; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Amount spent under CSR**

†2374. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of money spent by different companies under the Ministry under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during last three years;
- (b) the details of amount spent during these years, State-wise, district-wise and item-wise;
- (c) the number of applications received during last three years for issuing CSR and norms for considering those applications;
- (d) the fund released for Chhattisgarh under CSR during last three years; and
- (e) the details thereof?

**Shortage of coal stocks at power plants**

2375. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority's report reflects the number of power stations facing critical coal stock coming down from 30 on April 1, 2018 to 13 on July 2, 2018 as Coal India Limited (CIL) and the Railways jointly worked to ramp up additional supplies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that CIL's supplies to power plants also rose over 15 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rise in power generation**

2376. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that power output rises amid tiff over coal stock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that overall, thermal generation grew 5.6 per cent the first quarter of the current fiscal with India's largest generator National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) clocking a 7.5 per cent rise in output; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Floods in West Bengal**

2377. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is releasing water without consulting the State of West

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Bengal, resulting in floods in the State in the last two years;

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

(c) the amount of water released in the last three years?

**Power equipment manufacturing unit at Mannavaram**

2378. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power equipment manufacturing unit established at Mannavaram, Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that NTPC wants to exit from JV with BHEL from this project; and

(d) what are the investments promised and made in the plant by State and Central Government?

**Assessment of work performance under DDUGJY in Chhattisgarh**

†2379. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any assessment of work performance under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in all the districts of Chhattisgarh including Balrampur-Ramanujan district;

(b) if so, the details and the conclusions thereof and the number of villages electrified

and that remained unelectrified during the last three years in the State;

(c) whether steps have been taken to electrify the remaining villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Delayed subsidy disbursal to States under UDAY scheme**

2380. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tariff hikes approved in many States remained lower than hikes stipulated in the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) MoUs, signed by these States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delayed or lower subsidy disbursal leads to working capital shortage for discoms which in turn makes it difficult to implement infrastructural reforms to reduce losses;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the States have released less than 96 per cent of ₹ 57,680 crore subsidy booked by discoms in financial year 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Blending scheme for power plants**

2381. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) plans to use blending scheme for plants where fuel costs are high;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the electricity distribution companies are

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expected to gain from the said scheme and any savings will be shared equally discoms and developers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are also no inter State transmission system charges for electricity generated through renewable sources making it more attractive for discoms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Additional financial assistance to Jharkhand**

2382. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has sought additional financial assistance from Government for increasing power generation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to sanction the funds required for the said purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Energy efficiency in the area of air conditioning**

2383. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has asked the air-conditioner manufacturers to regulate default setting of the units they make in order to promote energy efficiency in the area of air-conditioning;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been carried out by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the suggestions and findings of this study?

#### **Over utilisation of thermal power stations**

2384. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thermal power stations operated beyond their targets to bridge supply gap left by hydel units which saw generation dropping to 88 per cent of estimates as reservoirs ran low;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some power plants ran at 103 per cent of their scheduled production target in April-May period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Status of performance under DDUGJY in Jammu and Kashmir**

2385. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of the work/ programme under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for the last three years, district-wise, year-wise;

(b) whether Government has any new plans/schemes for rural electrification in future in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Filling of Bhakra and Pong Dams upto FRL**

2386. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhakra and

Pong Dams are not filled up to designed Full Reservoir Level (FRL);

(b) if so, whether by use of latest technology, better planning and forecasting, dams could be filled up to FRLs; and

(c) whether Government needs to give directions to Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to carry out the study regarding deciding the maximum levels of Bhakra and Pong reservoirs?

#### **Achievement of target set for rural electrification**

2387. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved the target for rural electrification set for May, 2018;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Electrification of villages under DDUGJY**

†2388. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electrification work is being done in villages/localities of Madhya Pradesh under Saubhagya scheme; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal/policy to include Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY)?

#### **Adventure tourism in the country**

†2389. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts being made to promote adventure tourism in the country; and

(b) whether Government will consider making the visit of underground coal mines a part of adventure tourism, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revamped version of Incredible India website**

2390. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has unveiled a revamped version of its Incredible India website with an aim to pitch the country as a must visit destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the website, which has been developed is mobile ready and will provide more lucrative and personalised experience for the travellers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the new website has already started getting visitors from U.S., Russia and China; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of new tourism places in the country**

2391. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many new places are being developed by Government in the country to enhance tourism;

(b) by what time these initiatives will be completed and what are the possibilities of increase in revenue; and

(c) what are the possibilities of increasing foreign as well as Indian tourists in these new developed tourist places?

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**Heritage sites in Assam under Adopt a Heritage Scheme**

2392. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four heritages of Assam are given to private institute under the Adopt a Heritage Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the guidelines for a heritage site to fall under the said Scheme, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Kaziranga National Park is also under the Adopt a Heritage Scheme?

**Development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir**

2393. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned Grant for the tourism growth in Jammu and Kashmir State;

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

(c) how many projects have been developed and are under development in Jammu and Kashmir region; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Tourism sites of Chhattisgarh under Incredible India mission**

†2394. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has included/ is considering to include tourist sites of Chhattisgarh under Incredible India mission and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from State Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, State-wise, region-wise;

(c) whether Government has extended any support to the State Government in this regard; and

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

**Tourism projects in Andhra Pradesh**

2395. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on development of tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the places identified for this purpose;

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the State Government to this effect, the details thereof; and

(d) whether these tourism projects are being taken up solely by Government of India or on cost sharing basis, the details thereof?

**Augmenting facilities at important tourist sites in the country**

†2396. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been implemented to augment facilities at important tourist sites of the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the names of such tourist sites and the amount spent on these?

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**Tourism promotion policy for persons  
belonging to SC/ST**

2397. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any tourism promotion policy to ensure active participation of persons belonging to SC/ST;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Promotion of tourism under PPP  
model**

2398. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government involves public-private-partnership (PPP) model for the promotion of tourism in religious/medical and other important tourism places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the tourist places where the PPP model is being used to develop/promote tourism there, State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Promotion of tourism in  
Punjab**

2399. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any funds for the promotion of tourism in Punjab since March, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of funds released for Amritsar for 2018-19; and

(e) the current progress of the sanctioned projects?

**Tourist spots in Punjab**

2400. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the tourist spots in Punjab under the administrative control of Ministry of Tourism for development and upkeep to attract tourists especially foreigners; and

(b) the amount spent on each of the spots during each of the last three years?

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