

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and
Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Culture;
Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Minority Affairs;
New and Renewable Energy; Power; Tourism)

Total number of questions — 160

Ayurveda colleges in India

1441. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Ayurveda colleges set up by Government during the last three years in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of Ayurveda colleges out of them which are operational at present in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) whether reservation is given to reserved category candidates in these colleges; and

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

Training courses for Yoga teachers

1442. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to launch short term certificate courses for Yoga teachers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which this step will help to spread the benefits of Yoga throughout the world?

Centrally Sponsored Schemes in AYUSH

1443. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

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

(b) the Scheme-wise details along with the details of targets and allocations made, fund allocated, disbursed and utilised in these Schemes during the last three years,

including the present year, State-wise and UT-wise?

Denial of permission for new AYUSH colleges by States

1444. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided not to give permission to the State Governments to open any AYUSH medical college and hospital for the next two years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Telangana, there is 50 per cent less faculty in all AYUSH colleges and the posts have not been filled for the last 10 years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for its proposed plan to start new colleges in every district in the country?

Funding of Yoga and Wellness Centres

1445. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated and actual utilisation of funds for the setting up of Yoga and Wellness Centres in the last three years; and

(b) list of Yoga Centres and the number of workshops conducted, State/UT-wise till date?

AYUSH doctors in all Public Hospitals

†1446. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &

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

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to appoint the Ayurvedic, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy doctors in all Government Hospitals;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) the number of trained physicians and yoga trainers that will be required to implement this Scheme; and

(d) the details of the Scheme of Government to fulfill this need?

Future plans for AYUSH sector

1447. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is committed to expand the size of AYUSH Sector three-fold in the next five years and expected to create millions of jobs in the coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken/being taken by Government to achieve the same?

AYUSH hospitals in Odisha

1448. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up more AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in the country including Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether Government will consider to establish more hospitals in the backward areas of the country; and

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

AYUSH Schemes under implementation in the North Eastern States

1449. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the various Schemes of AYUSH under implementation in the country, particularly in the North Eastern States;

(b) whether Government has made adequate publicity for these Schemes for information of general public;

(c) what is the monitoring device available with Government to ensure proper implementation of these Schemes; and

(d) how the North Eastern States have fared in the implementation of these Schemes?

AYUSH Colleges in Madhya Pradesh

†1450. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) by when an All India Institute of Ayurveda Science would be set up in Madhya Pradesh too;

(b) by when an Institute of Naturopathy would be set up in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government would bring out a plan to upgrade Government Ayush Colleges under its National Ayush Mission?

New AYUSH Colleges

1451. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new colleges which are currently functioning and teaching Ayurvedic Medicine, Unani Medicine and Homoeopathy as well as Siddha, State-wise;

(b) the total strength of students and qualified teachers enrolled and recruited in these new institutions so far; and

(c) the state of infrastructure available in these institutions?

Uniform definition for shell Companies

1452. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will very soon come out with a definition for shell Companies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the absence of a proper and uniform definition for shell Companies under the legal framework, it is hampering investigation;

(c) whether generally shell Companies exist only on paper and are often used by fraudsters for carrying out their illegal activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Introduction of CSR award

1453. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to introduce Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) award in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) any guidelines fixed for CSR award and time-frame for extending CSR award?

CSR spending on Social Cause

1454. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has the details of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund spent for the Social Causes during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Expenditure of dividends for social work by Corporates

†1455. SHRI R. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any Scheme whereby Corporate Sector has been asked to spend two per cent of their dividends on social works; and

(b) if so, the extent to which same is being followed?

Ban on carrying forward unspent CSR funds

1456. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North-Eastern States have received the lowest Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding in the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of CSR funding received by West Bengal in the last three years; and

(d) whether Government intends to disallow Companies from carrying forward unspent CSR funds?

Indias ranking in Global Nutrition Report

*1457. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks 120 out of 130 countries in prevalence of washing (15.1 per cent) or low weight for height, according to the 2016 Global Nutrition Report, which ranks countries from lowest to highest prevalence; and

(b) if, so the details thereof?

Personal guarantees to defaulter Companies under IBC

1458. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the review panel of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has proposed to allow lenders to invoke personal guarantees to defaulter Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether stakeholders were consulted in drafting the proposal and if so, their reactions?

Easy Exit Scheme for defunct companies

1459. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the number of defunct/ inactive Companies in the country including Gujarat have risen over the years and if so, the details thereof during the last two years;

(b) whether Government has announced the 'Easy Exit Scheme' for defunct/ inactive companies to get their names struck off by the Registrar of Companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Companies thereto; and

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

Bringing shares of Companies from non-Demat to Demat-mode

1460. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to bring all shares of unlisted Companies from non-Demat mode to Demat-mode;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of existing unlisted Companies, State-wise?

Scrutiny of Private Sector Companies for implementation of CSR

1461. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is scrutinising the Private Sector Companies on the grounds of implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government previously penalised Private Sector Companies in this regard, if so, the details along with the penalty imposed thereon;

(d) whether all the Policy initiatives announced by Government are under the category of CSR activities, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Study of impacts of implementation of CSR

†1462. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any well planned study has been carried out in respect of impacts arising out of implementation of Act on Corporate Social Responsibility;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its main findings;

(c) if not, whether Government will contemplate to do such a study;

(d) whether Government has to come to know about such cases wherein Companies have not adhered to the provisions of Corporate Social Responsibility Act, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being contemplated to be taken by Government to ensure the compliance of Corporate Social Responsibility Act by the Companies?

Diversion of CSR fund

1463. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 relating to Corporate

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Social Responsibility (CSR) is being implemented and whether this is a mandatory provision;

(b) whether firms which spent atleast 2 per cent of their Net Profit through CSR actually spent these funds for the betterment of Society and did not divert this money towards non-social causes, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) goes beyond Brand strengthening to include contribution toward balance of economic, environmental and social imperatives?

Broadening the concept of CSR

1464. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to broaden the concept of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as defined in the Companies Act and whether any other amendments in law are being thought of, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total expenditure in India during the last three financial years and the Sector-wise details thereof with total number of families benefited under CSR during this period; and

(c) whether Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds can do much more for society and for the Economically Weaker Sections?

Identification of monuments of National importance in Andhra Pradesh

1465. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any monuments of National importance besides the existing ones, viz. Four Pillars in the ruined Mandapam in Jammidoddi, Inscribed Pillar and Slab in Mallesvarasvami Temple and Kiratharjuna Pillar on the Indra Killa Hills in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to preserve the aforesaid monuments; and

(e) the funds spent for the same during the last three years?

Dara Shikoh's role in Pari Mahal

1466. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dara Shikoh's picture and his endeavours regarding building of the Pari Mahal are not depicted properly in the site maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

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

Documentation of excavation work in Tamil Nadu

1467. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is undertaking documentation/ report writing work of excavation that had been undertaken in the Country, particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the documents/reports

writing done so far has been kept for the public perusal/viewing;

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

Central Advisory Board on Archaeology

1468. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reconstituted the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present composition of CABA;

(c) whether Government has been sincerely conducting the CABA meetings every year to chalk out the plans and strategies to protect and preserve the Archaeological, Cultural and Historical Monuments in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the various important suggestions and views recorded during last 5 CABA meetings with regard to the conservation, protection and preservation of archaeological monuments in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Sub-Centre of South Zone Cultural Centre in Kerala

1469. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Status of establishing the proposed sub-Centre of the South Zone Cultural Centre in Kerala;

(b) the details of allocation of funds for the proposed sub-Centre, if any; and

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for establishing the Centre?

New sites of World Heritage in the country

1470. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new sites of World Heritage are proposed in the country;

(b) the criteria formulated for the recognition of World Heritage Sites;

(c) the advantages and benefits by the recognition of World Heritage Sites; and

(d) the number of World Heritage Sites in the Country at present, State-wise?

Financial and administrative powers in CCRT

1471. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether special audit report found irregularities in appointment and recruitment, procurement and delegation of financial and administrative powers in the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of loss of revenue;

(d) the number of cases of non-payment which had come to notice, with the amount involved; and

(e) the steps taken to initiate checks and balances to avoid recurrence of such lapses in future?

Preservation of historical Sites in Himachal Pradesh

1472. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey of Sites of cultural and historical importance in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh and the aspects covered under the said survey; and

(c) whether Government has taken steps to preserve historical Sites in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and current year, if so, the details thereof, Site-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Preservation and maintenance of Historical monuments in the country

1473. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to preserve and maintain the Historical monuments in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Supreme Court of India has issued some guidelines to Government to take necessary action about safety and preservation of Historical monuments of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by Government in this regard?

Discovery of ancient Sarcophagus in Tamil Nadu

1474. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has discovered 2,300 years old Sarcophagus in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ASI

findings have established the existence of a Megalithic culture in Pallavaram in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fund for development of Jallianwala Bagh National monuments

1475. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jallianwala Bagh is a National monument as thousands of Nationalists had sacrificed their lives for the country at this place in April, 1919;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned any funds for the development of this monument for the year 2018-19; and

(c) whether Government is planning of allocating budget to organise inspirational programmes in the memory of Patriots who sacrificed their lives in Jallianwala Bagh Massacre on completing 100 years in 2019?

Protection of historical buildings from pollution

1476. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to protect the historical buildings from pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the names of the historical buildings, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard along with the names of the buildings which have been saved from pollution during the last three years?

Protection of Taj Mahal

†1477. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has
been dereliction in maintenance of the Taj
Mahal causing serious threat to the
monument;

(b) the amount spent on the protection
of Taj Mahal during the last three years;

(c) from the point of view of tourism,
the steps taken to provide amenities to the
domestic as well as foreign tourists near
Taj Mahal in order to increase the number
of tourists; and

(d) the details thereof?

**GST exemption in mat stick and
finished mat**

1478. SHRI MANAS RANJAN
BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any place
for exemption of GST on mat stick and
finished mat (Agricultural product);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would be done and
declared by Government?

**Duties and taxes levied on tobacco
products**

1479. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether different components of
E-cigarettes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery
Systems (ENDS) are subject to different
import duties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether bidis despite being taxed
under the 28 per cent GST slab, are exempt
from any cesses being levied on it; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Lateral entry of domain experts in
PSBs**

1480. SHRI NARAYAN LAL
PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of
FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any
policy for lateral entry of domain experts
in Public Sector Banks;

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

(c) whether any such appointments
have been made in the last three years in
Public Sector Banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has made any
changes in the way Public Sector Banks are
administered at the top level in view of the
recent NPAs problems?

**Violation of money laundering norms
by NBFCs**

1481. SHRI NARAYAN LAL
PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of
FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted
any study regarding violation of money
laundering norms by Non-Banking
Financial Companies (NBFCs);

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

(c) the details regarding nature of violations, if any, by NBFCs; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure better compliance by NBFCs?

Merger of few banks

1482. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating merger of few banks including Punjab National Bank; and

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

Achievement of target under PMJDY in Maharashtra

1483. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the performance of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in Maharashtra and the rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the targets fixed under the Yojana have been achieved in Maharashtra and the rest of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

Unsold Government bonds

1484. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government bonds are lying unsold in the RBI's auction process;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about ₹ 10,000 crore worth of Government securities are in unsold conditions during the fiscal 2018-19;

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

(d) the proposal of Government to raise funds for Central exchequer and fulfilment of target?

Unearthing of benami properties

†1485. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge assets have been unearthed under Benami Property Act;

(b) if so, the quantum of property confiscated till date;

(c) the names of such eminent politicians and industrialists whose properties have been confiscated and quantum thereof; and

(d) the details thereof?

Unearthing of black money

†1486. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has initiated harsh penal proceedings against black money;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of black money unearthed till date on account of such steps and the total money recovered in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

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Rate of economic growth

†1487. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of economic growth has been considerably higher than National average in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the past decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States of West Bengal and Odisha have been on the lowest rung with regard to rate of economic growth during the past decade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tax evasion post-GST regime

1488. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases of tax evasion reported post-GST regime;

(b) whether the number of entities claiming GST refunds based on fake invoices are being reported;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the concrete measures being taken to address such evasion of taxes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Surge in outflow of funds from India to Swiss Bank

1489. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Zurich based Swiss National Bank report that there is a 50 per cent rise in Swiss Bank deposits from India in 2017;

(b) if so, whether Government and RBI

have urgently asked for the details of these deposits, form of remittances and identity of the account holders; and

(c) the factors responsible for the surge in outflow of funds from India?

Banking Regulatory Powers in India

1490. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's view on RBI Governors recent statement that the Banking Regulation (BR) Act of 1949 does not provide the RBI adequate powers of intervention, direction and supersession *vis-a-vis* Public Sector Banks; and

(b) the steps Government is taking to make Banking Regulatory Powers in India Ownership Neutral?

NPAs after AQR by RBI

1491. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loans that have become NPAs;

(b) what percentage of these NPAs became NPAs after Asset Quality Review (AQR) by RBI; and

(c) the percentage of these loans that have now become NPAs after AQR disbursed before May 2014?

Share of different Sectors in NPAs

1492. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 75% of bad bank loans are those availed by corporate companies;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of NPAs of Banks and the share of corporate industry, agriculture sector, services sector and retail sector in the NPAs?

Competent legislation to curb economic offenders

1493. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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

(b) the amount of money each of them snatched from the country;

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

(d) if so, the status of such measures; and

(e) whether Government will initiate steps for a more competent legislation in this regard as the existing laws are proven insufficient to deal with such offenders?

GST on sanitary napkins

1494. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the GST rate fixed for sanitary napkins at present;

(b) the GST rate fixed for bindi, kajal and bangles at present;

(c) the Government justification of disparity between such rates;

(d) whether Government is aware of the fact that 70-80 per cent of women in the country are not using sanitary napkins due to its unaffordable cost; and

(e) whether Government has taken note of the health hazards faced by the women in the country because of unsafe sanitary methods?

Unofficial import of gold

1495. SHRI ABIR RAJAN BISWAS:

SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:

DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much unofficial import of gold has taken place after the implementation of GST and the details thereof;

(b) the initiatives that Government has taken to control the smuggling of gold, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Goods and Services Tax aids to control the unofficial import of gold, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there are any plans to set up a Gold Board, and if so, the details thereof?

Detection of tax evasion by GST investigation wing

1496. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GST investigation wing has recently detected tax evasion of over ₹ 2000 crore in just two months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one per cent of over 1.1 crore registered businesses account for as much as 80% of the total tax collected; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

Opposition to sale of IDBI to LIC

1497. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated a process for sale of stakes of IDBI Bank to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC);

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the proposal is facing a stiff resistance from various Unions/Associations/Federations, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is also facing strong opposition from policy holders of LIC in this regard; and

(e) if so, what action is proposed by Government to safeguard the interest of the policy holders so that future growth of LIC is not affected?

Fine on London based Canara Bank branch

1498. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that London based Canara Bank branch was not following the Regulations and therefore have been fined by the British Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this fine on the Bank would affect the overall assets of the Bank, if so, the steps Government is taking in this regard;

(c) whether Government has formed any Regulatory body to keep vigil on the overseas branches of Indian Banks, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of action taken against erring officials of the Bank?

Measures to control Stock Market crashes

1499. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the measures in place to control stock market's crashes because of sudden exits by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs)?

India's trade deficit

1500. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's trade deficit has increased by 42 per cent in comparison to last fiscal of 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Country's Current Account Deficit has worsened from 14 per cent in 2017 fiscal to 49 per cent in 2018;

(c) whether the import bill deficit is about 14 per cent in first quarter of 2018-19; and

(d) the proposal of Government to manage the deficit account to zero balance account?

Role of RBI in bank audit

1501. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has any responsibility for controlling the operations of banks in India; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the role of RBI in conducting audit and inspection of banks;

(c) the guidelines concerning issuance of Letter of Undertaking (LoC) and the level of officer authorised to issue LoU; and

(d) whether the issuance of LoUs by Punjab National Bank ever came to the notice of auditors and if so, the reasons for not reporting the same in their reports?

Enquiry of PNB fraud by Registrar of Companies

1502. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaint connected to

the PNB fraud was sent by PMO on 26th July, 2016 to the Registrar of Companies on 29th July, 2016;

(b) whether on enquiry from PMO after three months, the Registrar of Companies showed the status of the case as closed; and

(c) whether the Registrar of Companies followed the procedure of attending a complaint of this magnitude and that too forwarded by the PMO, if not, why the laid down procedure was ignored, the reasons therefor?

Doubtful transactions in banks during demonetisation

†1503. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any doubtful transaction has come to the notice of Government in Public Sector Banks, Private Banks, Foreign Banks, District Co-operative Banks, Urban Co-operative Banks and State Co-operative Banks of the country during demonetisation, if so, the State-wise/Union Territory-wise details thereof including Maharashtra;

(b) the action taken on the banks and account holders found involved in doubtful transactions, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to formulate any policy or rule in this regard?

Less agricultural loans to small and marginal farmers

1504. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small and

marginal farmers are receiving only 30-40% of loans meant for agriculture sector under the Priority Sector Lending as per RBI report;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to address the Priority Sector Lending mandate for agriculture sector?

Defaulted loans going through insolvency process

1505. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of the defaulted loans of the 37 large debtors going through the insolvency process as directed by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) the amount expected to be recovered by the banks with percentage of recovery to the principal amount plus interest, penal interest etc.?

Opening of new branch of SBI

1506. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation which was forwarded by Prime Minister Office regarding opening of new branch of State Bank of India in Jangal under Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Study of black money within and outside country

1507. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, National Council of Applied Economic Research and National Institute of Financial Management to carry out a study separately on the estimation of quantum of black money within and outside the country;

(b) whether it is a fact the above institutes have carried out studies and submitted their Reports to Government;

(c) if so, the details of each of the recommendations made by the above institutes and the action Ministry has taken on each of the above recommendations; and

(d) by when the reports are going to be made public?

Beneficiaries under PM Mudra Scheme

†1508. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Loan Scheme; and

(b) the details thereof, State-wise?

Disinvestment target set for 2017-18

1509. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target to raise funds through disinvestment of Public Sector

Undertakings (PSUs) during 2017-18 was much higher than 2016-17;

(b) if so, the details thereof besides the total funds raised till March, 2018;

(c) the PSUs identified for disinvestment during the current financial year; and

(d) whether Government shall be able to achieve the target set for raising the funds during the current fiscal year?

Impact of outflow of FPIs on Indian economy

1510. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount pulled out by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) from Indian market during financial years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18;

(b) whether there is any cause of concern for Indian economy for such outflow of FPIs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bad financial conditions of PSBs

1511. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government to improve the bad financial condition of the Public Sector Banks in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has tried to find out and address the reasons for the same;

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

RBI's power over regulating PSBs

1512. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India does not enjoy enough powers in regulating State run lenders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is willing to discuss RBI's power over regulating Public Sector Banks; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Loan waived off to Industrial Sector

1513. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that gross NPAs of all banks have touched ₹ 8,40,958 crores in December, 2017, mostly due to Industry loans followed by Services and Agriculture Sectors, as per Government data;
- (b) if so, the details of the loans extended to the Industrial Sector since the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the total amount of loan waived to the Industrial houses in the last three years in way of negotiating NPAs, year-wise; and
- (d) the details of amount of loans provided by banks to the Agricultural Sector since the last three years, year-wise?

Issue of rules/guidelines for procurement of goods by Ministries/Departments

1514. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the laid down rules and Orders of Government of India, are to be followed while dealing with matters of involving Public finances;
- (b) whether these Rules and Orders are applicable to all Ministries and Departments of Government of India;
- (c) whether the General Rules regarding procurement of Goods and Services are applicable to all Ministries; and
- (d) whether Ministries/Processing Departments can issue Rules/detailed guidelines for procurement of goods in contradiction to the General Financial Rules?

Impact of bad loans on the economy

†1515. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount of loans taken from various banks that have turned into Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) along with the loans that were written off;
- (b) the details of the above amount availed by the farmers and industrialists separately;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the year 2017 has witnessed highest bad debts during the last ten years;

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(d) the extent to which the economy has been affected due to bad debts of banks; and

(e) the problems being faced by people in getting loans in Small and Medium Scale Sector due to such bad debts?

Waiver of farm loans

1516. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers have organised 10 days' strike across the country demanding waiver of farm loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government would waive the farm loans of farmers who committed suicide;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons for ignoring the plights of 65% of population of the country?

Black money brought from foreign countries

1517. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of black money brought back from foreign countries since 2014 till 15th July, 2018, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether money in Swiss accounts of Indians has risen by 50 per cent to 1.01 billion Swiss Francs in 2017;

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

(d) the details of other tax haven countries where money in accounts of Indians have increased and whether Government has access to all names having Swiss bank accounts; and

(e) the reasons why tall claims of Government regarding black money has failed miserably and details of promised black money brought back to India?

Discontinuation of overtime allowance

1518. DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to discontinue overtime allowance for categories other than operational staff and industrial employees;

(b) whether it has also been decided to link grant of overtime allowance with biometric attendance; and

(c) whether Government has also decided not to revise the rate of overtime allowance or OTA for the operational staff and they would continue to get the amount as per its order issued in 1991?

Financial stability report of RBI

†1519. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial stability report of RBI has expressed apprehension of increase in NPAs, and further deterioration of the condition of Banking Sector;

(b) the steps taken by Government to preempt the apprehensions expressed by the RBI in its report; and

(c) the reasons for consistent increase in NPAs of the banks even after almost every transaction of saving bank account holders is being charged by the banks, including those held by old age pensioners, school children receiving scholarships and labourers of MGNREGA drawing their wages?

Devaluation of Indian Rupee

†1520. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the value of Rupee is falling constantly versus Dollar resulting in increased costs of import due to which businessmen have to pay more amount in Indian Currency leading to an adverse impact on the industries and businesses;

(b) the information about the maximum devaluation of Rupee in the last one decade and whether Rupee has fallen to its lowest level in June-July, 2018; and

(c) the reasons for constant devaluation of Rupee and the steps being taken by

Government to stabilise and strengthen the Rupee and the effects thereof?

Charges levied by banks on account holders

†1521. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) items against which a new charge was levied by various banks on their account holders along with the total amount recovered by way of this charge from the account holders during last four years;

(b) whether banks have levied such charges even on the account holders who draw old age pensions, scholarships from schools and the wages of MGNREGA on the pretext of minimum balance and in some cases the entire amount deposited in the account has been deducted as this charge on the pretext of not maintaining minimum balance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of Urban Co-operative Banks into Small Finance Banks

1522. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India decided to allow Urban Co-operative Banks to convert into Small Finance Banks;

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

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(c) the efforts taken to revive the Urban Co-operative Banks which are in bad shape; and

(d) whether the move will benefit small and marginal farmers and persons engaged in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sectors for getting loans at concessional rate of interest?

Use of Sophisticated Currency Verification and Processing machine

1523. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sophisticated Currency Verification and Processing (CVPS) is being used to count currency post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details regarding the starting date of usage of these CVPS along with import of first one and total numbers available till date;

(c) whether CVPS were being used by RBI before demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(d) details regarding the tenders floated for CVPS and total expenditure incurred on their procurement; and

(e) whether the decision to buy more CVPS was taken in the month of October, 2017, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Huge losses posted in PSBs

1524. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Public Sector Banks have posted huge losses in the recent past/first quarter of this year ending March, 2018;

(b) if so, the names of such banks and the quantum of losses they have posted;

(c) the reasons for such huge losses;

(d) whether Government has fixed or proposes to fix any responsibility for loss of public money by these banks, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the transparent and efficient functioning of these banks and ensuring their profitability?

Expansion of tax payers' base

1525. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's drive towards higher compliance has already helped it garner an additional ₹ 1.5 lakh crore in direct taxes during 2017-18 and get a record number of new filers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Tax Department is chasing 65 lakh people who it suspects did not file returns last year as it hopes to expand the tax payer base to over ₹ 9.3 crore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Acceptance of demonetised notes in Consumer Co-operative Stores in Delhi

1526. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 8 November, 2016, Government announced the demonetisation of all ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 bank notes to root out menace of black money and corruption;

(b) whether Government allowed usage of old ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 bank notes in Consumer Co-operative Stores limited to ₹ 5000 at a time with identity proof and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Consumer Co-operative Stores in Delhi that had been allowed to accept old ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 bank notes more than ₹ 5000 at a time?

Vacancies in rural health facilities

1527. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rural health statistics, 2017 show that of the 25,650 sanctioned posts of doctors, 3,027 are vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that vacancies at all levels have been the biggest stumbling block in National Health Mission ever since its launch in 2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Medical Infrastructure in India

1528. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Medical Colleges in India have been increasing over the course of time;

(b) if so, the number of Medical Colleges as on date in India, State-wise;

(c) the number of seats for MBBS in India, State-wise; and

(d) the number of Registered MBBS Doctors in India, State-wise till date?

NPA and HPCA for physiotherapists

1529. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of Non Practicing Allowance (NPA) and Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA) and the group and name of services to whom these allowances are given;

(b) whether there is a proposal to grant NPA/HPCA to physiotherapists also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Government programmes to encourage sterilisation

1530. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise number of operational sterilisation centres;

(b) Gender-wise, State-wise number of sterilisations undertaken;

(c) whether Government has commissioned a study to understand the reasons behind this disparity;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) what programmes Government has planned to encourage men to undergo sterilisation, given that a vasectomy is an easier process than a tubectomy;

(g) whether Government plans to recruit male health workers;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Display of available stock of medicines by hospitals

1531. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has written to all the States and Union Territories (UTs) to make public what medicines the respective hospitals and dispensaries have in store and to put a board outside the hospital premises about the availability or non availability of medicines along with their expiry date; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

S.O.P. regarding disposal of unclaimed dead bodies

1532. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study about the number of unclaimed dead bodies recovered/ found by police, if so, number of such dead bodies recovered during the last three years in various States/ UTs;

(b) whether any Standard Operation Procedure has been set up about the disposal of such unclaimed bodies, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any instructions are there to various hospitals about the utilisation of organs of such dead persons before their cremations, the details thereof?

US FDA warning for popular antibiotics

1533. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has strengthened

warnings for fluoroquinolone class of antibiotics after they were found to cause mental health problems and serious blood sugar disturbances, including hypoglycemic coma in people with diabetes;

(b) whether these antibiotics are reasons for disturbances in attention, disorientation, agitation, nervousness, memory impairment and delirium;

(c) the reaction of medical experts here and whether our own Drug Controller has also favoured any ban on these antibiotics; and

(d) whether there is any drug safety agency on the lines of FDA of US in our country, if so, its mandate in controlling drug trade in India?

List of medical devices under public monitoring

1534. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Drugs Controller General of India monitors only 23 medical devices;

(b) if so, whether all other medical devices are sold without quality checks or clinical trials;

(c) whether Government now proposes to expand the list of medical devices under the purview of drug law;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to provide these medical devices to patients at affordable prices?

Diseases caused by erroneous blood transfusion practices

1535. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of persons across the country have been infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B Virus while getting blood transfusions;

(b) if so, the details of the persons infected during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check unsafe blood transfusion practices in hospitals across the country?

Packages under National Health Protection Scheme

1536. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in all 1,350 packages under 23 medical specialities will be offered under the National Health Protection Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme will roll out through an MoU between the Ayushman Bharat Mission and States; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 20 States have signed the MoU in this regard?

Health hazards posed by transfats

1537. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transfats often found in Indian snacks and baked products are responsible for over 5 lakh deaths world-wide each year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian cooking involves a lot of frying and

reheating of the same oil which produces transfats;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation wants transfats eliminated in five years time; and

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

Statistics regarding centrally sponsored health schemes

1538. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data of the centrally sponsored health schemes introduced by Government of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Deadline for TB eradication

1539. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set any deadline for complete eradication of Tuberculosis (TB) from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps by which it is likely to be implemented in the country?

Access to healthcare services

†1540. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that access to health services is a Fundamental Right of every citizen but the poor section of the

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society is getting deprived of access to health services;

(b) details of the number of Government hospitals providing health services at low rates across Rajasthan; and

(c) the District-wise details of the hospitals where Government provides health services at low rates in Rajasthan?

Availing of medical facilities by CGHS beneficiaries in non-empanelled hospitals

1541. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Honourable Supreme Court of India has ruled that all CGHS beneficiaries including pensioners can avail medical facilities in any hospital, even in non-empanelled hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken so far to implement the ruling of the apex Court of the country?

Empanelment of hospitals under Ayushman Bharat

1542. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Health Agency (NHA), the apex body for implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme has already finished the formal process to empanel public and private hospitals to achieve the universal health coverage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of public and private

hospitals from where the beneficiaries can avail the facilities?

Launch of Ayushman Bharat

1543. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when Government is planning to launch the flagship medical insurance scheme "Ayushman Bharat";

(b) fund that have been allocated for this scheme and whether this fund is enough to give medical insurance to the beneficiaries; and

(c) the manner in which the poor people will get the benefits out of this scheme, the details thereof?

Paucity of Vitamin-D in Indian women

1544. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports on Vitamin-D deficit for women of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Vitamin-D deficiency is a major reason of obesity causing arthritis; and

(c) if so, the proposal of Government to support with dietary supplements and reduce risk of developing rheumatoid arthritis in women?

Menstrual Hygiene Scheme

1545. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite

Menstrual Hygiene Scheme under NRHM, 58 per cent women in the age-group of 15-24 years use locally prepared sanitary napkins;

(b) whether Government has planned for collaboration with NGOs to spread the awareness;

(c) if so, whether it is infrastructure support or financial support; and

(d) if financial, then which are the beneficial NGOs and what has been the impact of it, and the details thereof?

MRDLs in medical colleges in Rajasthan

1546. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received proposals from Rajasthan Government to strengthen research in medical colleges and establishment of Multi Disciplinary Research Laboratories (MDRLs) for Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, Ajmer, Jhalawar and Rajasthan University of Health Services;

(b) if so, the status thereon; and

(c) the details of funds provided to each college?

Ensuring standard quality of bottled water

†1547. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that fine particles of plastic are dissolved in bottled water being sold in the country, which is fatal to the human body;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government

to provide pure drinking water to the people; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan to make all new AIIMS fully functional

†1548. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the action plan proposed to make All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) started in the country fully functional, by providing all the remaining required facilities to all these Institutes?

Reforms in Public Health Sector

†1549. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken several fresh policy measures during the last three years with a view to bringing reforms in the Public Health Sector and has increased considerably the public spending in the Health Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where requisite reforms have been carried out in the Public Health Sector and the States whose performance has been unsatisfactory in this regard during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inadequacies in public healthcare architecture

1550. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a severe shortage of qualified doctors and

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other health workers in the Public Health Sector; and

(b) if so, steps that have been taken by Government to resolve this situation?

Recruitment Rules for promotion in Safdarjung Hospital

1551. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a common seniority list for promotion to the grade of Sr. Physiotherapists in all the departments including sports injury centre of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether Recruitment Rules for promotion to the said post is common for all the departments including sport injury centre of Safdarjung Hospital;

(c) by when all the said posts will be filled up; and

(d) the details of the steps for such initiatives?

Affordable medical care

1552. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India is committed towards providing affordable medical care to the people of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether medical devices and knee transplantation etc. is going to be cheaper in comparison to earlier costs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New health and wellness centres

1553. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allotted ₹ 1,200 cr. for 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres in various parts of the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating State-wise progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to achieve the target fixed to build 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres in the country?

Status of dental health care

1554. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of dental health care in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of the total number of dentists in the country;

(c) whether National Health Protection Scheme covers insurance for dental care, if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Ministry intends to unveil a National policy on dental health care, if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of life saving medicines

1555. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crucial lifesaving medications like Europed or

Forosemid which is given to paediatric heart patients have gone out of the market after Government set a ceiling price that was less than a tenth of what the drug was being sold for and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that a large number of patients died on account of the shortage of this medicine; and

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

Popularising Yoga in Rural areas

1556. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in order to create awareness in Rural areas for the benefit of the people has devised any programme for popularising Yoga;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating sending yoga teachers and instructors to Rural areas in this regard?

Rural hospitals for women

1557. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish more Maternity Centres/Public Hospitals in the Rural areas for the benefit of the women folk and villagers;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted State-wise, in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Mandatory Rural postings for doctors and nurses

†1558. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of City-wise and Village-wise categorisation of shortage of doctors and nurses in the country at present and the steps being taken by Government to help fill this gap;

(b) the steps being taken by Government for encouraging and inspiring doctors and nurses for posting in Rural areas; and

(c) whether Government is considering to make the posting of doctors and nurses in Rural areas mandatory and if so, the details thereof?

High cost on medical expenditure

1559. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 55 million Indians were pushed into poverty in a single year because of having to fund their own healthcare and out of these 38 million fell below the poverty line due to spending on medicines alone;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite Government's launching of several health insurance schemes, a majority of the population continued to incur significant expenditure on medicines as hospitalisation based treatment constitutes only 1/3rd of India's morbidity burden; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in
Telangana**

1560. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of the funds released so far for the projects under this scheme to Telangana; and

(c) the status of these projects as on date?

Rise of mental diseases in India

†1561. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trend of psychiatric patients, especially those suffering from depression-induced mental diseases, is witnessing a rise in the country; the details thereof for the last three years;

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to address this problem and schemes being considered to be implemented in future to deal with it; and

(c) whether Government will consider making regular counselling in all educational institutes and workplaces mandatory; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Complaints of mismanagement in
NEIGRIHMS**

1562. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a wide-

ranging allegations relating to mismanagement in Northeast Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS) in Shillong which are not addressed despite moves to raise the same in the NEIGRIHMS Governing Council Meeting;

(b) whether representations to the Ministry of Health by members of the Governing Council of NEIGRIHMS are not acknowledged with such representations being forwarded to NEIGRIHMS management and then back to complainants; and

(c) the reasons behind the Ministry stone-walling such complaints?

Pricing of Ayushman Bharat Scheme

1563. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the pricing lists of insurance programme Ayushman Bharat is very high and not affordable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private hospitals expressing their concern over the high prices of this programme sought Government to reconsider the pricing list of insurance programme under Ayushman Bharat Scheme; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of Government of such request?

Curbing spread of NIPAH

1564. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been cases of

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NIPAH virus infection in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of deaths caused due to the infection of this virus;

(c) whether Government has advised the States where such cases have come up, about the course of treatment to minimize deaths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Opening of generic drug stores in rural areas

†1565. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not opening the stores of generic medicine i.e. Public Medicine Centres in rural areas so far, where they are needed the most;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pharmaceutical lobby and prescription of drugs by doctors

1566. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pharmaceutical industry acts as powerful lobby that influences the drugs routinely prescribed by doctors;

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to reduce the influence of the pharmaceutical lobby and branded drugs; and

(c) the total number of cases where the licenses of doctors have been cancelled for accepting gifts or favours from

pharmaceutical companies, the details thereof?

Budgetary allocation for family planning

1567. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether budget for family planning has remained at 4 per cent of total National Health Mission budget, for last several years;

(b) the details of budgetary allocation for family planning, year-wise, State-wise, since 2014, and the percentage of budget for family planning to NHM budget, year-wise;

(c) details of expenditure on different heads under NHM for family planning, year-wise, State-wise, since 2014;

(d) whether States are demanding more funds for family planning after introduction of three new spacing methods in 2016; and

(e) details of demand for family planning funds, State-wise, year-wise, since 2015; how much has been allocated against the demand?

Increasing budgetary allocation for family planning

1568. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget for family planning, which is 4 per cent of the total Reproductive Child Health flexi-pool budget (Financial Management Report {FMR} 2016-2017) would be increased in the financial year 2018-19, given the addition of three new spacing methods in the basket of choice;

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

Lifestyle diseases in India

1569. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study on the rise in the incidence of lifestyle diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has evolved any policy to look into the problem;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to combat the emerging public health issues?

Use of Waqf properties for Social and Educational Empowerment

†1570. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to use the Waqf property across the country for the social, economic and educational empowerment of the society; and
- (b) if so, the details of the decisions taken by Government to construct Educational Institutions Skill Development Centres, Community Centres and Hospitals etc. on Waqf properties?

Empowerment of youth belonging to minority communities

1571. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what steps have been taken for

empowering the youth belonging to minority communities in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been a steep decline in disbursement of scholarship for the students belonging to minority communities since 2014;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for this decline; and

(d) what initiatives have been taken to ensure that the youth belonging to minority communities do not lag behind educationally?

Popularisation of solar energy in villages

1572. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any scheme for popularisation of solar energy in villages and far flung areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how would common people get benefits from such scheme?

Capacity of power production through New and Renewable Energy sources

†1573. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present capacity of power generation from New and Renewable Energy sources and Conventional sources along with demand and supply of power in the country as on date, State-wise; and

(b) the details of annual increase of power generation and Renewable Energy

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sources upto year 2014 onwards and till date in respect of part (a) above?

Use of solar power among the farmers

1574. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans a scheme to promote the use of solar power among the farmers and to provide solar water pumps to them;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said scheme will be implemented and the number of farmers that will benefit therefrom?

Exploration of New and Renewable Energy sources

1575. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by Government to explore New and Renewable Energy sources and the outcome thereof during the last three years in the country;

(b) the action taken plan for the generation of New and Renewable Energy sources during the next two years in the country; and

(c) the targets fixed and achievements made in the generation of electricity through renewable sources of energy during each of the last three years and the current year, State and Source-wise?

Employment opportunity in Solar and Wind Energy Sectors

1576. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recently released World Employment and Social Outlook, 2018 : Greening with Jobs Report of the International Labor Organisation, India's Solar and Wind Energy Sectors can generate three lakh jobs in the coming 2-4 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that India is world's third largest solar market after China and US;

(d) if so, how this opportunity is being optimally utilised by Government to push solar energy, particularly to individual households; and

(e) what is the subsidy that Government is giving if one household opts to go in for solar power in his house?

Boost to Renewable Energy Production in the country

1577. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is ready with tenders for an addition of 20 GW Solar Power;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the local production clause along with duties is aimed at creating domestic manufacturing capability;

(c) whether it is also a fact that large orders are expected to boost confidence of

global players to invest in manufacturing base in India;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government plans to ramp up renewable energy production in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rent a Roof Policy

1578. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a "Rent a Roof" Policy to support its ambitious plan to generate 40 GW of power from Solar Rooftop Projects by 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has held any consultations with all the stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the policy is likely to be finalised and implemented?

Waste to Energy Plants in the country

1579. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up Waste to Energy Plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of Waste to Energy Plants operating in the country;

(d) the details of the number of Plants, State-wise;

(e) whether the said Plants are functioning to meet the desired objectives of their installation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Target of installation of roof top solar power plants by households

1580. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite 30 per cent subsidy, only 400 MW installation has been done as roof top solar power plants by households;

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

(c) what was the target and time line for achieving that?

Turnaround of financially stressed power plants

1581. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 34 coal based Thermal Power Plants which have been categorized as financially 'stressed', due to which loans given to these power projects have become NPAs;

(b) if so, the details of those financially stressed Power Projects;

(c) whether Government has conceived any plan/formulated any Scheme to make them profitable;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modalities adopted for determining tariff for electricity

1582. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has included Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses while determining tariff for consumption of electricity;

(b) if so, modalities adopted by Government while determining tariff for electricity;

(c) whether Government is of the view that AT&C is a major issue in determining tariff for electricity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Support to new Power Projects in Tamil Nadu

1583. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to support New Power Projects at Cheyyur, Udankudi and other places in Tamil Nadu to match its increasing power demands;

(b) whether Government has provided adequate funds and support under Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) for Government of Tamil Nadu to mitigate problems that arose due to losses incurred and debts accrued by Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO) and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) over a long period;

(c) if so, details thereof and amount released so far out of the total grants; and

(d) status of Private Power Projects initiated in the country in last three years, including Tamil Nadu?

Sharing of posts on the Beas Projects and Bhakra Complex in BBMB

1584. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a reference was made by Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to Government of India under Clause 7 of the BBMB Rules, 1974 regarding sharing of posts on the Beas Project and Bhakra Complex in the BBMB;

(b) whether Government has conveyed its decision on the matter; and

(c) if not, whether Government has fixed any time-frame to decide on such type of matter?

Promotional LED lights in Gram Panchayats

1585. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing any scheme to promote the use of LED lights in place of conventional street lights in Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the objectives and details of the scheme;

(c) the difficulties/challenges being faced by Government in the implementation of the scheme;

(d) the steps taken by Government to overcome such difficulties;

(e) whether there is any improvement in the related indices after the implementation of the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof including the State-wise distribution of the related indices?

Status of NTPC Power Plant at Pudimadaka in Andhra Pradesh

1586. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power

Corporation (NTPC) has proposed to set up a 4x1000 MW Power Plant at Pudimadaka in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the present status of the above Project;

(c) whether it is a fact that NTPC has now dropped this Project to be taken up in spite of State Government providing land, etc.;

(d) how much would be the difference if the said Project is taken up with imported coal and if it is taken up with domestic coal; and

(e) the reasons for shelving the above Project?

Retrofitting of old Power Plants by NTPC

1587. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has started retrofitting old Plants with necessary equipment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that very old coal based Plants may, however, be closed down in a phased manner if retrofitting is not feasible;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC is committed that by 2022, emission levels of all old power plants will be brought to National standards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Achievement of Universal household electrification target

1588. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government officially claims that every village in India now has access to electricity, the last being Leisang village in Manipur connected to the grid on April 28 last year;

(b) whether according to various media outlets, electrification according to the definition of various Central Departments, requires only a fraction of households in a given village to be connected to the grid; and

(c) whether despite contradictory assessments between Government agencies and independent NGOs on the extent of Rural Electrification, Government claims that "Universal Household Electrification" will be achieved in India, by the end of 2018?

Compensation for land acquired for Power Projects

1589. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy laid down by Government to grant compensation to the affected people for the land acquired for various Power Projects including Government and Private Power Projects;

(b) whether any compensation has been paid to the affected people for the land acquired for various Power Projects in various States including Jharkhand, during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Cooperation between India and UAE in Power Sector

†1590. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to

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state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and UAE are considering to extend co-operation in Power Sector;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

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

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

(c) whether as per the recent internal report of Government, still 5000 villages have not been electrified;

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

(e) whether Government has claimed that all villages have been electrified?

Electrification of villages in Bihar

†1591. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Bihar for the electrification of villages by the Central Government during last three years;

(b) the amount spent for electrification by the Government of Bihar so far, the district-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of villages of Bihar where the work of electrification has been completed and by when rest of the villages deprived of electrification are likely to be given the supply of electricity; and

(d) whether electricity connections are being given free of cost, if so, the details thereof?

Un-electrified villages in the country

1592. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of electrification of 18000 un-electrified villages in 2014 out of total 6 lakh villages have been completed in April, 2018 as announced by Prime Minister;

Hundred per cent electrification

1593. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of Government announcement of 100 per cent electrification, numbers of villages in the country still are without electricity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recently Assam Government has asked for electrification of more than lakhs of villages therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that though villages have connected with grids but still 16 per cent of households in the country have no access to electricity;

(d) if so, the average electrification of villages for period 2006-2012 and 2011-2017; and

(e) the proposal of Government to achieve actual 100 per cent of electrification thereto?

Promotion of tourism in small cities in the country

†1594. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to develop various small tourist spots present in small cities of India

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as tourism can be enhanced by developing them;

(b) the number of small cities that have been developed as places of tourist interest and the number of new tourist centres that would be developed in the next financial year; and

(c) whether Government would consider to develop any institutional/framework scheme in order to attract tourists towards small cities?

Renewal of licences of tourist guides

1595. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is renewing the licences of tourist guides and issuing fresh licences, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware of the allegations of corruption in issuing licences to tourist guides; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to tackle such illegal practices?

Assistance to Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development

1596. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of projects in the country under the scheme "Assistance to Central Agencies" undertaken in the last three years;

(b) the amount released so far and spent for manufacturing of transport coaches for Araku Valley Train, Andhra Pradesh, Illumination of monuments in Varanasi/Sarnath Stupa, Tomb of Lalkan, Uttar Pradesh and Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust, Goa; and

(c) the time by which these projects will be completed?

Promotion of tourism in Manipur

1597. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up by Government for promotion of tourism in Manipur during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of amount sanctioned and utilised during that period;

(c) the total flow of Domestic and International tourists in the State, during the last three years; and

(d) what other measures are being contemplated to promote tourism in the State?

Development of ecological tourism in the country

†1598. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to develop ecological tourism in select regions of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of tourist places selected from the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether Government has received any letter of request from the State of Chhattisgarh in this regard and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Financial assistance to eco-tourism projects

1599. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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(a) how many eco-tourism projects are functioning in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) to what extent eco-tourism has benefited the local people and the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance from Government is given to such projects in India; and

(d) the details of financial assistance given to eco-tourism projects in Kerala during the last three years?

Eco-Circuit Tourism in Tamil Nadu

1600. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Eco-Circuit Tourism has been earmarked in the State of Tamil Nadu Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourism Circuits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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