

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

Certification and accreditation of Yoga professionals

2081. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a scheme for voluntary certification of Yoga professionals and accreditation of Yoga institutions with an aim to certify the competencies of Yoga professionals and institutions against the standards recognised for the same;

(b) if so, status of implementation of the said scheme;

(c) whether Government have Set up Yoga Certification Board, an autonomous body under Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) to oversee this scheme;

(d) if so, details of salient features of this board and steps taken till date; and

(e) salient features of Yoga certification programme and how does it intends to offer basic and specialised certification to professionals and details thereof?

People utilising AYUSH system of medicine

2082. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of people utilising/ approaching AYUSH system of medicine in the country;

(b) whether Governmental patronage is required to reach more people and improve the quality of care through AYUSH system and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the AYUSH system can be instrumental in achieving universal health coverage in India; and

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

Recognition for AYUSH systems of medicine

2083. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA

AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to recognise AYUSH in the international practice of medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government recognises AYUSH medicines and practices at par with allopathic medicines practice; and

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

Approvals for schemes/projects under AYUSH

†2084. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the number of approvals granted to schemes/projects of the systems of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) during each of the last three years and the targets stipulated for coming years towards achieving these schemes/projects?

Cases in the NCLT

2085. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases that were admitted under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) till date;

(b) the details of the aggregate amount of these cases; and

(c) the details of the cases approved and the amount realised so far?

Operationalisation of NFRA

2086. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the much-awaited National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) set up to regulate the audit profession has become operational;

(b) whether apart from having regulatory oversight on auditors and audit firms conducting audit of large corporates/entities, the new body will also monitor and enforce compliance with mandated accounting and audit standards; and

(c) whether the rules of NFRA provide for a detailed procedure on all disciplinary proceedings with a mandated time-bound disposal (90 days) of the show-cause notice through a summary procedure?

Utilisation of CSR fund by companies for their employees

2087. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds utilised and unutilised along with the major activities/programmes undertaken by various public sector and private sector companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether some companies utilise CSR funds for their employees, transport facilities, beautification of the area, providing better facilities in schools and hospitals and maintaining public relations;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of CSR funds as per rules?

Statutory recognition to SFIO

2088. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pertaining to Delhi being investigated by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) at present;

(b) whether Government proposes to improve the functioning of SFIO and provide statutory recognition to it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

NGOs receiving maximum CSR funds

2089. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many PSUs have submitted road maps in line with suggestions given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister while addressing CMDs and Directors of PSUs on April 9, 2018; and

(b) the top ten NGOs receiving maximum CSR funds from PSUs?

Protection to MSMEs under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

2090. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases successfully resolved under the Corporate Insolvency and Resolution Process (CIRP) since the enactment of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC);

(b) the total value of claims filed and admitted by the lenders against the aforementioned companies and including but not limited to the claims filed by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

(c) the company-wise realisation made by MSMEs against these admitted claims; and

(d) whether Government considered dues of MSMEs as secured under the IBC since timely payments are guaranteed under Section 15 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006?

Effective implementation of Start-Ups

2091. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Start-Ups have started after the announcing the policy and how much employment opportunities have been created;

(b) whether it is true that as per one study conducted by IBM called Entrepreneurial India nearly 2/3rd Start-Ups are doing unethical business and is one of the major reasons for failure of Start-Ups;

(c) if so, how Ministry looks at this trend and if it is allowed where it leads to;

(d) in view of the above, whether Ministry thinks of any regulatory framework for more effective implementation of Start-Ups; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Classical Language status to Kannada

2092. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when Kannada language was given the Classical Language status;

(b) when Culture Department of Government of Karnataka requested to record Classical Language status of Kannada in the records of UNESCO; and

(c) if so, the reasons behind Ministry not sending its recommendation to UNESCO for including it in its records?

Conservation of Mahakavi Vidyapati's birth place

†2093. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any action plan to conserve and develop birth place of Vidyapati, the father of 'Avhatta language' and great poet of Maithili located at Bisfi in Mithila region of Bihar, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal to establish research institute and museum in Bisfi, the birth place of the great poet Vidyapati and the details thereof?

Shortage of manpower in ASI

2094. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of manpower in the Archaeological Survey of India and other bodies falling under the Ministry against their respective sanctioned strengths;

(b) if so, the details of the posts lying vacant in the various organizations under

the Ministry, specifically the Archaeological Survey of India; and

(c) any other steps or measures taken by the Ministry to increase the manpower and filling up the vacancies and if so, the details and the results thereof?

Sustaining minimum pension under NPS

2095. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether consultations were undertaken with stakeholders before deciding on the New Pension Scheme (NPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NPS is equity oriented, thereby making monthly pension highly contingent upon market conditions; and

(d) what social security measures have been taken to ensure a sustainable minimum pension delivery to the beneficiaries in case investments fail?

Income Tax raids on media houses

2096. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) a list of Income Tax raids conducted in media houses by Government in the current financial year and the corresponding reasons and the nature of the raids conducted;

(b) the corresponding leads that Government might have obtained, because of which these raids were conducted; and

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(c) any particular findings by Government which were illegal or amounted to evasion of Income Tax?

NPA's of PSBs

2097. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of banks have touched an alarming level due to loans of wilful defaulters during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard, bank-wise?

Simplification of GST filing procedure

2098. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on rationalisation of GST rates, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the impact of the GST on different sectors;

(c) whether Government has taken notice of the problems of small vendors and simplified the procedure of tax paper work for them as most of them are uneducated and do not understand the tax procedure; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to reduce the present tax slabs into smaller slabs in view of the problems being faced by the people, the details thereof?

Black money situation after demonetisation

2099. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any figure on the black money situation in the country;

(b) how has black money changed during demonetisation; and

(c) the figure that show demonetisation was successful?

Positive and negative impacts of demonetisation

2100. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment of Government after two years of demonetisation on its positive as well as negative impacts on the economy; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the above controversial decision is responsible for the crisis in the Banking, Industrial, employment and other sectors of the economy?

Anomaly of inflation in urban and rural areas

2101. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that inflation is higher in rural areas, in respect of fuel, transportation and food items compared to urban areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present economic system is biased in favour of urban areas and against rural areas; and

(d) if so, whether Government will adopt measures to remove this anomaly?

Gains and pains from demonetisation

2102. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government claimed long term gain and expected short term pain due to demonetisation; and

(b) what are the short term pains experienced and what are the long term gains achieved two years after this action?

Conceptualization of 59 minutes loan for MSME

2103. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the persons who conceptualized 59 minutes loan for MSME;

(b) the details of experts/committee/ Government officials who examined and finalised the modalities;

(c) whether it is a fact that 59 minutes loan for MSME is being facilitated by a private website, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons/criteria of selecting a private website for facilitating loans; and

(e) the details of safeguards against data theft/leak of MSME applying for loans?

Jan Dhan accounts opened in Kerala

2104. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in the State of Kerala, zone-wise?

Revenue deficit States

2105. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of revenue deficit States as per Government's record during each of

the last three years; and

(b) the assistance provided to such States during that period?

Projects approved under National Clean Energy Fund

2106. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) part of the total coal cess collected that was transferred to the National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF), year-wise since 2015, the details thereof in both absolute number and percentages;

(b) the number of projects approved under NCEF State-wise and year-wise, their purpose and money allocated to them, since 2015;

(c) whether projects other than those of clean energy technologies were approved, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether money from NCEF was used to compensate certain States for GST; and

(e) if so, did the Ministry object, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recovery of NPAs in Public Sector Banks

2107. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the recovery in the NPAs by the Public Sector Banks in the first quarter of 2018-19;

(b) whether the Public Sector Banks have been making net losses over the past two years despite making positive operating profits, because of higher provisioning expenses;

(c) the estimates of operating profits, NPA provisioning and net profits of Public Sector Banks in the past three years, bank-wise;

(d) the estimates of NPA recovery by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) over last three years; and

(e) the estimates of NPA write-offs by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) over last three years, bank-group-wise?

Returns under Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana

2108. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated/expenditure incurred by Government on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY), since its inception, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of accounts opened under SSY since its inception, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of amount deposited under SSY since its inception, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the returns on recurring deposits and fixed term deposit offer better returns than SSY;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to correct the anomaly?

Loan guarantee scheme for MSME

2109. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the ownership structure and shareholding of the Pvt. Ltd. company which the Government is promoting to grant loans to MSMEs in fifty nine

minutes, as promised in the new 12-point, key initiative launched in November, 2018;

(b) why a processing fee of ₹ 1180 which includes 18 per cent GST is being charged from the MSME applicants for registering it to be considered for loans by the bank;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the risk of Contact Less Loan Sanctions from the PSU Banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

MSME applicants for loans

2110. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many applicants have already applied for 59-minute loan scheme launched by the Prime Minister in November, 2018;

(b) how many of these applicants have submitted the details of their collateral;

(c) how many of the total loans have been approved for sanction; and

(d) the details, sector-wise, of the applicants who have applied for the loan?

Harassment in settlement of Vehicle Insurance claims

2111. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of documents required to be submitted for settlement of accidental insurance claims of a commercial vehicle/taxi;

(b) whether toll plaza slip is a mandatory document for settlement of accident insurance claims;

(c) if not, whether the victims of

accidents are facing harassment in settlement of vehicle insurance claims due to high handedness of insurance companies on this account;

(d) if so, the details of complaints of such nature received through Government/ private sector insurance companies in the last three years, and the redressals made; and

(e) the action taken against such insurance companies?

NABARD loan to irrigation projects

2112. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved ₹ 65,634.93 crores loan for 93 irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it is mandated to provide ₹ 70,000 crore loan to these projects to be completed by 2019; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restoration of old pension scheme

2113. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of Central and State Governments are demonstrating for scrapping of NPS and restoration of Old Pension Scheme (OPS);

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

(c) whether some of the State Governments have passed resolutions for restoration of OPS and have sent it to Central Government for approval and implementation;

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

(e) whether Government would restore the Old Pension Scheme instead of increasing the Government contributions to 14 per cent; and

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

Implementation of Standing Committee recommendation (JCM) on pensions

2114. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) average amount of pension given under National Pension System to Government employees under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and to those recruited on or after 1 January, 2004, the details thereof;

(b) the recommendation of Standing Committee of the National Council (JCM) held on 14 December, 2007, whether Government implemented this recommendation, if not, the reasons for not implementing; and

(c) whether Government has made any assurance to the employees that pension for the new recruits after 1 January, 2004 will not be less than the pension under CCS Pension Rule, 1972, and the progress made against this assurance?

Amending NDPS Act

2115. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any recommendation from the Government of Punjab to initiate the process of amending the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 to provide for more deterrent punishment for the 1st time drug smugglers and peddlers and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken thereon?

59 minutes loan scheme to MSME sector

2116. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced 59 minutes loan scheme for the MSME sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of persons who have been advanced loan under this scheme along with the loan amount sanctioned to each?

Availability of banks in rural areas

2117. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the per person availability of banks in the rural areas of the country, State-wise for the last three years;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to improve the banking accessibility in rural areas of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bank branches in remotest parts of the country

2118. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of branches of banks opened in the various parts of the country in the last three years; and

(b) how Government propose to provide bank branches to the remotest parts of the country, the details thereof?

Demonetised currency not yet accepted from Bhutan and Nepal

2119. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of demonetised currency not yet accepted from Bhutan and Nepal, alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(b) the policy decisions in this regard?

Digital transactions *vis-a-vis* actual cash transactions

2120. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the reasons for rise in the quantum of currency in the economy in spite of increased digital transactions as per claim of Government?

Outreach and support programme for MSMEs

2121. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced several schemes/incentives for the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

outreach and support programme;

(b) whether in spite of several incentive announced by Government, the Public Sector Undertakings like Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) under the Ministry of Textiles are harassing MSMEs dealing in bullion commodities by not releasing their payments; and

(c) if so, what steps Government proposes to take against the officers of HHEC for not releasing the legitimate payments of MSMEs?

Fraudulent withdrawal of pension from PNB

2122. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab National Bank (PNB) has received certain complaints with respect to fraudulent withdrawal of pension of senior citizens from BO Malviya Nagar, South Delhi;

(b) if so, the action PNB has taken on the complaints;

(c) whether vigilance department of PNB has verified the signature of pensioners during the last three years to ensure its genuineness as alleged in complaints; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Non-payment of insurance under PMSBY and PMJJBY

2123. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons insured under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) during last three

years, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) the number of persons to whom payment of accident insurance have been made from the said scheme during the period, State/UT and bank-wise;

(c) whether complaints have been received from the beneficiaries of these schemes for non-payment of claims of accident insurance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

GoM for revenue mobilisation for calamities and disasters

2124. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Disaster Response Fund has been declining over the last few years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Union Government has formed Group of Ministers (GoM) to examine modalities for revenue mobilisation for natural calamities and disasters;

(c) if so, whether the aforesaid group has consulted the State Governments on the cess issue;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether the aforesaid GoM has submitted its report to Government, if so, the details thereof?

Recovery of NPA from absconding economic offenders

2125. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the efforts by Government to bring back economic offenders who fled the country to escape punishment;

(b) the efforts Government has taken

so far to deal with the kind of looting of the banks and absconding by large scale corporates;

(c) the total loss to the banks in India due to the non-payment of loans taken by these offenders;

(d) the total amount of NPA in Indian Banks; and

(e) the steps taken to recover NPA from the offenders?

Business loan announced by PM

2126. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that business loan up to one crore for MSMEs announced by Prime Minister has tremendous response;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many applications were received since inception and how many were sanctioned till date;

(d) whether any private service agencies or websites were allowed to mediate between Government bank-loan seekers; and

(e) how much is the convenience fee collected from the applicants and to whom it was paid?

Interest free loans to farmers

2127. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously considering looking at farm loan waiver as a boon to farmers instead of wooing them for political gains as both national and State political parties are tossing this as a poll

promise to gain in elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to help the farmers to raise loans from banks without any hassle and without any interest?

Reviewing of New Pension Scheme

2128. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) since when the New Pension Scheme is implemented for the Central Government employees;

(b) which are the States that had not implemented the New Pension Scheme;

(c) whether Government has noticed that the pension received by the employees as part of the New Pension Scheme is lesser than that of the employees statutory pension scheme; and

(d) whether Government would be ready to review the New Pension Scheme considering the nation-wide protests by the State and Central Government employees?

Platform used for fifty nine minute loan for MSMEs

2129. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the platform used to process the application for the fifty nine minute loan for the MSME sector announced by Government;

(b) whether the online application portal is run by Government or a private enterprise, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the process followed

to select the portal operator along with details of participating entities in the selection process;

(d) the amount charged by the loan portal for each application made on it; and

(e) the number of applications made on the portal as per latest available data and against the list of loans sanctioned and disbursed to applicants?

Implementation and functioning of 59-minute loan approval scheme

2130. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 59-minute loan approval scheme has been launched by Government to ease credit flow to the MSME sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the loan approval scheme is not working as per the plans and provisions of the scheme;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the 59-minute loan approval scheme functions properly and reaches every stakeholder in the MSME sector; and

(d) the details of the amount of loans approved under the scheme until now for financial year 2018-19?

Collection and utilisation of indirect taxes amount

2131. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected through indirect taxes by Government from various sources during the last three years and its utilisation for various activities; and

(b) the allocation of funds from the source of direct and indirect taxes for various activities during the said period?

Awareness about PM Suraksha Bima Yojana

2132. 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 them towards the scheme?

Financial literacy in rural areas

2133. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted surveys to measure financial literacy in rural populations;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the ratio of public and private sector banking agents to population in rural areas, the details thereof, State-wise, including for Punjab;

(e) whether Government has an action plan to increase personalised banking services to improve financial literacy and awareness in rural areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

RBI penalty on banks for violating norms

2134. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) slapped penalty on many banks for violating norms on reporting of data on large credit, payment of compensation for delay in resolution of ATM related complaints and violating KYC norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has issued strict warning to the banks to comply strictly with its direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cross-matching of returns of sellers and purchasers in GST regime

2135. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the collection of total GST revenue is falling short of the monthly target by significant amount and the details thereof;

(b) what are the timeline by which Government plans to start the implementation of cross-matching of returns of sellers and purchasers in GST regime through the GSTN software; and

(c) how much time will Government give to taxpayers awareness and preparation

for the cross-matching of such details after the software is fully functional?

Merger of banks

2136. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to merge three banks to create a third largest lender in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has agreed to infuse the required capital after the merger for the smooth functioning of the newly created bank; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fake currency returned post demonetisation

2137. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total currency in circulation on 8th November, 2016 when Government announced demonetisation of ₹1000 and ₹ 500 notes;

(b) out of each how many notes have been received by the RBI; and

(c) out of the total currency returned, how much of fake currency has been received?

Disparity of commission between Field Agents and Development Officers in LIC

2138. SHRI SURESH GOPI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Field Agents of Life

Insurance Corporation (LIC) who belong to the unorganised sector, earn only a nominal commission of less than 2 per cent for reaching out to the public and facilitating their enrolment for the LIC policies and on the other hand, Development Officers, who are regular employees, who works in the comfort of their office are entitled to a higher rate of commission, in addition to the regular salary perks; and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to take some steps to address this disparity faced by the Field Agents; the details thereof?

Wilful defaulters of banks

2139. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Bank Officers Confederation (AIBOC) has requested Government to publish names of the wilful defaulters of all banks;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether AIBOC has also requested to grant permission to write to the Home Ministry to take over the passports of directors of defaulting companies for emigration clearance to prevent their escape; and

(d) if so, by when permission would be granted and by when wilful defaulters' list would be published and if not, the reasons therefor?

Status in BRICS countries

2140. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is reigning in the second spot among the BRICS countries in terms of competitive economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken/is taking any concrete steps to sustain this momentum to become a leading country among the BRICS countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special cess on SGST by Kerala

2141. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had demanded levy of a special cess on State GST (SGST) to raise revenues in the aftermath of the recent floods in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and decision taken by the GST council thereon?

Beneficiaries of Mudra loans Scheme

2142. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited by Mudra loans in various parts of the country; and

(b) the details of the beneficiaries, category and State-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Financial health of PSBs after recent fraud

2143. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of financial frauds committed in nationalised banks including Punjab National Bank (PNB) are being inquired into by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the financial health of PSBs including after recent financial frauds, State-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to get the money back?

Cash deficit and its effect on national economy

2144. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of cash flow in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that in first half of October, 2018, there was a cash deficit of about 1.4 lakh crores in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of its effect on the share market and national economy?

Reviewing the functioning of Stand Up India scheme

2145. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many loans have been provided by the Public Sector, Private and Regional Banks under the Stand Up India scheme, since its inception;

(b) what has been the overall impact of the scheme;

(c) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of this scheme at any point of time; and

(d) if so, the outcome of such review exercise?

NABARD loans to NBFCs

2146. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NABARD

has given a loan of ₹ 400 crores to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs); and

(b) if so, the logic behind it?

Economic status of Andhra Pradesh

2147. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the economic status of the State of Andhra Pradesh (AP) before and after bifurcation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State of Andhra Pradesh has a debt of ₹ 2.25 lakh crores and the present dispensation has taken loans to the tune of ₹ 1.3 lakh crores within the four years *i.e.*, from 2014 to 2018; and

(c) the per capita debt on every individual of AP as of June, 2014 and the present per capita debt as of April, 2018?

Use of recovered black money in development schemes

†2148. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of black money recovered by Government till date since demonetisation, the data thereof;

(b) the development scheme in which said black money recovered as a result of demonetisation was utilised; and

(c) the details of financial gains made by the country through demonetisation?

Sale of shares of oil PSUs

2149. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to sell shares of ONGC, IOC, OIL, etc.;

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

(c) how much money is likely to be fetched by disinvestment of these companies; and

(d) what is the market's response thereto?

Penalty for maintenance of minimum balance

2150. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government imposed penalty from account holders for not maintaining minimum balance;

(b) if so, the rate of penalty by various banks;

(c) the number of accounts holders and the amount of penalty recovered during the last three years by these banks;

(d) whether Government would consider removal of penalty clause in view of fact that only poor people who have not sufficient money are subjected to such imposition of penalty; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Loan disbursed to farmers

†2151. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of loan disbursed by public banks to farmers in keeping with targets for financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the number of farmers who had applied for agriculture loan and number of farmers who were given loans, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of average loan given per farmer, State-wise?

Redrafting of Income tax laws

2152. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a task force to redraft Income-tax laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the focus is to substantially alter tax rates or to consolidate the laws and to make them more comprehensible; and

(d) by what time, the report and the draft law will be ready?

Reversion of paramilitary personnel from NPS to old pension scheme

2153. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2270 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of the criteria for deciding administrative delay in offering joining letters; and

(b) the reasons why Government is not issuing general guidelines to revert to Old Pension Scheme to those employees who have been appointed after 01.01.2004 due to administrative delay in appointment instead of restricting to specific cases where Hon'ble High Court has directed for the same?

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Sharing of I.T. Report on scamster

2154. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Income Tax Report had red flagged the economic activities of a person and his companies eight months before the ₹ 13,000 crore PNB scam was reported in 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons why this report was not shared with other agencies like ED, CBI and SFIO at that time?

CIC order on disclosure of black money by PMO

2155. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Information Commission has passed orders directing PMO to disclose the details of black money brought back from foreign countries on 16th October, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether PMO has refused to divulge the information; and

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

Growth of Public Sector Banks

2156. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR
JHA:
SHRI ELAMARAM
KAREEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the rate of growth of credit and deposits of public sector and private sector banks over the past three years;

(b) whether the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been losing market share to the private sector banks in terms of advances and deposits;

(c) if so, the causes behind such phenomenon and the steps undertaken by Government to revive the business of the PSBs; and

(d) whether the decision to merge the Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank has been taken at the level of the Alternative Mechanism formed with Cabinet Ministers?

Extension of GST return filing in Andhra Pradesh

2157. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY
VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 2.6 lakh GST account holders in Andhra Pradesh, only 1.15 lakh have submitted their returns by 31st October, 2018;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Commercial Tax Division has written to the Indirect Tax Department in the Ministry to extend period for filing returns since there was electricity supply problem in the State due to Titli cyclone; and

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

CVC Study on Banking irregularities and frauds

2158. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to make a detailed study on financial irregularities and frauds in banking sector by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the recommendations made by CVC to curtail these frauds?

Disinvestment in Central Public Sector Undertakings

2159. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:
SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the capital restructuring guidelines for CPSUs;

(b) the details of the proceeds collected by Government through disinvestment of Public Sector Undertakings *vis-a-vis* the yearly targets in last three years;

(c) the effect of these proceeds earned on macroeconomic indicators;

(d) the details of the different modes of disinvestment used by Government in the last three years;

(e) the details of the entities where Government has either relinquished its entire stake or has lowered its stake below the 51 per cent mark in last three years; and

(f) the details of the future disinvestment plans of Government in the coming months?

Closure of ATMs in non-urban locations

2160. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:
SHRI C. M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many ATMs have been installed across the country and whether due to recent regulatory guidelines, large number of ATMs in non-urban locations may be shut down due to unavailability of operations, the details thereof;

(b) whether ATM Service Providers have reportedly threatened to close down almost half of the total ATMs across the country by March, 2019 as they do not have financial means to bear the load of additional costs, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any contingency plan has been chalked out by Government to meet the likely situation, the details thereof?

Regularisation of services of casual appointees

2161. 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 Supreme Court of India has directed the Union Government, State Governments and their instrumentalities to regularise as one-time measure the services of such casual appointees in the Ministry who are qualified persons in terms of statutory recruitment rules for the post and who have completed ten years or more in such sanctioned posts but not covered under the orders of courts or tribunals; and

(b) whether such order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court have been fully implemented by concerned authorities, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Empanelment of super-speciality hospitals in Kolhapur

2162. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for empanelment of privately-owned super-speciality hospitals in Kolhapur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when more super-speciality hospitals in Kolhapur shall get empanelled?

National Policy for Treatment of Rare Diseases

2163. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several children suffering from rare diseases have succumbed to death while the Ministry is struggling with scarcity of funds for implementing the National Policy for Treatment of Rare Diseases;

(b) whether the Ministry has sent any request to the Ministry of Finance for providing funds for implementation of this Policy under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi;

(c) if so, the response of the Finance Ministry thereto;

(d) whether Government has set up any technical committees and rare diseases cells for treatment of patients under this policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Public Immunisation Programme

2164. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is concerned that injectible Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV) will soon become more expensive and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has approached international donors for financial help to support its public immunisation programme, including immunisation of infants using IPV;

(c) if so, the amount of funds required over and above the budget allocated by Government to fund the public immunisation programme; and

(d) whether there is a need to increase Government investment in healthcare and the details thereof?

Girl child missing out on vaccination

2165. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent report by the Johns Hopkins University has stated that baby girls in India missed out on vaccination much more than baby boys; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to change this situation?

Increase in cancer cases

†2166. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in

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the cases of various types of cancers and deaths related to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and State-wise/Union Territory-wise details of such cases and deaths during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the measures taken for the prevention of cancer especially for poor people of the country, details thereof; and

(d) the facilities provided or being considered to be provided to poor persons for treatment of cancer?

AIIMS like hospital in Kalburgi, Karnataka

2167. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up of an AIIMS-like super speciality hospital at Kalburgi in Karnataka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Karnataka has also suggested setting up of AIIMS at ESI hospital campus at Kalburgi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of the above proposal and by when Government is going to set up an AIIMS-like institution at Kalburgi?

Beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Scheme in UP

†2168. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries selected under Ayushman Bharat Scheme in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who got Health Cards out of these selected beneficiaries;

(c) the number of Government Hospitals selected under the said scheme, along with the names of these hospitals, district-wise; and

(d) whether specialist doctors and medicines are available for treatment of various serious diseases in the selected hospitals?

Inadequate healthcare facilities for senior citizens

2169. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the senior citizens are not entertained in CGHS/Wellness Centres as per the national policy;

(b) whether senior citizens especially in smaller cities are finding difficulty with regard to their treatment because of lack of adequate health centres; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to set up more health centres in the cities to facilitate senior citizens prompt and effective treatment?

Installation of incinerators in hospitals

2170. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has schemes for installation and commissioning of incinerators and other such equipments to mitigate the crisis of over accumulation and

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misuse of solid medical waste and disposable injection syringes in hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated in the last three years in this regard, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has made it mandatory for the private hospitals for the installation and commissioning of incinerators and other such equipments for the proper disposal of the medical waste and re-usage of disposable syringes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on this?

Less public expenditure on health

2171. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:
SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

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

(a) whether combined expenditure by Centre and States on health as percentage of GDP for 2016-17 (BE) was 1.4 per cent, against world average of 5.99 per cent;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) actions being taken to meet target of 2.5 per cent public spending on health as percentage of GDP;

(d) details of roadmap to increase public expenditure on health to 2.5 per cent of GDP, including designated timelines;

(e) if such roadmap is not in place, reasons therefor; and

(f) steps being taken to improve primary health infrastructure across the country, including details of money allocated for the same, State-wise and year-wise, since 2015?

Public awareness campaign on health hazards of tobacco use

2172. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has been ranked fifth in the listing of countries that have pictorial health warning on tobacco products;

(b) whether the country is making tremendous progress towards creating public awareness on the health hazards of tobacco abuse; and

(c) whether Government, for the first time, introduced Quit Line number to be printed on all tobacco products, and if so, the details thereof?

Banning advertisement of unhealthy food items

2173. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ban advertisement of unhealthy food aimed at children on various media platforms and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of banned fast food/food items including alcohol, cigarette, gutkha, etc.; and

(c) the other measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Deaths from tobacco usage

2174. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of deaths in the

country by severe health diseases such as cancer by tobacco products especially in West Bengal in the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government have recently made changes in health warning on tobacco products packing;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government in the past three years to increase awareness amongst public to quit smoking because of its adverse and life threatening health effects?

Schemes for reducing CBR/IMR

2175. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative details of rates of child birth deaths and infant mortality rates for the last three years; and

(b) the details of the schemes for reducing the death rates and State-wise annual expenditure thereon?

Polycystic ovary syndrome disease among women

†2176. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the women of the country are suffering from polycystic ovary syndrome disease;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step to control it;

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken with regard thereto and by when it is expected to be controlled; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deaths due to lack of treatment

†2177. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more deaths are taking place in the country as a result of lack of treatment and poor treatment;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any step to improve the condition of poor treatment; and

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

Testing of milk for tuberculosis bacilli

2178. DR. C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government intends to pass orders for supply of only tuberculosis tested and pasteurised milk in the market as is done in foreign countries?

Public Health Standards

2179. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has laid down Public Health Standards in the country, if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(b) whether the guidelines issued by Government under the said standards are implemented across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure better implementation of the said standards in the country?

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Risk posed by excessive fluoride in water

2180. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 66 million people in 20 States are at high risk due to excessive fluoride in water;

(b) whether it is also a fact that permissible limit of fluoride in water is only 1 mg. per litre but in Delhi it is 32 mg. which is too high;

(c) the reasons of worst hit of fluoride in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh causing nearly 6 million children below 14 to suffer from dental, skeletal and non-skeletal fluoride; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce fluoride in these States?

Overburdened tertiary healthcare system

2181. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the health system in India indicates that tertiary care is already overburdened because of the low performing primary healthcare system, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps Government is taking to increase the number of doctors at the primary level as it would reduce burden on tertiary care?

Augmenting CGHS facilities for Members of Parliament

†2182. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is similarity between the services provided to Central Government employees and Members of Parliament under CGHS;

(b) whether a proposal is under consideration of the Government to augment the facilities for Members of Parliament, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a limit of 25 years for the son of Member of Parliament to avail CGHS facilities; and

(d) whether a proposal is under consideration of Government to extend this age limit till they become independent and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in cases of Lip and Oral Cancers

2183. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research in its report has stated that there has been an increase by 114 per cent in Lip and Oral Cavity Cancer cases in the past 6 years;

(b) whether the ICMR has been able to pin point the reason for such an enormous increase;

(c) what was the revenue earned by Government through the sale of tobacco products and the money spent on cancer treatment due to tobacco products; and

(d) will the Government consider

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banning the tobacco and its products completely for the health and welfare of public in general?

Provisioning of hospital beds for starting medical colleges

†2184. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for provision of compulsion of 300 beds for 100-150 seats, 900 beds for 200 seats and 1100 beds for 250 seats by Medical Council of India (MCI) to establish a medical college; and

(b) whether Government would consider to improve this provision by starting 400 beds for 200 seats and 500 beds for 250 seats, so that the number of students for MBBS could be increased in the medical colleges of country?

Regulating fee structures of medical colleges

2185. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to increase seats in medical colleges thereby lowering the fee charged per student;

(b) whether Government has asked the Board of Governors regulating medical education in the country to come up with measures to regulate fee structure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to holding consultation with various stakeholders?

State-of-the-art technology for hospitals in Gujarat

†2186. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no funds have been allocated to the State of Gujarat under State Programme Implementation Plan (SPIP) during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to equip the hospitals with state-of-the-art technology in the State of Gujarat, during last three years?

Increase in prevalency of heart disease and diabetes

2187. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of ischemic heart disease and stroke has increased by over 50 per cent from 1990 to 2016 in India with an increase observed in every State:

(b) whether the number of persons with diabetes in India has increased from 26 million in 1990 to 65 million in 2016;

(c) whether the rate of increase in the burden of ischemic heart disease and diabetes has been the highest in the less developed States of India, where the burden of chronic obstructive lung disease and infectious conditions is already high; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Upgrading of RIMS, Imphal

2188. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade RIMS, Imphal to the status of AIIMS;

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

(c) whether the institute is in a financial crisis due to shortage of funds, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of developmental and financial proposals pending with Government and the details of actions taken thereon?

Lack of proper infrastructure at CIP, Ranchi

†2189. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that problems are being faced in proper treatment of patients suffering from mental illness due to lack of doctors, medical wards, security personnel and other resources in Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP) Hospital in the city of Ranchi in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, whether any step is being taken for providing the resources for this eminent institute which has completed its one hundred years; and

(c) whether any plan is under consideration for developing it as a centre for excellence in view of its glorious history of providing services?

Welfare of Leprosy patients

2190. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of persons affected with Leprosy in the country;

(b) the measures being taken under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme to eradicate Leprosy and the achievements made thus far; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to sensitize the citizens about Leprosy and reduce the stigma surrounding the disease?

Medicines in the remote villages

2191. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any road-map so as to make medicines available in the remote villages of India; and

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

Health Minister's Discretionary Grant

2192. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients who have been catered to under the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG), the State-wise data thereof;

(b) whether there is a concentration of funds being granted to some States; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

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Employment opportunities for physiotherapists

2193. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employment opportunities available in Government sector for Physiotherapists;

(b) whether any study or survey has been conducted in the last three years to know the demand and supply of physiotherapists both in Government and private sector;

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

(d) details of ratio between patient and physiotherapists in the country in general and in various hospitals and departments under the Ministry in particular;

(e) whether the said ratio meets WHO norms; and

(f) if not, the remedial/corrective measures taken/being taken thereon?

Draft rules on online sale of drugs

2194. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has come up with draft rules on the sale of drugs by e-pharmacies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which the e-pharmacies were regulated till date and whether Government has carried out any surveys on the number of e-pharmacies; and

(c) the manner in which Government would ensure or plans to ensure that spurious drugs are not sold through e-pharmacies?

Mortalities from cancer and obstructive lungs diseases

2195. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of chronic obstructive lung disease cases in India has increased from 28 million to 55 million from 1990 to 2016 and the death rate among these cases is twice as high in the less developed States; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proportional contribution of cancers to the total health loss in India has doubled from 1990 to 2016, but the incidence of different types of cancers varies widely between the States?

Financial aid for Malabar Cancer Centre, Kerala

2196. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sanctioning financial aid for Malabar Cancer Centre, Kerala, under financial assistance scheme for Tertiary Cancer Care Centre (TCCC), is being considered;

(b) if so, whether steps have been taken for the said financial assistance; and

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

Superannuation age of AIIMS faculty

2197. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the governing body of the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences

(AIIMS) had cleared the proposal to increase the retirement age of its entire faculty from 65 years to 68 years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with Government for approval; and

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

Iodine deficiency ailments

2198. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians suffer from bloated thyroid due to iodine deficiency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether consumption of iodised salt has any effect in reducing iodine deficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of plot/land for CGHS centre

2199. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS had purchased a plot in Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi;

(b) if so, when it was purchased and cost of plot alongwith the plan/facilities likely to be provided to CGHS beneficiaries from this plot;

(c) whether Government had developed a number of plots for similar purpose since then in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon, location-wise;

(e) whether Government has any plan to allocate adequate fund for the development of this plot; and

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

Increasing the number of beds in hospitals

2200. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving importance to increase the number of hospitals and beds in Government sector to extend free treatment for the patients;

(b) if so, the number of Government hospitals including sub-centres, PHC, Block PHC, rural hospitals, sub-divisional hospitals, district hospitals, medical college and hospitals in States; and

(c) the number of beds in those hospitals in the different States for free treatment?

Improving urban planning to curb spread of diseases

2201. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to improve urban planning which is one of the main reasons for spread of communicable diseases; and

(b) if so, details thereof, if not, whether Government plans to introduce any such measures?

Complaints against an empanelled pathology lab

2202. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from Members of Parliament or public representatives against a pathology lab in New Delhi which is on the CGHS Panel against non-cooperation by its staff especially against senior citizens during the last six months; and

(b) the action taken in each case?

Ayushman Bharat Scheme

2203. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the timeline of implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(b) the details of fund allocation under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(c) the break-up of fund allocation under different procedures covered under the scheme; and

(d) the deadline by which the scheme would cover 100 per cent population of India?

HIV infection cases

2204. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were around 87,000 HIV infections and over 69,000 AIDS related deaths in the country in 2017;

(b) whether around 22,675 mothers needed Antiretroviral Therapy for prevention of mother to child transmissions of HIV;

(c) whether India's 2017 survey figure also do not show a significant positive shift from 2015 survey; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise in cases of vector borne diseases

2205. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether there is a rise in dengue, malaria and chikungunya cases in the last six months in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to keep the number of cases under control and encouraging people to take proper medical care;

(c) whether medical camps were organised in the high-risk area and in remote areas; and

(d) the logistics provided to the States and UTs like lab technicians, ambulances and medicines and details thereof?

Adverse impact on health caused by air pollution

†2206. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that air pollution is causing several diseases, adversely affecting health of the people and people are dying untimely;

(b) details of various diseases being caused by air pollution;

(c) whether it is a fact that we have still not been able to achieve the fixed target with regard to curbing air pollution due to which the air quality continues to worsen day by day; and

(d) the total amount spent to control air pollution during the last three years along with the measures taken to prevent it?

Pending extension work at Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital

†2207. 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 the extension scheme of Lady Hardinge Medical College, Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospital, New Delhi which was scheduled to be completed in 2014, is still pending;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay and action taken against people responsible for this delay;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central

Public Works Department has declared several buildings of Sucheta Kriplani Hospital as unsafe and despite that, the patients are being treated in these buildings; and

(d) the details thereof?

Central intervention to resolve nurses stir in Assam

2208. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of nurses stir in Assam paralyzing the Government health service sector in the State;

(b) whether Government is also aware of lackadaisical attitude of the State Government in resolving the issues;

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government without further loss of time would intervene to bring back normalcy in the health sector in Assam?

State-of-the-art cancer hospital

2209. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a rising trend in increase of cancer has been observed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years particularly in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(c) whether Government has prepared any action plan for setting up of a state-of-the-art cancer hospital in the country with research and development activities; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof particularly in regard to Assam and other North Eastern States?

Amendment in Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940

2210. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 to provide compensation to patients for faulty medical devices sold by a manufacturer or importer and the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government proposes to bring a suitable legislation so that patients who were victims of such negligence are compensated, and also to act as a deterrent for those manufacturer/importer, and the details thereof?

Unspent fund under multi-sectoral development scheme

2211. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the huge funds released under multi-sectoral development scheme under Minority Welfare schemes remained unspent in the States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the funds released for Minority Welfare programmes and amount spent and utilisation certificates submitted during last three years, State-wise?

Maulana Azad National Fellowship scheme

2212. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had notified the application for Maulana Azad National Fellowship in the academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19;

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

(c) the State-wise details of fellowship given under this scheme?

Evaluation of awareness building measures

2213. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the performance of its awareness campaign initiated to create awareness among minority communities about the schemes/programmes meant for their welfare in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether there is no increase in beneficiaries of the said schemes/programmes after such awareness campaign, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and Scheme/Programme-wise during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government in this direction?

**Centre's share in Post-matric
Scholarship scheme**

†2214. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received a proposal from Madhya Pradesh for enhancing the Centre's share in Post-matric Scholarship scheme; and

(b) if so, by when the amount would be enhanced and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Subsidy for solar products
manufacturers**

2215. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any subsidy or implemented any scheme in order to incentivise the manufacturing of solar energy products;

(b) whether Government has provided any scheme in order to reduce the cost and insurance for solar energy products; and

(c) whether Government has considered including solar energy in Priority Sector Lending norms for banking institutions?

Tenders for solar energy

2216. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) date-wise details of the tenders floated by Government for solar energy since 2014 till date along with the responses received;

(b) whether Government has not been able to fetch response to solar tenders, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has redrafted the solar tenders, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government had promised to expedite solar energy in India, if not, the reasons therefor?

Share of solar power in power basket

2217. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of solar energy to the total installed capacity of power in the country;

(b) the rate of growth of solar energy over the last three years; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to accelerate deployment of solar energy?

**Use of energy efficient pumps in
agriculture**

2218. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to make country more energy efficient in agriculture sector; and

(b) whether Government is in collaboration with any of the PSUs, planning to launch energy efficient pumps for agriculture purpose, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Use of solar water pumps

2219. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of solar water pumps that have been distributed to the farmers during the last three years and the percentage of land that was brought under irrigation by these pumps;

(b) whether solar water pumps are feasible to the farmers having small land holdings; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the use of solar water pumps?

Solar Power Generation by the farmers to operate water pumps

2220. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state whether Government is considering a plan to-extend necessary know-how and financial assistance to the farmers for setting-up small solar power production units on fellow land and use that energy to run water pumps and if so, the details thereof?

Capacity addition in solar and wind energy sector

2221. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of capacity addition planned by Government in solar energy

and wind energy sector during the current fiscal year;

(b) the details of target set by Government with regard to solar and wind energy generation respectively between 2018 and 2022;

(c) whether there is also a need for a increase in renewable purchase obligation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether at the moment overall renewable purchase obligation compliance levels remain very low at less than 60 per cent in many States and if so, the details thereof?

Potential sites for wind power generation

2222. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measure to locate more places where the range of wind speed is conducive for power generation, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to prescribe number of windmills that can be established on a piece of land to avoid excessive windmills being installed on a particular piece of land, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures to reduce T&D losses

2223. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses of electricity in India are among the highest in the world;

(b) if so, the measures taken by

Government since 2015 to ensure proper infrastructure for power distribution, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government since 2015 to ensure that there is no theft of power leading to T&D losses?

Progress in rural electrification

†2224. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a marked progress has been made in the electrification of rural areas in the country during the last two and half years, if so, the comparative details thereof, year-wise during the period; and

(b) the details of progress made and targets achieved regarding electrification of rural areas in the country during last three years as well as details of future plans in this regard?

Proposed thermal power plant in Jaigad, Maharashtra

†2225. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a thermal power plant has been established or is proposed to be established at Jaigad in Ratnagiri, Konkan area, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the area of land acquired for this purpose;

(c) whether the compensation amount has been paid for land to respective land owners; and

(d) if so, the rate at which the compensation for land has been paid or is proposed to be paid?

Curbing pollution of thermal power plants

†2226. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on any special scheme to reduce the pollution level of coal based thermal power plants in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to modernise these thermal power plants?

Performance of hydro power project

†2227. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hydro power projects of central sector established in the country during the last three years;

(b) project-wise details of estimated power generation capacity and power actually being generated from these projects;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to establish more hydro power projects in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and places selected for this purpose?

Non-functional gas-fired thermal power plants

2228. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified gas-fired thermal power plants which are idle and non-productive;

(b) the key reasons behind the plants remaining idle;

(c) whether Government has taken steps to overcome these constraints; and

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

Status of ultra super critical thermal power plant in Nagpur

2229. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposal for the first ultra super critical thermal power plant in Umrer tehsil of Nagpur district has been kept in abeyance; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited has proposed to obtain treated waste water from Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) for cooling, ash handling coal washeries and NMC will supply 28 MCM water per annum to the thermal power plant?

Supply of coal to thermal power plants

2230. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) total number of thermal power plants in the country and those which are in operation up to their full capacity;

(b) how many of them are being managed by each *i.e.*, the Centre, State and private companies, the details thereof;

(c) whether all these power plants are being supplied with required amount of coal for production of power up to their full capacity; and

(d) the coal requirement of each of these power plants for production of their full capacity and the actual amount of coal that is being provided to them, the details thereof, plant-wise?

NPAs in Coal Power Plants

2231. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are high amount of Non-Performing and Stressed Assets in Thermal Power Sector, particularly in Coal Power Plants;

(b) the steps Government has taken in order to reduce NPAs and Stressed Assets in Thermal Power Sector;

(c) in what manner average per unit cost of coal-based energy differs from the per-unit cost of wind and solar energy; and

(d) whether Government plans to expand or reduce the number of coal-based thermal power plants and reasons for the decision?

Electrification under SAUBHAGYA

2232. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 30 per cent of households targeted for electrification under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) are still without electricity as on date;

(b) the number of households targeted for electrification and households successfully electrified under SAUBHAGYA since its inception, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of households connected to the grid and receiving uninterrupted power under SAUBHAGYA since its inception; and

(d) whether there is any provision for validation of data regarding the number of households in a village?

Funds for SAUBHAGYA Scheme

2233. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding targets set, for rural electrification under SAUBHAGYA Scheme, State-wise;

(b) the details regarding allocation of funds for the scheme by Central Government;

(c) the details regarding shares of Centre and States in funds required for the said scheme;

(d) the details regarding target dates set for achievement of objectives of the scheme; and

(e) the details regarding monitoring mechanism to ensure timely achievement?

Development of tourism infrastructure in Gujarat

†2234. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the works executed by Government at central level for development of tourism infrastructure in the State of Gujarat;

(b) the amount allocated/used by Government for these works during the last three years; and

(c) the details of progress made in these works with the help of the said amount so far and details thereof, place-wise?

India's share in global tourism market

†2235. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to increase the participation of India in global

tourism market during the next two years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the consequential increase expected in existing participation; and

(c) the details of places to be developed by Government from the tourism point of view in Uttar Pradesh?

Development of Ahilya Sthan

†2236. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a scheme named as 'Ramayan Circuit' to develop the sites connected with the lives of Lord Rama and Mata Sita as modern and world class tourist destinations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether 'Ahilya Sthan' situated in Mithila region is also being developed under the Ramayan Circuit and if so, the details thereof?

Central financial assistance for tourism projects

2237. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any central financial assistance for tourism projects in several places of tourist interest in the country even though it is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/ Union Territories concerned;

(b) if so, the total amount spent on tourism projects by Government across India since last three years; and

(c) whether any of the tourist spots such as Darjeeling Hills or Places of historical importance in the State of West

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Bengal received any such central financial assistance, since the last three years?

Agreements with technology driven hospitality service providers

2238. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government encourages States to enter into revenue sharing agreement with technology driven hospitality service providers in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the benefits likely to be earned by Government and State Governments as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deal with the Web/App based and digitalised service providers in order to boost tourism and earning of revenue therefrom?

Bright future of Indian tourism sector

2239. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism sector of country is booming and it is expected that India will become the fourth-largest travel and tourism economy within a span of forthcoming ten years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified the places having tourism potential in the country for installing full-fledged infrastructure in those places to meet the future demand; and

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

Beach tourism development

2240. SHRI RAJKUMR DHOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a roadmap for the development of beach tourism along 7517 km. coastline of the country, particularly in Maharashtra; and

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

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