

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, July 24, 2018/Sravana 2, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Evaluation of results of AYUSH expansion in the country

†641. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not achieved anticipated results in expanding the purview of Ayush in urban, semi-urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, whether it is due to insufficient number of doctors, para-medical staff in Ayush medication system; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check such deficiencies?

Hospital in Visakhapatnam under National AYUSH Mission

642. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently approved a 50-bedded AYUSH

hospital at Visakhapatnam under the National AYUSH Mission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ₹100 lakhs have also been released recently; and

(c) why cannot Government plan to have a AYUSH medical college in Visakhapatnam as there is also Regional Ayurveda Research Institute at Vijayawada?

Proposals received from State Governments for development of AYUSH

643. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a number of proposals from State Governments including Himachal Pradesh regarding various schemes being implemented for development of AYUSH system of medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

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(c) the funds allocated/released/spent for development of AYUSH system of medicine in Himachal Pradesh during the said period;

(d) whether any proposals received from Himachal Pradesh are still pending with Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the time by which these proposal are likely to be approved?

Data regarding schemes and programmes

644. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government as a whole has compiled any data about the new and innovative schemes and programmes implemented to achieve its stated objectives during the years 2014-18 and their success so far;

(b) what new efforts, if any, are being made by Government to create greater awareness about these schemes and programmes; and

(c) what is the mechanism, if any, to assess the success of such efforts?

Special AYUSH clinics for the elderly

†645. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides better health services to the elderly persons under AYUSH treatment system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government proposes to open special clinics for the aged persons in villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures being taken by Government to provide cheaper health facilities to the aged persons under the AYUSH system of medicine?

Authentication system for AYUSH medicines

†646. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the details of the measures adopted for authentication and recognition of drugs and medical treatment practices through modern system of medicine under the Ministry of AYUSH for ensuring their acceptability among the general public along with their achievement as well as outcome thereof?

Autonomy for Indian systems of medicine

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the in-charge of allopathic dispensary exercise an overall administrative control over all the dispensaries where more than one dispensaries of different systems are located within a single premises under the Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) whether it does not go against the stated policy of Government in terms of promoting Indian medicine system; and

(d) whether Government would consider to grant full-fledged autonomy to various systems of medicine on account of their exclusive identity?

**Cultivation of medicinal plants in
Tamil Nadu hills**

648. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that State of Tamil Nadu has extensive ranges of hills and mountains including Jarradhu hills, Kollinalai hills, Agathiai Malai etc. which are ideal for growing different types of medicinal plants;

(b) whether Government will provide any special focus/attention to bring more hectares under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) to grow more medicinal plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Control of creation of new shell
companies**

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

(a) the number of shell companies removed during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of action taken against these shell companies; and

(c) the details of initiative taken to control creation of new shell companies?

**Split of the position of Chairman and
MD in companies**

650. DR. SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed SEBI to issue order/recommend to top listed companies to split the position of Chairman and/or Managing Directors within a time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reason for time-frame deadline of splitting the posts; and

(d) the proposal of Government on the issue thereof?

Debt resolution under IBC

651. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) is helping the Nationalised banks to bring down bad loans this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is expecting banks to bring down ₹3 lakh crores in 2018-19 through debt resolution under IBC;

(c) to what extent this will help the Ministry not to infuse capital in such banks; and

(d) the status of process of 12 companies identified in the first phase by RBI and how much money has so far been recovered, Company-wise?

Action against Companies listed on BSE

652. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received by the SFIO against any Company/Companies listed on BSE and NSE;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by the SFIO; and

(c) whether any investigation has been ordered, if so, the outcome of the same?

Complaints received in SFIO

653. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Serious Frauds Investigation Office (SFIO) has received complaints against Nirav Modi, Mehul Choksi, ICICI and L&T;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by the SFIO;

(c) whether any probe has been ordered; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the probe?

Safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage

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

(a) whether any scheme for safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage is being run by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any work related to safeguarding, conservation and promotion

of many cultural heritages is being done in Madhya Pradesh under the scheme for safeguarding the intangible Cultural Heritage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on selfie sticks in museums

655. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has banned selfie sticks at its 46 museums across the country to restore a semblance of discipline amongst the tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the museums identified so far for the same;

(c) whether the ASI is considering to impose a ban on all kinds of photography within museum premises and galleries; and

(d) if so, by what time a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

National mission on monuments and antiquities

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

(a) whether a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities has been made functional by Government which aims at promoting cultural awareness among people through protection of heritage sites and under this mission training are provided in Non-Governmental Organisations, Universities, Research Institutes and Museums;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the activity of promoting cultural awareness among people through

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protection of heritage sites in Mithila region of the State of Bihar is going on under National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, if so, the details thereof?

Funds allocated to libraries and museums in Karnataka

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

(a) the details of funds provided for archives, Government libraries and museums in the State of Karnataka in the last three years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether any special assistance is provided under the National Mission on Libraries for setting up of libraries in Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has provided only ₹ 79 crores for establishment/development of museums in various States of the country for the current year;

(d) whether any additional funds have been sought from the Finance Ministry for enhanced allocation; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shifting of National Library from Kolkata

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

(a) whether Government has decided to shift the National Library from Kolkata to some other place; and

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

Construction activity in prohibited areas of mounments

659. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction activity is prohibited in areas under Group of Monuments at Sarai Sahaj under South Delhi circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received complaints from Residents Welfare Association, Shivalik, New Delhi for unauthorised construction of "Woodhouse" without the prior permission of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the complaints received so far?

Development project at Alipore Jail, Kolkata

660. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20-acre land developmental project is being commissioned at Alipore Jail, Kolkata;

(b) if so, then how it will impact the Alipore Central Jail as a National heritage which has a rich history;

(c) whether Government has formulated a plan to protect the National Heritage sites; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Multi crore scam at CCRT

661. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the audit report, the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) incurred a loss of ₹ 1.56 crore during 2011-12 to 2015-16 for the recommendation of using its auditorium; if so, reason(s) for non-action in getting approval/license for auditorium; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in action in spite of internal audit report of the MHRD revealing a multi-crore scam at CCRT such as, diversion of funds and manpower, appointment of contractual staff without following the laid down procedure and rules and without any advertisement, irregular financial benefit under MACP/ACP?

Centrally protected monuments in Jharkhand

662. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started the online application system of National Monument Authority (NMA) to get the NOC for the construction and maintenance of centrally protected monuments in Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the list of the such monuments of Jharkhand where the work under the said scheme is going on?

Display of antiquities in Red Fort Museum

663. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is preparing to exhibit never seen before artefacts, including rare coins, pottery and clay utensils for the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these exhibits will be displayed at the museum in Red Fort and work is going on to figure out a schedule and display a map for the antiquities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decisions of GST Council

664. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GST Council is giving the statements about the issues which are not dealt in the GST Council and so are creating ambiguity in the minds of the common people;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to direct the GST Council to announce only the recommendations passed by all the GST Council members, the details thereof?

Commitment of Government on risk involved in MFs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that investment in Mutual Fund (MF) during 2014-15 to 2017-18 period has risen by 70 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government has control on the mutual funds and the real guaranteed return on investments therein;

(c) if not, the risks in Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) in an equity MF and the commitment of Government if the schemes fail; and

(d) whether Government proposes to raise interest on bank FDs?

Intimation of PNB frauds to PMO

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the PMO was intimated by complaints regarding the PNB frauds in Public Sector Banks in 2016, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the PMO had taken any steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Less cash in ATM

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after demonetisation less money is being put in the ATMs of the country at present and the news of banks not having enough amount is also coming from time to time as a result of which people are facing difficulties in getting their money; and

(b) the number of times people have faced shortage of amount in ATMs and banks in the year 2018 and the steps taken to make it smooth, the details thereof?

Huge deposit of demonetised notes in Ahmedabad DCB

668. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of PSBs and Co-operative banks wherein highest amount of demonetised notes were deposited along with the amount deposited, Bank-wise;

(b) whether as per the RTI information, demonetised notes of ₹500 and ₹1000 have been deposited to the tune of ₹750/- crores in only 5 days after demonetisation in Ahmedabad District Co-operative Bank;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has inquired into the alleged huge deposits;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons for protecting the corrupts and black money hoarders?

Increase in NPAs of banks

669. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NPAs of various Public Sector Banks as on 30th June, 2018, Bank-wise;

(b) the details of loans sanctioned after May, 2014 which have turned as NPAs, Public Sector Bank-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the country has witnessed around five times increase in NPAs of PSBs since 2014 till date;

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

(e) the details of NPAs of PSBs as on 31st March, 2014, Bank-wise?

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**Operating of common service centres
as business correspondents of banks**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will work to enable all 2.9 lakh common service centres in the country to operate as business correspondents of banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these centres will be allowed to perform many more services; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rise of Indian money in Swiss Banks

671. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian money in Swiss banks rose 50 per cent to over 7000 crore in 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) why the Government failed in getting the black money from abroad; and

(d) by what time, the Government would bring back black money stashed abroad, and the action initiated against the guilty?

**Investigation in financial and
administrative irregularities of a
Cooperative Bank in Gorakhpur**

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Registrar, Co-operative Society had submitted in writing to take action after investigation with regard to financial irregularities and other administrative irregularities taking place at the NE&EC Employees Multi-State Primary Co-operative Bank Limited, Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Reserve Bank of India in this regard;

(c) the educational qualification stipulated by Reserve Bank for the post of Chief Executive in this bank; and

(d) whether the Reserve Bank is in possession of any record on registration number towards registration of this bank under the Multi-State Co-operative Society Act?

**Indian black money stashed in Swiss
Banks**

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's stash in Swiss banks has swelled-up considerably

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post-demonetization in case of black money;

(b) the details thereof and the details of amount increased or decreased in Swiss banks during the last three years;

(c) the reasons of increase in black money of Indians in Swiss banks and the steps taken during the last three years to bring back the same to the country; and

(d) the reasons of not getting success in bringing the black money back to the country?

Violation of rules by Cooperative banks during demonetisation

†674. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of ₹1000 and ₹500 notes which has returned to the system;

(b) whether it is a fact that the information of depositing unexpected amount in a few days in co-operative banks during demonetisation has come to the notice of Government; and

(c) the activities relating to violation of rules reported during demonetisation and the number of cases which are being investigated upon?

Introduction of more features in new currency notes

†675. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of counterfeit notes of denomination ₹ 500 and ₹1000 of old currency that have been seized during demonetisation period;

(b) the aims and objectives of demonetisation and whether Government was successful in it; and

(c) whether Government is completing to take steps to introduce more features in new currency notes after the seizure of counterfeit notes of new currency?

Subsidy amount transferred in Jan-Dhan accounts

†676. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Jan-Dhan accounts opened so far since the implementation of the Jan-Dhan Yojana by Government; and

(b) the amount of money directly transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries through the Government subsidy schemes?

EAPs in AP under Special Assistance

677. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA
RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Externally Aided Projects (EAP) taken up by Government of Andhra Pradesh in view of announcement on special assistance in lieu of special category State by Finance Minister;

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(b) the details of total project cost of such projects and period of their implementation;

(c) whether there are any other Externally Aided Projects in the pipeline under the special assistance measure;

(d) the details of the projects in the pipeline and their cost, project-wise; and

(e) the extent of the cost of above projects that Central Government will bear towards principal and interest on the loans received?

Increase of the limit of Atal Pension Yojana (APY)

678. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the limit of the pension under Atal Pension Yojana (APY), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) to this effect, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Identification of Benami Properties

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

(a) whether the Benami Transaction (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016 could contain illegal transaction of immovable properties;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of benami properties acquired and their total value; and

(c) the details of further steps Government plans to take to identify illegally acquired immovable properties falling under the category of benami property?

Panel to tackle NPAs

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sunil Mehra Committee gave its report for resolution of stressed assets in banks;

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

(c) whether monitoring mechanism had been recommended to track resolution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the safeguards provided for the companies which have defaulted for valid reasons?

Restructure funding of Air India

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided not to go ahead with Air India stake sale in the near future, in view of airline posting operational profits;

(b) if so, whether Government would inject the required funds and restructure the funding pattern for its turn around, including sale of some of the immovable assets;

- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent of funds expected to be given to Air India for its turn around?

Curbing stashing of black money abroad

682. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to bring back the black money stashed abroad and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof;
- (b) whether stashing of black money in Swiss banks increased in 2017 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for curbing stashing of black money abroad?

Concessional ROI to RRBs and Co-operative Banks by NABARD

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

- (a) whether NABARD provides refinance to RRBs and Co-operative Banks at Concessional Rate of Interest (ROI) under various categories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of refinancing given to RRBs and Co-operative Banks at Concessional Rate of Interest in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years, RRBs and Co-operative Bank-wise?

Shortage of new currency notes

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many States

in the country have been witnessing currency crunch;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of currency notes in denomination of ₹ 200, ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 presently in circulation in the country; and

- (c) the steps taken by RBI to address the currency shortage in the country?

Introduction Mudra Yojana for business

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has introduced Mudra Yojana for business purpose for the unemployed persons of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of beneficiaries therein, year-wise and age group-wise (25-40 years, 41-60 years);
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has included all financial loans into account of Mudra Yojana; and
- (d) the total number of applications received so far by banks and disbursement of loan, year-wise and State-wise?

Amendments to contentious terms of references of 15th Finance Commission

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Governments of Seven States and Union Territories have jointly written to the President of India seeking amendments to some of the contentious terms of references of the 15th Finance Commission; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Raise in Deposit Insurance

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing on revising the deposit insurance cover, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Government to raise the present limit of deposit insurance cover from ₹ 1.00 lakh to ₹ 1.50 lakhs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has given any response to the request of the A.P. Government, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the proposals received by Government from other State Governments; and

(e) the steps being taken in this regard?

Excluding customs duty hike on motorcycles

688. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Notification No.49/2018-Customs dated 20.06.2018 excluding customs duty hike on motorcycles, was issued because of pressure from the United States Government to lower customs duty on import of motorcycles, especially Harley Davidson to India; and

(b) if so, the financial implication per fiscal year of the same, and the public interest element involved in doing the same?

Ownership of IDBI by LIC

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

(a) whether LIC is planning to take

effective control and ownership of IDBI bank by increasing its holding to 51 per cent;

(b) if so, whether holding of 51 per cent shares by LIC in IDBI Bank will not contravene the assurance given to Parliament by the then Honorable Finance Minister in 2003;

(c) if so, whether purchase of 51 per cent shares by LIC in IDBI Bank will not contravene Article 4 of Articles of Association of IDBI Bank Ltd.; and

(d) whether LIC will purchase shares from existing shareholders of IDBI Bank Ltd. or will issue new equity shares to make its holding to 51 per cent?

Impact on policyholders on IDBI capitalisation by LIC

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

(a) whether LIC will be required to provide capital to recapitalize the IDBI Bank Ltd. to provide for bad loans and to meet the capital adequacy ratio;

(b) the amount LIC will invest from premium paid by policyholders and from surplus with LIC for the purpose of investment in IDBI Bank Ltd. to increase its holding to 51 per cent; and

(c) whether this will not hurt the interest of policyholders as less amount will be available for investment and less surplus will mean lower bonus distribution?

Rise in NPAs of scheduled commercial banks

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Gross Non-

Performing Assets (NPAs) of scheduled commercial banks have increased by about 231 per cent from ₹ 2,51,054 crores in the year March, 2014 to ₹ 8,31,141 crores in the year March, 2018;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the companies to whom loan worth more than ₹ 500 crores have been given by the scheduled commercial banks during the last four years; and

(d) the quantum of loan amount recovered from those companies so far?

Accounts opened under Sukanya Samridhi Yojana

†692. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of accounts opened under Sukanya Samridhi Yojana across country after implementation of the said scheme, State-wise; and

(b) the total amount deposited in such accounts till date, State-wise?

Recovery of NPAs

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

(a) the details of the defaulting companies/individuals against whom Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of more than ₹ 10 crore and above are pending for recovery; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to streamline loan recovery policy and to evolve innovative methods for recovery of NPAs/bad loans?

Reduction of rate of interest on lending by banks

†694. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed Reserve Bank of India to issue guidelines to banks that they should reduce the rate of interest on housing loans and vehicle loans given by them;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that despite major reduction in rate of interest in lending by SBI, private banks still have not followed the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that same policy be adopted by banks of both the public and private sector in India for rate of interest on lending?

Panel to tackle NPAs

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

(a) whether Bankers panel/Committee has submitted its draft report to Government which suggests a 5-pronged strategy to tackle NPAs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to tackle growing NPAs issue?

Ministerial group for merger of PSBs

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

(a) whether a ministerial group had been constituted to take a view on the proposal for merger of Public Sector Banks;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the terms of reference for the group;

(c) which are the banks proposed to be considered for merger and what immediate benefits would accrue if the identified banks are merged; and

(d) whether Government has fixed any timeline for merger of certain Public Sector Banks in the country?

RBI study on rising debt levels

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the recent RBI study on the rising debt levels in textile, telecom and construction segment;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the number and the list of companies at risk in textile, telecom and construction sector; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the rising debt levels?

Impact of action under Fugitive Economic Offenders Ordinance

698. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons/companies identified/action taken under Fugitive Economic offenders Ordinance till date;

(b) whether such action taken has sent a negative impact on business houses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Profit, losses, GNPA's of Public Sector Banks

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 21 Public Sector Banks have suffered highest ever losses and biggest pile up of gross Non-Performing Assets during the year 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the details of the profit/loss, Gross NPAs and the provision made of NPAs during the year 2017-18, Bank-wise?

Waiving off loans to farmers

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on borrower-farmers who are unable to repay their loans and those who have defaulted in repayment of loans in the wake of successive droughts in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of borrowers and the total amount of loans sanctioned/granted in the above categories, State and Category-wise, as on date; and

(c) whether Government is considering to waive off the above loans as a relief measure to the farmers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Computation of Income Tax for foreign Companies

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

(a) whether foreign Companies are taxed only on income which arises from operations carried out in India;

(b) if so, the quantum of taxes collected during the last three years from foreign Companies;

(c) whether Government has notified rules for computation of Income Tax for foreign Companies;

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

(e) whether Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has also notified that a Company will be treated as foreign even after it becomes headquartered in India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Recovering of written off PSBs loans

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the PSBs have written off a huge amount of loans in the last four years;

(b) if so, the details of the written off loans, Bank-wise;

(c) the quantum of written off loans recovered in the last four years; and

(d) the details of recovery of the written off loans, Bank-wise?

Assessment of KCC Scheme

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

(a) whether Government has introduced Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for farmer across the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the KCC Scheme;

(c) the details of the number of cards that have been issued to farmers across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the Scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in Indian deposits in Swiss Banks

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the 50 per cent increase in Indian deposits in Swiss Banks;

(b) if so, the response of Government in the light of allegations of black money stalking in Swiss Banks; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring out a clear picture on Swiss Bank account in the light of Minister's statement that the rise in Indian deposits cannot be assumed as black money?

Survey on impact of GST on business

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

(a) whether after an year in retrospect, since its roll-out, the GST impact on overall business has turned out positive according to survey findings by Deloitte Consultants;

(b) whether the Deloitte GST survey for 2018 indicates that the GST impact reflected better on the revenue and supply chain, while 58 per cent of the Chief Financial Officers in the Corporate Sector saw improvement in the Ease of Doing Business; and

(c) whether most of the CFOs taking part in the survey felt confident that minor glitches including rolling out of e-Way Bill for the road movement of goods will be fixed soon?

**Tweaking of rules to recapitalise IDBI
by LIC**

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

(a) whether after the Centre's mega bank recapitalisation plan came a cropper, India's largest domestic institution LIC has been asked to infuse funds into the ailing IDBI Bank;

(b) whether it would be imprudent to force the LIC to pump in funds to an ailing Public Sector Bank as a quick-fix solution rather than tackling a deeper structural issue at hand *viz.* that of rescuing the capital starved Public Sector Banks; and

(c) whether to formalise the LICs infusion of funds into IDBI Bank the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (IRDA) has tweaked its rules?

Consolidation of RRBs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to start the consolidation process of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to bring down the number of such entities to 38 from 56; and

(d) whether Government has asked the Public Sector Banks which are the sponsors of the RRBs, to amalgamate the RRBs within a State?

**Approval of revised allowances proposed
by Seventh Pay Commission**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is likely to approve the revised allowances proposed by the Seventh Central Pay Commission for Central Government staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the HRA has been kept at 30 per cent of basic pay in metros; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans written off by PSBs

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

(a) whether there has been a rise in loans written off by Public Sector Banks in recent years;

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

(c) the number of loans written off by Public Sector Banks since 2014, year-wise; and

(d) the value of the loans written off by Public Sector Banks since 2014, year-wise?

**Abolition of Contributory Pension
Scheme**

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

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the matter of Contributory Pension Scheme and problems being faced by the employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of requests from State Governments and Government employees have been received by Government to withdraw the CPS System, the status of such requests; and

(d) whether Government is planning to resolve the matter and abolish the CPS System in view of the problems being faced by the employees?

Dried-up ATMs

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

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the newspaper reports that several ATMs are dried-up and showing no-cash boards despite Government's claim that more than adequate currency was in circulation;

(b) whether Government has analysed why there was a sudden and unusual increase in demand of currency; and

(c) how Government is planning to restore normalcy in availability of notes as per demand?

Review of IT Act, 1961

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

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to review the Income Tax Act of 1961 according to the recommendations provided by the present Accounting Standards Committee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Consumer welfare fund under GST

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and the concerned States will equally share the amount deposited by erring business in the consumer welfare fund, set up as part of the GST anti profiteering rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount so far shared by both the Centre and the States out of the funds so far deposited in the said fund, as on date?

Deposit of demonetised notes in co-operative banks

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

(a) the details of amount deposited in Co-operative Societies, District Central Co-operative Banks, Urban Banks and State Co-operative Banks of the country till 31 March, 2017 after demonetisation in the country, the Bank-wise details thereof with respect to all States/Union Territories including the State of Maharashtra; and

(b) whether these Co-operative Societies and Banks were allowed to change currency notes having the denominations of ₹ 500/- and 1000/- after demonetisation, if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

Revival of sick companies through insolvency resolution process

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

(a) the provision made to protect the interests of small and minority shareholders of the companies which have turned sick and where the process of improving them is going on through the corporate insolvency resolution;

(b) whether any efforts have been made to ascertain any irregularities by

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managements by conducting proper inquiry of these companies;

(c) whether committee of creditors have been given full rights to accept or reject the proposals made by resolution professionals; and

(d) whether they have been given any guidance, if so, the details thereof?

Formulation of policy on crypto-currency trading

716. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three-month window, by RBI's direction for banks to stop dealing with all crypto-currency trading platforms, is ending mid-July 2018;

(b) whether Government appointed Committee headed by the Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs is expected to submit its report on formulation of Government's policy on bit-coin and other crypto-currencies soon; and

(c) whether with the Honourable Supreme Court expected to have crypto-currency related petitions soon, Government has to formalise its policy on crypto-currency trading and decide upon a regulatory body as it falls outside RBI's jurisdiction on currency or legal tender?

One market place for Public Sector Bank loans

717. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State-run banks are mulling a common portal where they could offer

competitive and instant personal, housing and other retail loans based on the creditworthiness of the borrower;

(b) whether Government also wants PSBs to use new financial technologies to make business transactions quicker and hassle-free;

(c) whether Government unveiled a reform agenda for PSBs, termed EASE-Enhanced Access and Service Excellence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Banks officers guilty of helping Nirav Modi

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

(a) the banks whose senior officers have been found guilty of helping Nirav Modi;

(b) the action being taken against them; and

(c) the details thereof?

Banks defrauded by Nirav Modi

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

(a) the names of banks which were defrauded by Nirav Modi along with the details of amount which were swindled by him from these banks;

(b) the complete details thereof; and

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

Measures to recover loan amount from wilful defaulters

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

(a) whether Government had taken

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serious note on the increasing trends in NPAs in PSBs and if so, the details thereof of the concrete steps to find the exact volume and value (in INR) of NPAs and defaulters, Public Sector Bank-wise;

(b) Government's reaction in the last four years in this regard;

(c) the list of Banks having of NPAs ₹ 100 crore or more; and

(d) whether Government has taken any stringent measures to recover the loan amount from the NPAs and wilful defaulters and the result achieved so far?

Funds released under Bundelkhand Development Package Scheme

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

(a) the total funds released and yet to be released by Government under Bundelkhand Development Package Scheme towards developmental work in seven Districts of Bundelkhand region in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of works proposed to be undertaken through the released funds and the number of works still pending;

(c) the details of funds released department-wise; and

(d) the details of funds released District-wise?

Implications under RBI prompt corrective Action

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

(a) the details regarding Public Sector Banks (PSBs) placed under RBI Prompt Corrective Action so far during the last two years;

(b) whether there are any restrictions on new branch opening, recruitment of staff and other expansion activities of such banks;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding other implications of placement under Prompt Corrective Action?

Spread of SMS for buying particular share

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

(a) whether Government has received any complaints regarding spreading of SMS recommending buying of shares of particular companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with action taken in the matter;

(c) whether the details of marketing agencies sending such messages have been shared with TRAI to identify the senders of such messages;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether TRAI has taken any action in the matter; and

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

Reduction in budgetary allocation of running schemes

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

(a) the details of schemes in progress for which the funds were enhanced in the Revised Estimates (RE) of 2017-18 budget but were reduced in the General Budget of 2018-19; and

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(b) how does Government proposes that the said schemes would progress when its allocation has been cut; and

(c) how does Government proposes for these schemes to bear the inflationary brunt and continue at the same pace?

Changes in GST framework to expand tax base

725. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is under the consideration of Government to make few changes in the GST framework in order to expand tax base, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to give concessions to smaller business who are grappling with compliance requirements; and

(c) whether Government also proposes to change the rates on many products to enable businesses to plan supplies, inventory and pricing, if so, the details thereof?

Disbursement of education loans in Odisha

726. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total education loans distributed in the State of Odisha by the Nationalised banks during the last two years;

(b) whether students face hardship in obtaining loans to pursue the higher studies in the State; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

RBI's powers to regulate PSBs

727. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI does not have adequate powers to regulate Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(b) if so, the stand of Government thereon;

(c) whether that was a reason due to which a number of scams in PSBs could not be prevented; and

(d) the action being taken in this regard?

Buying stake in IDBI by LIC

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

(a) the reason why LIC is being allowed to use policyholders' money to buy stake in IDBI Bank, which has huge NPAs;

(b) whether LIC is required to make investments to ensure that it can pay back the policyholders' money;

(c) if so, whether buying a stake in a debt ridden bank is likely to put policyholders' money under risk;

(d) if so, whether any risk assessment has been done before this investment is allowed;

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

(f) the details of solvency ratio of LIC year-wise, since 2013?

Colluding of Bank of Maharashtra officers with real estate developer

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a few senior officers of the Bank of Maharashtra have recently been arrested for colluding with real estate developer D. S. Kulkarni to divert money and cheat shareholders;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount involved in the fraud; and

(c) whether the members of Indian Banks Association have also met the Hon'ble Minister and submitted any representation against the arrest of senior officers of the Bank and if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Separate calculation of collected income tax from Jharkhand

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

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the bifurcation of State of Bihar and a separate State of Jharkhand being carved out from it 17 years ago, the income tax being collected from Jharkhand is not calculated independently, rather the same is clubbed with the State of Bihar for calculation purposes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State of Jharkhand is incurring a loss on this account; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to introduce a system whereby the income tax collected from the State of Jharkhand is calculated separately/independently; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Cash withdrawal denied by PNB, Dumri Kalan Branch

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

(a) whether customers are being denied cash withdrawal of more than ₹ 5000/- at Punjab National Bank, Dumri Kalan Branch, District- Sitamarhi, Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the above restriction is uniformly implemented for all customers;

(c) whether the bank officials disdain and harass their customers while giving importance to certain influential customers;

(d) whether it is a fact that employees of the bank demand bribes to release dues to the beneficiaries under various Government schemes for people living in rural areas; and

(e) the steps being proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Shortage of doctors in CGHS Dispensaries

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of doctors in the CGHS Dispensaries across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has appointed retired doctors;

(c) whether Government intends to appoint new doctors in the said Dispensaries and whether vacancies are reserved for SCs/STs; and

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

Status of Medical Universities in India

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

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(a) whether the number of Medical Universities has been increasing in India;

(b) if so, the number of Medical Universities in different States, till date;

(c) the number of M.D., M.S., D.N.D. and different Diploma Seats for Post Graduate Courses in India, State-wise; and

(d) the number of registered M.D., M.S., D.N.B. and different Diploma holder doctors in India, State-wise?

FSSAI's recommendation regarding food adulteration

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

(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has proposed stringent punishment of fine of ₹ 10 lakh and life imprisonment for those adulterating foodstuff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if a trader purchases foodstuff against a proper bill from manufacturer and later on it is found that the foodstuff is adulterated then who will be held responsible;

(d) the measures taken to protect innocent traders from proposed punishment; and

(e) the details of safeguards available to the distributors/retailers selling goods in original company packing and against valid bills?

Awareness building measures about organ donation

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

(a) whether Government has taken any steps in order to raise awareness about organ donation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of organ transplant cases pending for the last three years;

(c) whether people in the country are not aware of organ donation, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government is working on any action plan for organising programmes all over the country for creating awareness about organ donation and updating the people about latest technology in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Steps to address cancer, particularly in Punjab

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

(a) whether the number of cancer patients is on the rise, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) the steps taken by Central Government for early detection and cure of cancer patients;

(c) the number of existing Cancer Care Centres/Institutes that have been upgraded, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated, released and spent for this purpose during the last three years, State-wise?

Hospitals in the country

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

(a) whether the number of Government and private hospitals in India is highest in the world, if so, the number of Government and private hospitals in India, State-wise including PHC, sub-divisional and District hospitals; and

(b) the number of beds uptill now in Government and private hospitals in India, State-wise?

CGHS facility/Health Insurance for sportspersons

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

(a) whether Government is seriously considering the proposal for providing CGHS facilities or health insurance scheme to the sportspersons to avail medical facilities, particularly for State level and national level sportsperson in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

PMSSY in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not selected any State Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals for upgradation during phase IV and Phase V(A) under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not choosing any State Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals for upgradation during Phase IV and Phase V(A) under PMSSY in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Marketing of unapproved and risky drugs

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

(a) whether Government is aware of marketing of unapproved, risky and non-efficacy drugs in the country;

(b) is so, whether Government has identified the products and asked the companies for clinical trial and fitness certificate therefor;

(c) if so, whether Government is also aware of the trafficking of falsified and substandard medicinal products in the country thereof; and

(d) if so, report of Drugs Technical Advisory Board in this regard?

Promoting use of small grains for health benefits

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

(a) whether Government proposes to promote/encourage use of small grains for health benefits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Budgetary allocation for health sector

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

(a) the details of budgetary allocation made by Government for the health sector during the last two years along with the utilisation made out of the same;

(b) the present status and details of infant mortality rate, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government in view of the poor performance of the health sector in the country as against the global scenario?

Nipah outbreak in Kerala

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

(a) the steps taken by Central and State Government to contain the Nipah epidemic in Kerala;

(b) the reasons for the break out and spread of Nipah in Kerala;

(c) whether Government has taken note of dearth of facilities in Kerala, like testing labs to tackle virus attacks like that of Nipah;

(d) if so, the details of the measures Government will take to improve the various facilities to deal with the Nipah like threats; and

(e) whether Government is satisfied that the Nipah threat has been contained fully in Kerala?

Problems of under nutrition and obesity

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing twin trouble of under nutrition and obesity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Scheduled Tribe children are the worst affected with under nutrition while urban children are facing obesity;

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan to solve the problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New hospitals under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not selected any Government medical College/Hospital for upgradation during Phase II and Phase IV of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will propose to compensate that by including any Government Medical College/Hospital in the next phase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Screening of patients for tuberculosis and leprosy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is all set to start universal screening for tuberculosis and leprosy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at the age of 30 years, everyone will have to be screened not just of diabetes, hypertension and cancers, but also for tuberculosis and leprosy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India accounts for the largest number of tuberculosis patients in the world and 60 per cent of the global burden of leprosy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-functional OTs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Operation Theatres (OTs) in Government hospitals in various parts of the country, including the National Capital and in Maharashtra are non-functional;

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

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to ensure that all Operation Theatres in Government hospitals remain functional with all facilities throughout the country?

Preventing spread of Monkey Fever in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Monkey Fever is spreading in many parts of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government has taken or proposes to take to contain and prevent the disease in the State?

Regulatory system for approval of medicines

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

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the newspaper reports that Government has approved certain medicines to be marketed in India without the justifiable clinical data and scientific evidence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any mechanism in Government to check this type of irrational approvals even when such incidents are brought to its notice; and

(d) whether Government has received any such complaints during the last three years against certain drugs being marketed in India?

Problem of quacks

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

(a) whether it has been reported that a quack has used one needle and syringe to inject many patients infecting them with HIV positive;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that such quacks are in abundance in the rural and remote areas due to non-availability of any kind of medical facility available in those areas; and

(c) the steps Government intends to take to bring such quacks to book and

provide basic medical facilities in such areas so that the local population doesn't have to depend on such quacks?

Proposal of new AIIMS like hospital near Delhi

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up any hospital like All India Institute of Medical Sciences near Delhi considering the mounting pressure on All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi;

(b) whether Government intends to establish a separate counter and separate C.G.H.S. wing at AIIMS Hospital in Delhi for the treatment of the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries; and

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

Sale of drugs without licences

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that medicines without Government approvals are being sold rampantly;

(b) the action taken/being taken by Government against such drug companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment in CGHS Dispensaries

753. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment to the sanctioned posts in various CGHS Dispensaries is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of posts filled against sanctioned posts in various CGHS Dispensaries, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether Government has taken any action to fill these vacancies;

(d) whether Government has paid attention to the causes of delay in such recruitment to the sanctioned posts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

Curbing spread of Nipah outside Kerala

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to take any step to prevent further spread of Nipah virus, prevalent in Kerala, to other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step so far in this regard; and

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

Statistics regarding Accredited Social Health Activists

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

(a) whether Government has any data

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of the certified Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in India in last three years;

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

(c) details of the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) in Maharashtra by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) in last three years and details thereof, District-wise?

Early detection of cancer and other ailments

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has in February, 2017 rolled out a massive free door to door screening programme for early detection of cancer, heart disorders and diabetes which amount for over 35 per cent of all deaths in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government plans to cover 200 Districts by the end of 2018 and may also add screening of respiratory diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Patients of Non-Communicable Diseases in India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) account for 55 per cent of premature deaths in India;

(b) whether the number of people screened under the National Programme for

Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke itself increased by 131 per cent from 2016;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in 2017, as many as 3 crore people were screened under the programme which focuses on preventive healthcare; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modalities of National Health Protection Scheme

758. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized the eligibility criteria for National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) to provide insurance cover to an estimated 50 crore individuals, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has prepared the list of procedures/diseases to be covered under NHPS, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total budgetary allocation for the said scheme and formula for sharing between Centre and the States?

Coverage of students under WIFS programme

759. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less than 50 per cent of students in Government schools get iron and folic acid supplements under Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS) programme for adolescents; and

(b) if so, the measures to strengthen adolescent health programme?

Medical Infrastructure in India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to fulfil its promises to increase the number of medical and paramedical colleges to make India self-sufficient in human resources, and set up an AIIMS like Institute in every State; and

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

Cancer patients in India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer patients in the country is growing day-by-day; and

(b) if so, the measures that have been taken by Government to create public awareness about the disease and providing adequate latest facilities for its prevention, diagnosis, treatment and other effective steps required in this regard?

Dengue cases in South India

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

(a) whether Government is aware that 4 of the 5 worst dengue hit States are in South India and 87 dengue deaths out of the 187 deaths as per Government data are reported in Kerala and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether there is any specific action and surveillance plan introduced to monitor and combat the situation throughout the region, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Rural Health Facilities

763. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government is aware of shortage of Government run hospitals and rural healthcare centers in the country, if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, along with the steps taken to open more rural healthcare centers keeping in view their increasing demand?

AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS which is to be set up in Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh is facing lack of funds for the construction, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the progress of the construction and what is the time-line of completion of the AIIMS and the details thereof?

Coverage and budget of RSBY

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

(a) whether Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) aims to provide health cover to the population below the poverty line and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of target set and achievement made under the Yojana during the last two years in the country in general, and Assam and North Eastern States in particular;

(c) whether it is a fact that there was a substantial cut in Government spending in the Yojana during 2016-17;

(d) if so, the details thereof together with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the extent to which the curtailment in Government spending affected the Yojana?

Districts having weak health infrastructure

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

(a) whether Government has identified some Districts as most backward having poor health care facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof with criteria adopted for identification of the Districts;

(c) whether Government has decided to provide better health care in these Districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly with reference to Assam and North Eastern States?

Expenditure on Healthcare Sector

†767. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Gross Domestic product (GDP) that was spent on the Health Sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the expenditure on health in the Public Sector remains very low in comparison to the Private Sector;

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

(d) the amount of money spent/being spent on an average per year on the Health Sector during the last three years and current year;

(e) whether commercialisation of the Health Sector has taken place on the large scale in the country; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

New medical colleges in Bihar

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

(a) the places in Bihar where new medical colleges are planned to be opened and the updated status thereof;

(b) the progress made with regard to opening of medical college in Buxar and by when it would be established as per the current situation;

(c) whether it is a fact that no land has been made available so far for the proposed medical college in Samastipur; and

(d) if so, whether Government has made any effort for acquisition of land so that the college can be set up by providing required land?

Cases of Indians undergoing angioplasty in Singapore

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

(a) whether Government is aware that Singapore is fast becoming the choice destination for treatment for cardiac ailment for Indians;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of angioplasty cases undergone by Indians

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have increased manifold in Singapore after Government's decision in 2017 to cap prices of stents used for patients with heart ailments; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Action taken under Drugs and Cosmetics Act

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

(a) whether Government has drawn samples of any drugs or cosmetics manufactured by Companies for test/analysis as per the Provisions of Section-22 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any violation/adulteration/sub-standardness had been found during their search operations;

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

(e) has any penal action been taken against these Companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Enhancing capacity of Government hospitals in Delhi

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

(a) whether it is a fact that LNJP, AIIMS and Safdurjung hospital of Delhi are providing services beyond their capacity;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step to enhance their capacity; and

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

Special laboratory for investigation of rape cases

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering upon setting up a special laboratory for speedy investigation of cases pertaining to the rape victim women;

(b) if so, whether any step has been taken by Government so far in this regard; and

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

Deaths from Nipah virus

†773. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) the number of deaths caused by "Nipah" virus in the State of Kerala during this year;

(b) the details of concrete steps taken by Government to prevent this disease; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any plan towards preventing the spread of such a disease and ensuring its investigation throughout the country?

Vacancies in Medical Colleges

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

(a) the number of vacancies in the Jodhpur and Ajmer Medical College;

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(b) the details thereof and by when the vacancies would be filled;

(c) how many vacancies for SCs/STs are there in those colleges; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Residential schools for minorities in
Karnataka**

775. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four residential schools are proposed to be opened minority concentration blocks in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of construction of the aforementioned residential schools; and

(d) by when they are likely to be completed and start academic session?

**Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas
Karyakram**

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

(a) the details of the offices which are looking after the facilities provided under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) along with the schemes which have been announced under PMJVK State-wise, District-wise;

(b) the details of the officers under PMJVK, criteria for appointment, their emoluments. State-wise, District-wise; and

(c) the details of the Schools/Colleges, Health Centres, Hostels, Drinking Water

Facilities, Polytechnics, ITIs, Market Sheds for Artisans-Farmers, Sadbav Mandaps, Job-Oriented Skill Development Centres, Hunar Hubs, constructed under PMJVK along with construction cost for each, date of construction along with date of registration as the case maybe, State-wise, District-wise, Block-wise?

**Representation of minorities in
Government offices/PSUs**

777. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Jains recruited in Government, Public Sector Undertakings in the last three years;

(b) the number of complaints filed by the members of minority community who were denied Government jobs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the employment opportunities for the minorities over the last three years of assuming offices?

**New initiative schemes for welfare of
Minorities**

778. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government as a whole has completed any data about the new and innovative schemes and programmes implemented for welfare of Minorities during 2014-18 and their success so far, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) what new efforts if any, are being made by Government to create greater awareness about these schemes and programmes; and

(c) what is the mechanism to assess the success of such efforts?

Upliftment of minorities

†779. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Institutions, viz., (Commissions, Corporations, etc.) engaged in the upliftment of minorities on the country;

(b) whether these Institutions are functioning properly, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether no eligible and qualified persons have been appointed so far on the several key positions in these Institutions, if so, the details thereof?

High dropout rates among Muslim students

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken a study to determine reasons for high dropout rates among Muslim students;

(b) if so, finding of the study;

(c) if no study has been commissioned despite Standing Committee's recommendations to do so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether lack of quality schools is a reason, if so, the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and National Institutes for graduate and postgraduate studies existing in minority concentrated, districts, district-wise;

(e) whether a report submitted to Government has recommended a three-tier education system for minorities especially muslims; and

(f) if so, by when Government will act on the report?

State of Development of Renewable Energy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that threats from impending safeguard duty, poor policy environment and weak financial condition of DISCOMS are the biggest challenges the sector is facing at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these were the primary factors which pushed India down by two spots to 4th rank in the global renewable energy country attractive index;

(c) whether the lowest ever solar tariff in India is ₹ 2.44 per unit, discovered in May, 2017 at the reverse auctions for solar plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tariff quotes of renewable energy

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

(a) whether most of the recent renewable energy auctions were won by companies with foreign backed capital and with interest rates rising and the end of quantitative easing by the US, experts anticipated cost to rise, potentially turning

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the low tariff quotes to become unsustainable;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country's renewable energy capacity stood at 69,685 MW at the end of 2017-18; and

(c) whether the target is to achieve 175 GW by financial year 2022-23 which would require about US \$125 billion-US \$ 87.5 billion debt and the remaining as equity?

Mismatch in demand and supply of power in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of power is less 5 times as compared with demands of power in the country;

(b) the current demand and supply ratio in the country, State-wise, particularly in Rajasthan State for the last two years;

(c) whether Government is making plan to provide sufficient power to all farmers and people in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what is the expected time and expenses to complete this dream project?

Household electrification in the country

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of providing household electrification in the country, State-wise and District-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that household electrification remains incomplete in the

areas, mostly belonging to backward communities, including SC and ST households;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time, the target of complete household electrification in the country would be achieved?

Electrified villages in Jharkhand under DDUGJY

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

(a) the details of the achievements of the various projects of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) along with the village infrastructure created and the number of villages electrified thereunder in Jharkhand;

(b) whether any deficiencies in creation of infrastructure and the implementation of the DDUGJY have come to the notice of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Villages in Rajasthan deprived of electricity

†786. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Rajasthan deprived of electrification;

(b) if so, by when they are expected to be electrified; and

(c) the budgetary provisions made by Government for this purpose?

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**Implementation of tolling
arrangement**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many old power plants in the country are currently operating at a very high cost of more than ₹ 3.5/kwh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the implementation of tolling arrangement on a larger scale will bring significant benefits to various stakeholders; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the DISCOMS will see reduction in the cost of power purchase leading to significant savings?

**Poor performance of State run power
plants**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the State run plants with combined capacity of 30,000 MW are more than 25 years old and are fit to be reitred or retrofitted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these plants are operating at poor performance parameters such as high heat rate, high auxiliary power consumption and low plant load factor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of these plants are load centre based plants and located far from coal mines leading to higher cost of transportation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Implementation of recommendation
of Committee by BBMB**

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

(a) whether a Committee was formed in Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to carry out exercise pertaining to Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) in BBMB;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has identified any areas where expenditure can be reduced;

(c) if so, whether BBMB has implemented the suggestions given by the Committee;

(d) if not, whether Government of India intends to give direction to BBMB for early implementation of suggestions of the Committee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Procurement of power from stressed
power producing companies**

790. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to launch a scheme to procure power from the stressed power producing companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such stressed power companies; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which the proposed scheme will revive the performance of these stressed power companies?

**Blocking of dues of MSMEs by
TANGEDCO**

791. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India and Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited (TANGEDCO), Chennai have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to *interalia* improve financial efficiency of TANGEDCO under Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received several representations from private MSMEs for blocking their legitimate dues for supply of energy meters by TANGEDCO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to expedite the release of outstanding dues of small MSMEs under the flagship scheme of "Ease of Doing Business" announced by the Prime Minister?

**Household electrification for
the poor**

792. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of households electrified since 2004, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the number of electricity connections provided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families since 2004, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the per capita electricity consumption of BPL households, State-wise;

(d) whether Government intends to provide financial assistance to BPL households to pay electricity bills;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Protection of power grids

793. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to curb load encroachment, which caused the major grid disturbance in the Northern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what corrective measures are currently in place to check grid outages and power swings;

(d) whether Government is taking any steps to better their protection systems of power grids to prevent future grid disturbances; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Electrified rural households in the
country**

794. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether latest data as per the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and the Saubhagya Scheme shows inconsistencies in the number of rural households in the country;

(b) whether the deadline for electrifying all villages is extended to May, 2018, after missing the May, 2017 target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the percentage of rural households with electricity?

Establishment of green corridor grid in the country

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

(a) whether Government has established grid connectivity between the Southern Power Grid with Power Grids of other regions to facilitate power transit between Tamil Nadu and other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to facilitate Tamil Nadu to sell or buy excess power with other States;

(d) the steps taken by Government to expedite the establishment of green corridor grid in the country; and

(e) the amount allocated for the same during the last three years?

Back-end system infrastructure cost under Saubhagya scheme

796. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the Saubhagya scheme does not provide for any back-end system infrastructure improvement (HT network including 11 KV/33 KV lines, Transformers etc.) whereas the earlier Central schemes like Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) scheme provided for ₹ 21,000/- per household and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) scheme provided for approximately ₹ 50,000/- per household for this purpose; and

(b) whether the Ministry will consider to make the provision of back-end infrastructure cost under Saubhagya scheme

as allowed under RGGVY and DDUGJY schemes?

Development of Iconic Tourism destinations

797. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to develop ten prominent tourist sites as Iconic Tourism destinations through holistic infrastructure and skill development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to make the monuments accessible to differently-abled citizens and visitor friendly;

(d) whether Government considered any sites/monuments to streamline waste water and garbage disposal and rainwater harvesting systems; and

(e) whether Government is planning to increase the security of the visitors by installing CCTVs?

Harassment of foreign tourists in the country

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is an increase in the number of incidents of harassment of tourists, especially foreign women tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents which were brought to the notice of Government in the form of complaint to the local authorities; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent such incidents faced by the tourists?

Expansion of Buddhist tourism circuit

799. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is set to expand Buddhist tourism circuit in 21 more States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified stupas and viharas in these States, around which small intra-State Buddhist zones will be developed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Centrally sponsored flagship schemes

800. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including flagship programmes being implemented at present; and

(b) the details of targets and allocations made, funds allocated, disbursed and utilised in these schemes during the last three years including the present year, State-wise, UT-wise and scheme-wise?

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