

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017/Shravana 10, 1939 (Saka)*

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(Ministries: Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy  
(AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and  
Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Sports complexes in tier-II and tier-III cities**

\*166. SHRI MD. NADIMUL  
HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government is planning to  
set up a sports complex in every tier-II  
and tier-III city of the country to encourage  
various sports;

(b) the steps being taken to encourage  
schools and colleges with better sports  
facilities to contribute to such sports  
complexes in tier-II and tier-III cities and  
the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to encourage  
sports kit manufacturing companies to set  
up and maintain sports complex and the  
details thereof?

#### **Substandard and spurious drugs**

†\*167. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will  
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the medicines categorised as  
substandard by the Central Drugs Standard  
Control Organisation across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that on testing  
the samples collected by the Ministry, in  
February 2017, 1850 drugs were found to  
be substandard and 13 spurious;

(c) if so, reaction of Government thereto  
and the action taken against the erring  
companies; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to  
maintain quality of the drugs being sold in  
the country and the outcomes thereof?

#### **Protest of grain traders against imposition of GST**

\*168. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that grain traders  
across the country had gone on strike  
protesting the imposition of GST on  
branded rice, lentils and branded food items,  
if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) the steps being taken by Government to protect the grain traders against the loss from implementation of GST?

#### **Rise in cancer patients**

\*169. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer patients is on the rise in the country, particularly in the States of Punjab and Haryana, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

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

(c) whether Government proposes to set up more cancer care centres/institutes and upgrade the existing ones and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated/released and spent for the purpose during the last three years, States/Union Territory-wise?

#### **Establishing youth hostels in West Bengal**

\*170. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new youth hostels set up in the State of West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned and disbursed to West Bengal for setting up youth hostels under any scheme during the last three years;

(c) the details of any such sanctions specifically for women and handicapped people in the State of West Bengal; and

(d) whether the Ministry is satisfied with utilisation status and activities carried out under the above scheme, if not, the corrective measures taken by the Ministry in this regard?

#### **Haj pilgrimage through Government quota**

\*171. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims who actually performed Haj pilgrimage during the last two years and the current year under Government and the private tour operators quota, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the criteria adopted by Government for selection of Haj pilgrims through Government quota;

(c) the number of pilgrims selected by Government during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether any requests from Members of Parliament have been received in this regard to consider special cases from their constituencies, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Special package to address debt burden of farmers**

\*172. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to create a special package to address the debt burden of farmers; and

(b) whether delay in addressing this issue makes the present Debt Waiver Scheme discriminatory against a section of farmers of the country?

**Credit to women entrepreneurs under MUDRA Yojana**

\*173. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women entrepreneurs who have availed credit under the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Ltd. (MUDRA) Yojana in Maharashtra and other States and Union Territories since its launch, the details thereof, district-wise, in respect of Maharashtra; and

(b) the steps Government proposes to take to cover more women entrepreneurs under MUDRA Yojana?

**Huge withdrawal of new currency notes**

\*174. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to find out the ways by which new currency notes have been withdrawn in spite of restrictions over withdrawal of new currency after demonetisation;

(b) if so, whether banking system is at fault due to which such huge transactions have been possible; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent occurrence of such a situation in future?

**Reusing of medical devices by hospitals**

\*175. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the private hospitals are not only reusing medical devices meant for single

use but also charging multiple patients for the same device;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported so far, State-wise, along with the reasons for inaction in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check such unethical and unhealthy practices?

**Provision for restructuring of farmers' loans**

\*176. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the corporate companies whose loans have been restructured and at what terms, the details thereof for the last three years; and

(b) whether there is a provision for restructuring of farmers' loans?

**Establishing Yoga Research Institutes**

\*177. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to establish more Yoga Research Institutes in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of Government Yoga Research Institutes presently functioning in the country?

**Air India flight from Amritsar to Toronto**

\*178. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had planned to connect Amritsar with Toronto *via* Birmingham by flight from 15 February, 2017, as announced by Chairman and Managing Director, Air India but it has not been introduced till date, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the main reasons for continuous delay in implementing this project?

**Policy on interest rate on loans for agricultural purposes**

†\*179. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various banks in the country are charging higher interest rates on loans given for tractors and other tools purchased for agricultural works as compared to those for other vehicles like car, motorcycle, etc.;

(b) the details of interest rates charged on loans thereof, vehicle type-wise; and

(c) the policy for determining interest rates on loans taken by farmers for agricultural purposes?

**Strengthening the family planning programmes**

\*180. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the family planning programmes in India is not achieving the desired results, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the measures taken by Government to strengthen the family planning programmes in the country; and

(c) whether Government is planning to increase the budgetary allocation for the family programme component and if not, the reasons therefor?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
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