

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 19, 2017/Agrahayana 28, 1939 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Benefits to consumers of renewable energy

*31. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether adoption of renewable energy in Maharashtra is yet to benefit industries and commercial power consumers who continue to pay one of the highest tariffs in the country; and

(b) if so, by when the renewable energy centre in collaboration with the Power Grid Corporation of India would be set up in the State to benefit industries and commercial power consumers?

Departments under PMSSY in AIIMS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that cardiology department, one of the speciality area under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

(PMSSY), has not been set up at various AIIMS till now;

(b) whether it is also a fact that emergency services like Blood Banks and post-mortem services are not available at various AIIMS till now;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure proper implementation of PMSSY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Constraints in reducing GST slabs

*33. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the statement made by the Chief Minister of Telangana that the Central Government has taken unilateral decision on GST;

(b) if so, Government's comments thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government

of Telangana has gone to Supreme Court on GST; and

(d) the constraints that the Government has to reduce GST slab to 5 per cent on ongoing projects?

Health risks of electronic smoking

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

(a) whether Government has issued an advisory to all State Governments on the health risks of electronic smoking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the products such as e-cigarettes, nicotine and flavoured hookah are also mentioned in the advisory as extremely harmful to health; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Survey of Thalassemia patients

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey about the number of Thalassemia patients, in particular, children in Maharashtra and the National Capital;

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

(c) what effective measures Government has taken or proposes to take to ensure timely and uninterrupted blood supply to Thalassemia patients in Maharashtra and the National Capital?

VRS due to merger of SBI and its associate banks

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

(a) whether it is a fact that State Bank of India and its other associate banks are offering voluntary retirement scheme due to merger of five associate banks with State Bank of India;

(b) if so, the number of employees being removed from their jobs because of the merger, grade-wise and post-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of applications submitted by the employee unions or employees against likely retrenchment and merger, bank-wise; and

(d) whether Government has prepared any plan for re-employment of State Bank of India employees in other Government organisations in the same rank and to reskill them?

Framing of rules/regulations under new Companies Act

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

(a) whether the rules/regulations etc. that are required to be framed under the new Companies Act, have been framed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of rules/regulations yet to be framed; and

(d) how the work is being carried out in the absence of rules/regulations?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Review of Power Finance Corporation's working

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

(a) whether Government has recently reviewed the working of the Power Finance Corporation (PFC);

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the shortcomings noticed during the review; and

(d) the remedial steps taken to revitalise the PFC?

Annulment of Central Wakf (Amendment) Act, 2003

*39. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people residing on Wakf properties for the last fifty years in Haryana have been facing serious difficulties on account of stringent provision of Central Wakf (Amendment) Act, 2013 which is detrimental to their interest; and

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of Haryana to annul the said Act, so as to provide some relief to the tenants and if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of villages

†*40. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages yet to be electrified in the country and the details of time-bound action plan for electrification of all the villages; and

(b) the status of electrification of all the houses and the number of villages in the country where electricity has been provided in every house and the measures taken and achievements made in respect of attaining the target of 'Electricity for All'?

Solar rooftop power generation

*41. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set a target of 40 GW power capacity through rooftop solar panels by the year 2022;

(b) the total power capacity through rooftop solar panels, as on date;

(c) whether it is a fact that the target set for the year 2022 is unlikely to be achieved; and

(d) the steps being taken to address the gap?

Sanctioning of loans to SCs/STs under Stand up India Scheme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some banks have not given a single loan under Stand up India Scheme to SCs/STs;

(b) if so, the names of the banks which have not given any loan to SC/STs and what penal action is taken against them; and

(c) how much loan has been sanctioned and disbursed by the banks under the scheme in the North East?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Upgradation of airports in Rajasthan

†*43. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in Rajasthan under the Airports Authority of India and out of them, how many are proposed to be upgraded to the international standards;

(b) the names of the airports that have been upgraded to international standards and by when the remaining airports will be upgraded to international standards; and

(c) whether it is proposed to connect several smaller cities of Rajasthan to the National Capital by air services and the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Opening of public account by UTs

*44. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Union Territories have opened public account in response to the directions from the Home or Finance Ministries;

(b) whether any Union Territory has declined to comply with the direction of the Government and, if so, the action taken against such a UT; and

(c) whether Government will permit Government of Puducherry to revert to the General budget account as prevailed prior to 2007 in view of the stringent financial position faced by it?

Achievement of targets under Stand up India Scheme

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

(a) the State-wise number of loans disbursed to women applicants and applicants from tribal and Scheduled Caste communities till date, under the Stand up India Scheme;

(b) whether Government has achieved the targets regarding number of beneficiaries under the Scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
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