

## 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, January 2, 2018/Pausha 12, 1939 (Saka)*

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**(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**

#### **Easing the compliance burden under GST**

\*151. SARDAR BALWINDER  
SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of  
FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
is considering to allow quarterly filing of  
Goods and Services Tax (GST) returns by  
a vast majority of business people instead  
of monthly returns;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether quarterly returns will seek  
to ease the compliance burden on tax  
payers having income of less than rupees  
five crore and also unclog the system that  
has been facing glitches due to overload;  
and

(d) if so, by when filing quarterly  
returns by assessee below the threshold  
limit of ₹5 crore will be implemented?

#### **Policy support and lowering of tariffs for renewable energy generation**

\*152. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the  
Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE  
ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian  
renewable energy companies are among the  
most poorly rated investment grade  
companies in the Asia Pacific region;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for  
renewable energy to make up a larger  
portion of India's electricity generation,  
bolstered by untapped generation potential,  
it needs strong policy support and lower  
tariffs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the  
renewable energy made up 58 per cent—  
its biggest share yet-of the 25GW of  
generation capacity added in India in  
Financial Year 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Renaming of Madurai Airport**

\*153. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that numerous representations have been received by Government for renaming the Madurai Airport as Muthuramalingam Thevar Airport; and

(b) if so, the status of the process of renaming of Madurai Airport?

#### **Regulation of cryptocurrencies**

\*154. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to regulate cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin and ethereum, as India accounts for more than 11 per cent of global cryptocurrency trade;

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

(c) what is the position of cryptocurrencies in India with respect to legality?

#### **Writing off of bad loans of PSBs**

\*155. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NPAs of public sector banks is the biggest scam of the country as per the statement of Hon'ble Prime Minister;

(b) the details of NPAs of various public sector banks as on 31 March, 2014, bank-wise;

(c) the details of NPAs of various public sector banks as on date, bank-wise;

(d) whether Government has written off bad loans amounting to more than ₹55000/- crores during six months of fiscal year 2017-18;

(e) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise; and

(f) the reasons for the same?

#### **Rules governing drug testing on humans**

\*156. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is conducting clinical trials of all the drugs which are released into the country for usage, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons for the same and the list of the drugs which have skipped the clinical trials in India

(c) the number of people who have lost their lives during the clinical trials of drugs in the last three years, the details thereof; and

(d) the initiatives/rules imposed on the private companies for drug testing on humans by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, and the details thereof?

#### **Impact of FRDI Bill on depositors**

\*157. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance (FRDI) Bill will have a direct impact on the bank deposits of crores of common depositors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the FRDI Bill will only help the banks and the financial institutions to recoup their health at the expense of crores of common depositors;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Fraud in linkage of Aadhaar with bank accounts and SIM cards**

\*158. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints of bank frauds received where money was siphoned out in the name of linking Aadhaar with PAN/Bank Account/SIM card, since 2015, bank-wise, month-wise;

(b) whether any directives have been issued to banks to deal with such instances of bank fraud, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a Grievance Redressal Mechanism has been put in place to deal with such instances, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons due to which Government is mandating linkage of Aadhaar with bank accounts and SIM cards despite such incidents of misuse?

#### **Guidelines to keep ICUs safe from infections**

†\*159. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

any study on the increasing number of complaints with regards to infection in the intensive care units in Government/private hospitals during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has issued any guidelines for resolution or taken corrective measures with regard to the said complaints and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received any proposals from States/Union Territories in order to make ICUs safe and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Operationalisation of non-serviced airports**

†\*160. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference named "Heli-Expo India" has been organised by Government to promote connectivity of air services in the country;

(b) whether the issue of early operationalisation of non-serviced category of airports has been included in the conference, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the process of starting of air services from the non-serviced airports of Uttar Pradesh including Akbarpur, Jhansi and Lalitpur will be completed?

#### **Investment in Bitcoins by Indians**

\*161. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite RBI's warning, more than 2,500 Indians are investing in Bitcoins daily;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

how much money has been invested by Indians in Bitcoins in the country so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Bitcoins are being used widely for terror funding, money laundering, drug peddling and criminal activities after demonetisation;

(d) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(e) the details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government on this front?

**Promotion of digital payments by NABARD**

\*162. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government through NABARD is promoting digital payment infrastructure, which was supposed to deploy 2 POS machines in a village having population of less than 10,000 people and if so, the details thereof, State/UT/date-wise;

(b) the total expenses incurred in the process of issuing POS machines across the country;

(c) the details of the manufacturers of these POS machines;

(d) the details of the transactions carried through POS machines since January, 2017 till date; and

(e) the details of the incidents of malfunctioning of POS machines across the country and status of these complaints?

**Promotion of Stand-up India scheme in the North-East**

\*163. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants for loan under Stand-up India scheme from the time it was launched, State-wise and gender-wise;

(b) the number of applicants who were sanctioned loan under the scheme, State-wise and gender-wise; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to promote the scheme in North-Eastern States of India?

**Sale of Air India**

\*164. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that operating loss of Air India has gradually come down and since 2015-16, AI is able to earn operating profits;

(b) if so, the details thereof since 2015-16 and what is the estimated profit for 2017-18;

(c) the details of net loss, after tax, of Air India in the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to bring down net losses of AI and status of disinvestment of AI; and

(e) the reasons for which the Ministry wants to sell the Air India off when it has started earning profits?

**World Bank loan to Andhra Pradesh  
for new capital**

\*165. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) the status of World Bank loan to  
Andhra Pradesh for construction of its new  
capital;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government  
has put a condition that 30 per cent of

money should first be released by  
Government of Andhra Pradesh for getting  
loan from World Bank;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the amount so far released by  
Government for construction of the new  
capital and how much Government of  
Andhra Pradesh has so far spent and the  
status of submission of Utilisation  
Certificates?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 27th December, 2017*  
*Pausha 6, 1939 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

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| <b>Ayurveda, Yoga &amp; Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)</b> | : —                                            |
| <b>Civil Aviation</b>                                                          | : 153, 160, 164,                               |
| <b>Corporate Affairs</b>                                                       | : —                                            |
| <b>Finance</b>                                                                 | : 151, 154, 155, 157, 158, 161, 162, 163, 165, |
| <b>Health and Family Welfare</b>                                               | : 156, 159,                                    |
| <b>Minority Affairs</b>                                                        | : —                                            |
| <b>New and Renewable Energy</b>                                                | : 152.                                         |
| <b>Power</b>                                                                   | : —                                            |