

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, July 25, 2017/Shravana 3, 1939 (Saka)*

**(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

New form of revenues outside ambit of GST

*91. SHRI RANGASAYEE
RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of
FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goods and Services Tax
(GST) subsumes existing multitude of
taxes into a single tax form;

(b) if so, whether some stakeholders
like State Governments and local bodies
are introducing new forms of revenues
outside the ambit of GST Act; and

(c) if so, whether the GST Council will
be empowered to arrest this trend?

Mushrooming of packaged drinking water units

*92. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the packaged
drinking water units/plants are
mushrooming without adhering to the
standards prescribed by Bureau of Indian
Standards (BIS) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the
number of such units/plants reported;

(c) the action taken by Government
against these units/plants; and

(d) the effective monitoring mechanism
adopted or being adopted by Government
to ensure availability of safe packaged
drinking water?

Recovery of tax from big corporate companies

*93. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to
state:

(a) the amount of various types of taxes
due from big corporate companies to
Government, as on date;

(b) the number of companies with an
outstanding tax amount of ₹500 crore or
more; and

(c) the steps being taken by
Government to recover the taxes from such
companies?

Counting of demonetised currency notes

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

(a) whether Government/RBI has completed the counting of demonetised currency of denominations of ₹ 500/- and 1000/- deposited after 8 November, 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of deposited scrapped currency notes till date, denomination-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for inability of Government/RBI to count the demonetised currency notes deposited and divulging the data in this regard after a lapse of around 9 months time; and

(d) the achievements of Government from demonetisation on 8 November, 2016?

Dedicated cargo airports in the country

*95. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether air transport freight for India grew 20 times from 1970 to 2015;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering proposals to set up dedicated cargo airports in the country; and

(c) if so, the States selected for it and the locations under consideration and by what time the proposals would get through and the details thereof?

Effect of GST on Make in India programmes

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the

implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) would lead to a big blow to Government's flagship programme "Make in India" in smartphone market of the country, as import duty on import of smartphones would become cheaper, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to safeguard the domestic markets?

Scrapping of Medical Council of India

*97. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Council of India (MCI) has failed in regulating the Medical Education in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog has recommended for scrapping the Medical Council of India which failed to increase the number of medical colleges in the country for producing more doctors in view of growing demand for healthcare services, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a new body is likely to be constituted in place of MCI, if so, the details thereof?

Compensation for land acquired by Army in Arunachal Pradesh

*98. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army has acquired land from residents of Arunachal Pradesh in the districts of Tawang, West Kameng, Upper Subansiri, Dibang Valley and West Siang among others following the 1962 war with China, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government has now decided to give compensation to residents of Arunachal Pradesh whose land were acquired by the Army following the 1962 war with China, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh have worked out details for the compensation package, if so, details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the compensation will be paid?

Monitoring the activities of private hospitals

†*99. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measure to monitor the business activities of private hospitals operating in small cities and towns; and

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

Prepaid cards to facilitate digital payments

*100. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI in order to facilitate greater adoption of digital payments has allowed banks and other issuers of prepaid instruments to issue prepaid cards in bulk to corporate and other employers to replace cash salaries with electronic payments;

(b) whether banks have been restricted to extend this facility only to those

employers that have bank accounts with them and after obtaining an undertaking that they are not availing of this facility by any other bank; and

(c) if so, the details of the *modus operandi* in the matter?

Increase in fleet size of airlines

*101. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the top airlines in the country are preparing to increase their fleet size in the next few years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the six airports which attract almost 70 per cent of domestic traffic may not be able to accommodate too many new aircrafts due to capacity constraints;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to huge delay in arrival and departure, fuel consumption increases and takes a toll on the utilisation of the aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme in Karnataka

*102. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme being implemented in the country;

(b) the details of physical targets set and achieved since inception of the scheme, year-wise and State-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Khelo India—National Programme for Development of Sports is different from Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme;

(d) whether it is a fact that no project has been undertaken under Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme and Khelo India Scheme in Karnataka since their inception; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Debt of telecom companies

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairperson of State Bank of India (SBI) has written to Government about the highly unsustainable levels of debt of telecom companies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the advances given to various telecom companies by public sector banks and to what extent these loans are expected to be sticky;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Chairperson of SBI has wanted Government to offer relief packages to telecom companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Prescriptions in regional languages

†*104. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether the doctors having knowledge of the regional languages have been directed or will be directed to write the prescriptions in regional languages so that the common people understand the diagnosis and prescription?

Action against pilots for sending offensive messages

*105. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have filed police complaint against some pilots for allegedly sending offensive and abusive messages about its officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the names of airlines whose pilots have indulged in sending such derogatory or obscene messages to the officers of DGCA; and

(c) whether DGCA have issued any warning letter to the private airlines urging them to take appropriate measures as per the compliance policy of the airlines, and if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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(Ministry-wise)

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Civil Aviation	:	95, 101, 105,
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