

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, August 8, 2017/Shravana 17, 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

Plastic rice and other synthetic items in the market

*226. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incidents of sale of synthetic or plastic rice and sugar crystals have come to the notice of Government, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any inquiry into such incidents, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the sources of such synthetic rice and sugar?

Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women

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

(a) whether Government has launched

any scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and its training module along with details of enrolment of organisations/institutions for conducting training programmes for minority women?

Special hospitals for the physically challenged

*228. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government has any plan to start special hospitals for physically challenged people, if so, the details thereof?

Borrowing of money by Indian para swimmer

*229. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Indian para swimmer, Ms. Kanchanmala Pande, was forced to borrow

money in Germany to compete at the World Series and if so, the details thereof?

Consolidation of PSBs

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

(a) whether Government proposes to merge/consolidate Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as a part of the restructuring process of the country's banking system;

(b) if so, the details of acquisition and/or consolidation process of Government and the various benefits which can be achieved out of this and its effect on the customers;

(c) the results of merger of State Bank of India's associate banks and Bharatiya Mahila Bank with main SBI; and

(d) whether Government proposes to privatise top losing PSBs of the country and if so, the report and suggestions of the expert panel on bad loans therein?

Uniform GST for hospitality industry

*231. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether five-star hotels with a tariff of ₹ 7500 or above have been placed at highest GST slab rate of 28 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government has received representations in this regard and Government's response thereto;

(c) whether heavy taxation will result in leakage in revenues and spell a doom for the travel, tourism and hotel industries; and

(d) whether Government would agree for uniform GST rate at 12 per cent for hospitality industry, to promote tourism and if not, the other concessions proposed

to be given to the industry and the details thereof?

Full form of VT on tails of aircrafts

*232. SHRI LA. GANESAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to mention the full form of the abbreviation VT prominently painted in the tail of all the Indian aircrafts;

(b) whether VT stands for Victoria Territory; and

(c) if so, whether it is an insult to continue with such a practice even after 70 years of Independence, and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

Cartelisation and anti-competitive practices by banks

*233. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competition Commission of India has received complaints regarding cartelisation and anti-competitive practices by banks in respect of providing locker services to customers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that almost all the banks do not pay compensation for theft or burglary of valuables lying in their lockers; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken against banks for corrective measures?

Investment for projects by New Development Bank

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India needs to make investments on infrastructure to the tune of US \$ 646 billion over the next five years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has sought investment for projects worth US \$ 2 billion by the New Development Bank backed by the BRICS nations, if so, the details thereof?

Complaints of corruption in purchase of vaccines for Haj pilgrims

†*235. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the year 2015, Government has received complaints of corruption in the purchase process of seasonal influenza vaccines meant for Haj pilgrims;

(b) whether it is a fact that the order for the above vaccine was given on the basis of fake certificate satisfying the prescribed standards at an exorbitant rate arbitrarily to a favoured company on the basis of single tender;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many companies came forward to provide vaccine at half the rate than that of the above company; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that this vaccine has been purchased at a lower rate in years 2014 and 2016?

Advancing the Budget presentation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the main reasons for advancing the Budget presentation is to help increase the spending on various schemes;

(b) if so, the experience of Government in the first three months of the financial year in this regard; and

(c) the percentage of expenditure incurred by Government, Ministry-wise, against allocation in comparison to previous year?

Drugs for treating multi-drug resistant TB

*237. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a latest global report, two life saving drugs, delamanid and bedaquiline, have been approved by WHO and India is not amongst the eleven countries that have approved these options, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is not amongst the thirteen countries that have approved shortened treatment for multi-drug resistant TB; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India is one of the twenty-one countries that allow accelerated regulatory approvals?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Vigilance inquiry in SIC, Safdarjung Hospital

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

(a) whether any vigilance inquiry has been conducted in a department of Safdarjung Hospital, namely, Sports Injury Centre (SIC), if so, the findings of the said inquiry committee thereof; and

(b) the action taken for implementation of the suggestions of the said inquiry committee?

Integration of AYUSH system into UHIS

*239. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inclusion of AYUSH medicines into Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS) has enabled integration of

the traditional systems of medicines into the public health system;

(b) if so, the manner in which the AYUSH system will integrate with UHIS; and

(c) whether Government is considering to focus on the need for creation of infrastructure, research facilities and regulation to streamline AYUSH and if so, the details thereof?

Debarring of medical colleges

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain medical colleges have recently been debarred from admitting MBBS students for the years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for failing to meet the requirements of pre-requisite infrastructure as set by the top medical education regulator, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of students in each such college who are studying at present and what would be the fate of those students?

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(Ministry-wise)

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