

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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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 — 160

Quality control institutions for AYUSH drugs

321. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state

(a) the progress in setting up of Quality control institutions for the AYUSH drugs and the details thereof;

(b) the total funds released under the scheme of Quality control of AYUSH drugs and to provide financial support for the State-run Drug Test Laboratories in the last three years and the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any proposals for Public Private Partnership (PPP) under National AYUSH Mission, if so, the details thereof?

Decline in export of AYUSH and herbal products

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

(a) the details of AYUSH and herbal products exported to foreign countries during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether the export of AYUSH and herbal products has declined during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

**Measures to check sale of spurious
AYUSH medicines**

323. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any stringent measures to control and curb the sale of spurious Ayurvedic and Unani medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of cases booked against the sale and distribution of spurious AYUSH medicines, State-wise during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016 to till date;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any plans to provide adequate supply of AYUSH medicines and drugs in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the State-wise numbers of AYUSH clinics and hospitals in the country?

Promotion of AYUSH projects

324. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AYUSH Ministry is trying to promote the AYUSH products on a larger scale for maximum benefit of consumers;

(b) what is the biggest challenge for the Ministry in promoting wider use of these products by the consumers;

(c) whether there have been cases where malpractices have been detected in manufacturing different medicines under AYUSH system of medicines; and

(d) if so, what actions/measures taken in this regard?

**Research on Ayurveda and herbal
medicines**

325. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of research activities in Ayurveda which includes literary and conceptual study, clinical and therapeutic research, drug development including drug standardization during the last three years;

(b) whether the use of ayurvedic herbal medicinal products can cause lead toxicity and cause conditions like epilepticus, encephalopathy, sensory neural deafness etc.; and

(c) where do the States of Gujarat and Jharkhand stand in research on Ayurveda and herbal medicines?

**Low cost airports under Regional
Connectivity Scheme**

326. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to build more low cost airports in the country by hiring more experts from various fields for the successful implementation of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) in the next two years, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many cities will be connected through RCS in the coming days, particularly in Maharashtra State?

Complaints against low-cost airlines

327. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints against low-cost airlines by the air passengers in the country during past three years, airline-wise and year-wise;

(b) the action taken on those low-cost airlines;

(c) whether there are growing incidents of mistreatment of air passengers by Indigo Airlines in recent years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Embarkation point for Haj pilgrims

328. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy that Government is following to make a particular airport as an embarkation point for Haj pilgrims;

(b) the details of airports that have embarkation point for Hajis in the country, State-wise;

(c) who will decide that a particular airport should have Haj embarkation; and

(d) the constraints faced by Government to make Vijayawada an embarkation point?

New Civil Aviation Policy

329. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of New Civil Aviation Policy along with the current status of its implementation;

(b) whether the said policy is likely to open up the avenues for growth of small airlines and small airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Expert Committee to bail out Air India

330. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed an expert committee to advise Air India to come out of losses and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Air India Union's Joint Forum is against the privatisation of Air India, if so, the reasons therefor?

Crisis of Air India

331. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reportedly planning to write off over ₹ 50,000 crore debt of Air India before the sell-off;

(b) whether the reasons for crisis of Air India is withdrawal from several profit-making international routes; and

(c) if so, whether these decisions were taken ignoring the House panel and Committee on Public Undertaking (COPU) recommendations, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up of drug repositories for
AYUSH drugs**

332. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a problem in getting regular supply of raw material for AYUSH drugs in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider setting up of drug repositories in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what efforts National Medicinal Plant Board has been doing in this regard?

Debts of Air India

333. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has nearly ₹60,000 crore debt on its books of which around ₹22,000 crore is linked to its aircraft purchase programme if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are also loans of around ₹6,000-7,000 crore related to its operations which will go with the airlines, if so, the details thereof?

**Assessment of quality services at
airports**

334. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any established mechanism of seeking feedback from passengers about the maintenance of airports and analysing it from time to time, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any special efforts to improve upon the quality of service through enhancing the level of work culture at various airports during the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there has been any impact assessment of such efforts and what are the conclusions of the same?

**Reduction of CO₂ from international
flights**

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

(a) whether Government, in the wake of Paris Agreement, has decided to sign an agreement with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) to reduce Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission from international flights; and

(b) if so, whether Government has agreed with the condition of ICAO for a new Global Market Based Measures (GMBM) to reduce CO₂ emission and proposed Carbon emission tax?

**Theft of passengers' baggage at
airports**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of stealing of passengers' baggage at airports, especially at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport of New Delhi, are yet to cease;

(b) if so, the reasons for failure in curbing the incidents of theft of passengers' baggage;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the categories of employees of who are found to be involved in these incidents of stealing;

(d) whether steps are being taken to prevent such incidents; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

UDAN scheme

337. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagric (UDAN) scheme to connect rural India;

(b) if so, the result of first UDAN scheme, State-wise and the present status thereof State-wise; and

(c) the details of routes and facilities that have been given for second phase bidding of UDAN and the winners therein?

Sighting of a drone over IGI airport

†338. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flight operation were stalled for more than 40 minutes after the spotting of a drone at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport in Delhi on 20th August, 2017;

(b) the system in place for grounding the drones and initiating action against flying of drones in the restricted areas;

(c) whether action has been taken against the operation of the said drone; if so the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

High cancellation charges on air tickets

339. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cancellation charges of air tickets are very high;

(b) if so, whether Air India is planning to reduce cancellation charges on air tickets; and

(c) whether any directives will be given to private airlines to reduce their cancellation charges?

Reduction of Carbon emission at airports

340. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the Carbon emission by placing solar panels at the airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, airport-wise?

Employment to dependents of deceased SC/ST employees

341. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of dependents of the deceased SC/ST employees, who were given employment by the Ministry during the last three years till date, year-wise;

(b) the deceased employees whose dependants have not been given employment till this date;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the policy adopted by Government in this regard?

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Quarrel between passengers and airline staffs

342. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of quarrel/fight between passengers and airline staffs have increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to arrest this trend; and

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

Moderation in growth of domestic air travel in India

343. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after a temporary blip, India is back as the world's fastest growing domestic air travel market in May, 2017, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the growth rates in India are moderating from the heady 20 per cent plus seen in past two years due to increasing oil prices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Aviation facility to common people

†344. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the locations selected along with the details of their development regarding taking off/landing of aircrafts and the time-bound action plan for delivering services in order

to provide aviation facilities to common people, State-wise?

Disinvestment of Air India

345. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:
SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to sell Air India in parts to make it attractive to potential buyers as it reviews option to divest the loss making flagship carrier;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the PMO has set a deadline of early next year to get the sale process underway; and

(d) whether disinvestment lead to job losses in the airlines?

Incident of near collision of two aircrafts over Mumbai airspace

346. SHRI ANIL DESAI:
SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA
KUMAR:
SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether lives of over 400 passengers were in danger as two aircrafts of Jet Airways and GoAir respectively came on the same course and were just 100 feet away from each other over Mumbai airspace;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what preventive steps Government is taking to avoid such incidents in the near future?

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Privatisation of Kolkata airport

347. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
is planning to privatise the Kolkata
International Airport; and

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

**Abusive treatment of passengers by
airlines staff**

348. SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:
SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:
SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of abusive
treatment of passengers by airways staff
of certain private as well as public airlines
have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of specific steps taken to
avoid such instances in future?

**State of Air India employees post
privatisation**

349. SHRI ANUBHAV
MOHANTY:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
is planning to privatise its National carrier
the "Air India";

(b) if so, what plans have Government

chalked out for its employees and their
future; and

(c) whether Government would seek an
assurance from the new owner of Air India
for a better treatment and secured
employment for its existing employees?

**Implementation of revised civil
aviation requirement**

350. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated
norms for no-fly list to rein in unruly
passengers in all domestic carriers as well
as to control incidents of misbehaviour by
airlines employees with passengers;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;
and

(c) the time by which the revised Civil
Aviation Requirement (CAR) is likely to
be in vogue?

**CSR contribution by corporates in
North-East India**

351. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the
Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been
contributed by the companies under their
CSR funds for the North-East in the last
three financial years;

(b) the details of spending of CSR funds
in each of the eight North-Eastern States,
State-wise; and;

(c) the steps taken by Government to
encourage CSR spending in North-East
India by corporates?

Women on the boards of companies

352. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is aiming to have 20 per cent women on the boards of companies by 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the proportion of women on boards as on March 31, 2017 stands at 13 per cent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GDP rate during April-June, 2016 and April-June, 2017

353. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in percentage, during the quarter April-June, 2016 and that during the corresponding period in 2017; and

(b) the details thereof?

Bringing back black money from foreign countries

‡354. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which have entered into agreement for bringing back black money during the last three years and the amount of money brought back into the country due to the positive steps taken by Government during these years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the expected

goals are not being achieved due to the lackadaisical approach in the matter of black money; and;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Collection of ₹500 and ₹1000 currency after demonetisation

355. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of cash, in number and percentage, out of the total money in circulation as on 8th November, 2016 in the country, which the Government has been able to collect after demonetisation of ₹500 and ₹1000 currency notes; and

(b) total amount of cash in number and percentage, out of the money which came into the banking system, which was black money?

Loss of fastest growing major economy tag

356. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that India has lost its fastest growing major economy tag;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Compensation to people affected by demonetisation

357. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of cases where people could not visit banks or it was too expensive for them to exchange

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notes—citizens not convicted but denied bail, soldiers denied leave of absence, patients under treatment in hospitals, NRIs with commitments, daily wage labourers;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government is contemplating compensation to people affected due to demonetisation, on lines of the special assistance of State Government of West Bengal; and

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

Impact of GST on zari embroidery sector

358. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the tax rates levied on zari embroidery sector and on all raw materials to zari embroidery sector, under GST;

(b) whether the zari embroidery sector was considered cottage industry and exempted from tax under prior tax regimes;

(c) if so, the reasons for imposition of tax on the sector under GST;

(d) whether Government is considering exempting zari embroidery from GST, on lines of exemption given to Khadi fabric; and

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

Stressed accounts referred to insolvency and Bankruptcy Court

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has readied 30 new lists of stressed firms for National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) status of the first list of stressed

firms that RBI has taken up, company-wise; and

(d) how many of the above stressed accounts have been referred to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Court and the status thereof?

Introduction of multiple nominees

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

(a) whether there is lack of uniformity in the rules regarding the number of nominees that can be permitted for bank accounts, Fixed Deposits, Public Provident Fund and mutual funds;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether uniformity in rules will be introduced permitting multiple nominees with pre-determined percentages?

Improving financial stability of banking system

361. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's, attention has been drawn towards India's high Debt-GDP ratio;

(b) whether the recapitalisation plan of Government will push back the BBB ratings for Indian banks; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is planning to undertake to improve the financial stability of the banking system?

Write off of 90 days plus delinquent loans by MFIs

362. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is planning to write off 90 days plus delinquent Micro Finance Institutions loans;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the likely impact on micro finance companies and their lending capabilities?

GST on petroleum products

363. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI SAMBAJI
CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to levy GST on petroleum products in the near future to bring uniformity in their prices throughout the country and if so, the details thereof, and the reaction of Government in this respect;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments are against the Centre's plan to levy GST on petroleum products;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of efforts Government is making to resolve this issue with the States and levy GST so that its benefit is passed on to the general public?

Recommendations of RBI panel on household finances

364. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel on household finances constituted by Reserve Bank of India has given its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the recommendations made by the panel therein;

(c) whether Government has accepted these recommendation, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the benefits that are likely to accrue to the general household in the country after these recommendations are implemented; and

(e) whether the panel has proposed a uniform set of standards and definition for consumer protection, if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

Withdrawal of coins of ₹1, 2, 5 and 10 from circulation

†365. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken any decision to withdraw the coins of ₹1, 2, 5 and 10 from circulation;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor as these coins are not being accepted in many States; and

(c) if not, whether Government would make any announcement in this regard at the earliest, so as to clear doubt persisting among the people?

Status of investigation in Panama cases

366. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Investigation Team (SIT) and Directorate of Enforcement (ED) are continuing its investigation on the top honchos of DLF Limited, India Bull Housing Finance and M/s Pallonji Shapoorji Mistry group of companies in Panama cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of investigation and by when it will be completed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Simplification of GST return filing

367. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that filing of GST returns is a cumbersome process and tax payers are unable to file several returns in a month;

(b) if so, the steps Government is contemplating for simplification of return filing process;

(c) whether Government is considering a single return in a quarter instead of three returns with tax liability paid every month;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the tax liability if a GST return is filed incorrectly through inadvertence but the taxes have been paid fully?

GST on air freight on fruits and vegetables

368. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fruits and vegetables exporters have to pay 18 per cent GST on air freight whereas fruits and vegetables are free from GST;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is affecting farmers, farm workers etc. involved in the chain adversely; and

(d) if so, whether it can be exempted from 18 per cent GST?

Removal of confusion during readjustment/restructuring of GST

369. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GST that came into force recently needs to be readjusted/restructured as per the statement of the Finance Ministry;

(b) whether the need arose due to hasty implementation of GST without proper preparation and perception;

(c) whether or not this readjustment/restructuring of the GST will further complicate its application and confuse the already confused public/traders; and

(d) whether Government will assure that this exercise of readjustment/restructuring will not further complicate and confuse the implementation of GST?

Simplification of direct taxes to widen the tax-payers base

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has initiated serious action to simplify direct taxes laws, including the Income Tax Act, 1961, to restrict tax evasion and widen tax-payers base;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much time it is likely to take to firm-up draft for simplified direct taxes laws in the country?

Loss to SBI due to merger

371. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SBI has experienced for the first time loss of ₹ 381 crores after merger operation;

(b) if so, whether Government is going to use this experience in further merger of the Public Undertaking Banks; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stagnant economy due to demonetisation impact

372. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in retrospect, still burdened under the adverse impact of demonetisation, the Government is facing a stagnant economy despite claiming buoyancy over Moody's recent upgrade of India's fiscal health;

(b) whether another global ranking agency Standard & Poor has also come out with its latest ranking report on India; and

(c) whether the impending Economic Survey 2018 considered the basic indicator of the nation's fiscal health, is, likely to reflect the still lingering impact of demonetisation and the GST imbroglio?

Slow moving of RBI on NPAs issue

373. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI is moving very slowly on the issue of NPAs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a certain frustration has set in over the RBI's stonewalling of attempt of Ministries to revive stalled projects through a package of measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Large NPAs with banks

374. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are twelve large Non-Performing Assets with the banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the banks may see provisions for doubling this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unaccounted foreign assets in British Virgin Island

375. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income-Tax Department has since completed its probe on charges against few persons with unaccounted foreign assets of several thousand crores in British Virgin Island, Caribbean tax haven;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the chargesheet has been filed in the Court and if so, the details thereof including the status of such cases?

Impact of demonetisation on prostitution

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

(a) whether as per Government, one of the major achievements of demonetisation announced on 8th November, 2016, is decline in prostitution;

(b) if so, the source of the data; and

(c) if not, the reasons for irresponsible statement and misleading the innocent

public by Government/Ministers of Central Government which runs on the well established theory of collective responsibility?

Increase in fiscal deficit

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

(a) whether it is a fact that within the seven months period, India's fiscal deficit touched around 95 per cent of the Budget Estimates of 2017-18;

(b) if so, the proposal of Government to balance the income-expenditure revenue to lower the deficit therein; and

(c) comparative chart details of last three years budget estimates and expenditure ratio therefor?

Extension of banking services in Maharashtra

†378. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the number of people in the country who are still deprived of banking services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken to provide banking services to all those people; and

(c) the number of villages in Maharashtra with a population of 5000 to 10000 where banking services are not available and by when the Government plans to provide banking services in those villages?

Jan Dhan accounts

379. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Jan Dhan accounts were opened in the past two years;

(b) how much money had been deposited in the accounts in the past two years; and

(c) how many loans have been availed by people on the Jan Dhan accounts?

Loans under MUDRA Yojana turned into NPAs

380. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much loans have been given under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana;

(b) whether the loans given by all Micro Finance Institutions are included under the scheme; and

(c) how many of the loans which were disbursed under the MUDRA Yojana have turned into NPAs?

Expenditure incurred in exchanging currency notes post-demonetisation

381. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred in exchanging of currency notes post demonetisation;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred in printing new currency notes; and

(c) whether Government plans to introduce ₹ 1000 note?

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Money laundering cases registered post-demonetisation

382. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) State/UT-wise details of the money laundering cases that were registered post-demonetisation;

(b) whether the Government is aware about the money that was flushed out of the country *via* laundering since 8 November, 2016 till date; and

(c) details of the cases of money laundering that have been filed along with their present status and actions?

Compliance by banks in tax collection under PMGKY

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

(a) whether Government has started Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and if so, the aims of the scheme along with the details thereof;

(b) whether some banks are showing reluctance to collect tax under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the compliance of rules/guidelines by the banks with regard to this; and

(d) the details of the scheme benefits given to tax payers as against previously announced scheme, 2016, the details thereof?

Assistance to AP under special package

384. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of money so far given to Andhra Pradesh under revenue deficit head since 2014 and how much money is yet to be given;

(b) the status of Special Package announced by Finance Minister to Andhra Pradesh and how much money has so far been given, as a part of Special Package to AP, head-wise;

(c) how the Special Package if different from Special Category Status; and

(d) how Special Category Status of North-Eastern and Hilly States have been extended recently due to GST when 14th Finance Commission declined to grant such status?

Powerless GST implementing authority

†385. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GST has been introduced since 1 July, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an authority has been formed for introducing GST, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the authority cannot take any action against any company or trader regarding complaints about the benefit of reduced costs not reaching the customers and it will have to go to the GST Council in such cases;

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(d) if so, the reasons for forming a powerless authority; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to provide justice to the customers?

Pending direct/indirect tax cases

386. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details regarding number of cases/litigation pending in different courts/tribunals relating to assessment of any direct/indirect tax levied by Government;

(b) the details regarding the amount of taxes, penalties or other levies involved in such cases/litigations;

(c) the details regarding cases which have been pending for more than five years and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to fast-track disposal of high value litigations involving direct or indirect taxes?

Measures to increase per capita income

†387. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an unprecedented increase in the per capital income of people in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any target has been set by Government to raise the per capita income of the people in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the special efforts being made by Government with the aim of bringing expected growth in per capita income in those States where it is far less in comparison to national average of per capita income?

Reduction on interest rates on small savings scheme

388. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has lowered interest rate on small saving scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this move will prompt banks to lower deposit rates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Review of CAG account books by external auditors

389. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has not subjected its account books to any external auditors for assessment since independence;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to suitably amend the CAG (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act to ensure peer review of CAG account books by external auditors and put their audit reports on website for public viewing, a practice followed by all democratic countries all over the world?

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Stagnant rate of inflation

‡390. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retail inflation rate is under control for the last many months as per the expectations and is in accordance with the target fixed by Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cost of foodgrain items has not increased for the last many months and the cost of many foodgrain items have reduced substantially; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investigation of top 100 NPA account holders

391. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public/private sector banks during the last three years and the current year along with the percentage of NPAs recovered during the said period;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from union of bank employees to order an investigation into the top 100 NPA account holders;

(c) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to deal with the NPAs situation with firmness but also with pragmatism?

Focus on 50 top stressed loan accounts

392. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the fifty top stressed loan accounts that Government is focussing on;

(b) the details of loans taken by each of the above fifty account holders and how Government and the RBI are planning to deal with these loans;

(c) what is the total loan amount of these companies;

(d) whether Government plans to restructure the above loans or to sell their assets to get the outstanding loans settled; and

(e) if not, what would be the approach of Government?

Huge investment in PSBs

393. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to invest huge amounts in the Public Sector Banks to bring reforms in the Banks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Demonetised currency notes deposited with RBI

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

(a) the details of percentage of the demonetised currency notes of ₹ 1000 and ₹ 500 deposited with RBI as per the latest data, note-wise;

(b) whether demonetisation was announced to legalise the black money in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, the details of black money recovered due to demonetisation; and

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(e) the details of cost incurred on printing new ₹ 2000 and ₹ 500 currency notes till 15th December, 2017 along with number of these currency notes printed so far, note-wise?

Downward trend of GDP

395. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether GDP has shown a downward trend during the last six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) steps taken to increase the GDP?

Inclusion of PSBs Minority Unions in negotiation process

396. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in numerous Nationalised Banks, some of the organizations of Bank employees are unable to do direct negotiations with the Bank Management as they are not recognised Associations and termed as Minority Unions;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that they create hurdles and delay for the Bank employees demand as they have to only depend on legal forums; and
- (c) whether Government has considered the views of these employees' association to include them in all talks and negotiation?

Funds pending for release to Telangana

397. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds relating to various Central Government schemes are pending for release to Government of Telangana for want of utilisation certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) total funds released to Telangana State during the last three years under grants/share in Central Government schemes/devolution?

Use of cess collection

†398. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the types of cesses being levied by Government and the cess collected in each of the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of amount disbursed to States under each of the cess during last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the names of the schemes on which the cess amount has been spent in the last three years, the details thereof, scheme-wise?

Outcome of cases filed with NCLT

399. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of cases filed with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) since the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code, 2016 was enacted;
- (b) the outcome of these cases; and
- (c) the amount of NPAs realized and the amount of haircut borne by the banks in these cases for settlement?

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Reinstating pension commutation scheme

400. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to reinstate pension commutation scheme; and

(b) whether full pension may be allowed to members who commuted their pension?

Reduction of GST on life-saving drugs

401. SHRI DHARAMAPURI SRINIVAS:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any representation from Indian Medical Association requesting to reduce the GST on all drugs to five per cent from twenty eight per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Rebate to pensioners under IT Act

402. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government pensioners are getting concession/rebate under the IT Act; and

(b) whether Government propose to give certain relief to Central Government pensioners whose pension does not exceed rupees six lakhs per year?

Balance funds to AP under various Central Government Schemes

403. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released balance funds to Government of A.P. under various Central Government schemes to make the Government of India share as 90 per cent as announced in Special Package;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether they are adjusted against the loan of Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) of A.P.; and

(d) the funds released/adjusted under this package for the last three years?

Loans to small and marginal farmers

404. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of loans given to farmers during the last two years;

(b) the percentage of loans given to marginal and small farmers;

(c) the reasons for giving less amount of loans to marginal and small farmers; and

(d) whether Government would make any arrangement to ensure more loans to marginal and small farmers?

Categorization of luxury items

405. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether GST Council reviewed the

categorisation of luxury items including sanitary napkins and other commonly used items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that levy of 12 per cent GST on essential items like sanitary napkins and other items has affected the poor people, including distribution of these items through Self Help Groups (SHGs) and cooperative societies; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government, the details thereof?

Declining share of agriculture sector in GDP

†406. SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of agriculture sector in the gross domestic product is continuously declining in the economy;

(b) the details of the share of agricultural sector in gross domestic product of the economy during last decade, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the share of agriculture sector in gross domestic product of the economy and the effect thereof?

Benefit of demonetisation on economy

†407. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money that came into the system after demonetisation and the amount of black money discovered in the country after demonetisation;

(b) the extent of benefit to the economy as a result of demonetisation and the opinion of various economists in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of demonetisation the pace of business slowed down in almost all sectors of the country thereby affecting growth of almost each sector; and

(d) the steps taken to revive the economy under recession after demonetisation?

Use of amount charged on non-maintenance of minimum bank balance

†408. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount recovered by various banks from bank account holders who failed to fulfil an obligation to maintain the minimum balance of rupees five thousands in their accounts;

(b) the details thereof, bank-wise and recovered amount-wise;

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(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of bank account holders have resorted to close their accounts in view of such charges being recovered from them;

(d) whether the amount recovered by banks under *ibid* heads is being used for social schemes or used in self interest; and

(e) the number of accounts closed subsequent to introduction of such a rule?

Quality Control and Food Testing Laboratories in the country

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

(a) the number of proposals received and approved by Government for setting up of new Quality Control/Food Testing Laboratories in the country;

(b) the funds allocated by Government for the upgradation of existing Quality Control/Food Testing Laboratories in the country;

(c) the subsidies provided by Government to organizations for setting up new Quality Control/Food Testing Laboratories in the country and the details thereof;

(d) whether the Quality Standards set by laboratories are at par with International Quality Standards, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Studies on impact of clinical trials

410. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any studies to find out the impact of clinical

trials and introduction of new drugs for treatment of various ailments and diseases in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the detailed list of clinical trials conducted during the last three years by various Pharmaceutical companies in both Government, Private Hospitals and clinics;

(c) whether Government has given any approval for any such clinical trials in Tamil Nadu in the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the list of drugs/medicines given approval for the clinical trials in the last three years?

Deaths due to non-communicable diseases

411. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 61 per cent of deaths in the country are due to non-communicable diseases as per WHO data;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how India is placed when compared to other developed and developing countries;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than 58 lakh people in the country died due to cancer, diabetes and heart problems last year; and

(d) to what extent change in lifestyle is contributing to these kinds of deaths and how Government is planning to bring them to an acceptable level?

Emergency Medical Technicians

412. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a major need of Emergency Medical Technicians for the urgent treatment,

particularly during the accident, injuries, mishaps happening on the roads in the country, if so, Government's response thereto;

(b) whether Government is considering to promote education for trained Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to treat and respond quickly to handle all medical emergencies, traumatic injuries and accidents in various parts of the country; and

(c) if so, details thereof indicating the steps proposed in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Affordable healthcare services

413. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made by Government on Health Sector during last two years;

(b) whether it is very low as compared to the developed countries of the world and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the health services in India are becoming expensive day by day, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by Government to provide affordable healthcare services to the people, especially the poor?

Checks on sourcing of raw materials by restaurants

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the FSSAI plans to control sourcing of raw materials by restaurants and food manufacturers; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the FSSAI and Government is trying to bring in provisions like nutrient profiling not just for packaged food but also in restaurants, if so, the details thereof?

Districts with multi-speciality hospitals

415. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of administrative districts equipped with district hospitals and how many of them are multi-speciality hospitals;

(b) whether a detailed survey has been made of the management of these hospitals; and

(c) whether a roadmap will be prepared for upgradation of facilities in the district hospitals such that patients do not have to travel long distances for treatment?

Country's record in tackling diseases

416. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports that India has poor performance in tackling cases of tuberculosis, diabetes, chronic kidney diseases and rheumatic heart diseases, as per report of the Global Burden of Diseases (GBD) Study; and

(b) whether any concrete measures are being taken by Government to address India's poor performance, if so, the details thereof ?

Import of withdrawn drugs from abroad

417. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the Media reports that the medicines withdrawn from the market abroad are imported and distributed by pharmaceutical companies in India; and

(b) if so, details of the concrete steps taken to check such imports thereof?

Status of new AIIMS

418. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of new AIIMS announced in the last three years and the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(b) the details regarding the time target of operationalisation of the newly announced AIIMS?

Vacant posts in Government medical colleges

419. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of posts of Professor, Nurse, Technician etc. lying vacant in all Government medical colleges across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, category-wise, including Karnataka;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to fill up these vacant posts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Upgradation of District Hospitals

420. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to upgrade District Hospitals in the country at par with privately owned Super-Speciality Hospitals to make them affordable even for economically poor people; and

(b) if not, how the economically poor people can avail the benefits of so much of advancement taken place in the field of medical science at district HQs level?

Release of financial assistance to AIIMS in A.P.

421. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in receipt of any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding release of financial assistance to the proposed All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) being set up near Mangalagiri in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any decision on releasing the necessary financial assistance to the said project for its early completion, if so, the details thereof?

Survey on TB prevalency

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent survey has revealed that 39 per cent of population in the country is suffering from TB, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the position of Maharashtra in respect of TB patients and deaths caused by the disease, year-wise during the last three years; and

(c) what effective measures Government proposes to take to eradicate TB from the country within a time-frame?

Chemical-acid food items

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

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards media reports regarding washing of ginger and other vegetables with acid and other chemicals in Azadpur Mandi of Delhi and other parts of the country, which is harming the health of the people, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or proposes to take to stop the malpractice and protect the health of the consumers?

Anti-microbial resistance gonorrhoea

424. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organization has said that anti-biotic resistance is making gonorrhoea, much harder and sometimes impossible to treat, citing data from 77 countries, including India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is a part of the 77 countries and has been coordinating with the Anti-microbial Resistance (AMR) in gonorrhoea in South Asia Region, if so, the details thereof?

Preventing misuse of H1N1 medicines

425. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the easier access to H1N1 medicines raises fears of drug resistance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has advised doctors to prescribe the drugs based on strong symptoms without opting for the swab test; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that doctors feel misuse will lead to a situation of anti-viral medications turning ineffective, if so, the details thereof?

Achieving objective of pictorial health warning

426. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale and supply of spurious cigarettes has increased in the country in recent years;

(b) if so, reasons therefor and details thereof for last three years; and

(c) whether the objective with which increased size of pictorial health warning was introduced has been achieved, if so, the details thereof?

Malarial deaths

427. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to World Malaria Report for 2017, India's Malaria surveillance mechanism detects a mere eight

per cent of cases, among the lowest in the world;

(b) whether on the other hand, India accounts for eight per cent of all malaria cases reported globally;

(c) whether according to the findings in the report, India has the highest malarial deaths in the world outside sub-Saharan Africa; and

(d) whether India is striving for a reduction of 20-40 per cent in malarial cases, by 2020?

Facilities to detect cancer at early stage

428. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high prevalence of various types of cancer has been reported in certain regions of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there are adequate facilities in Government hospitals to detect various types of cancer at early stage across the country; and

(c) whether Government proposes to make cancer a notifiable disease and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Swine Flu deaths in Maharashtra

429. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Swine Flu is getting proliferated in Maharashtra which has already resulted in

several deaths, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any remedial measures for stopping the proliferation of the deadly disease and the details thereof?

Bariatric surgery and its side-effects

430. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is bariatric surgery and what are its side-effects;

(b) the total number of bariatric surgeries conducted in AIIMS, Delhi during the last three years and how many of these surgeries were unsuccessful together with reasons therefor;

(c) the pros and cons of bariatric surgery;

(d) whether AIIMS has conducted any sample study of bariatric surgery patients who were operated 5-8 years ago and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other effective methods of weight loss for morbid obesity?

Doctor-patient ratio

431. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present level of doctor-patient ratio in the country, State/UT-wise, *vis-a-vis* the ratio prevailing in some of the neighbouring developing countries and developed countries;

(b) whether Government has any estimate as to the effective ratio for taking prime care of the patients;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase this ratio and to make it at par with the international standards?

New health policy

†432. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently announced a new health policy;

(b) if so, the details of the changes/ amendments made in the previous health policy and the new initiatives taken in the new health policy announced; and

(c) whether Government plans to allocate resources to the States based on their development related indicators, if so, the details thereof?

Increasing the insurance cover under RSBY

433. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of States covered under the health insurance schemes so far;

(b) the data on the total number of beneficiaries under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) in the last three years including the current year, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the insurance cover provided under RSBY, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on health sector

434. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the GDP has been spent on health during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has achieved its target of spending 2.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health as proposed under the National Healthcare Policy, 2015; and

(c) if not, what steps Government has taken to ensure at least 2.5 per cent of GDP is spent on health during the current year?

Implementation of Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010

435. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has warned all hospitals and suggested all States and Union Territories to strictly implement the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many clinical establishments in the country have violated its implementation during the last one year?

Screening for TB cases

436. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme aiming to eliminate TB by 2025;

(b) whether health authorities in different States have scanned 2 lakh people

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across 120 districts in the first round and found nearly 10,000 new TB cases, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) by when the second and third rounds of scanning is going to take place and the details of the districts identified for this purpose;

(d) whether nearly 300 cases were reported from Andhra Pradesh in first round; and

(e) if so, how Government is going to deal with these cases?

Mechanism for regulating clinical trials

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

(a) whether Government has any proper mechanism to regulate clinical trials, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of clinical trials in India registered on Clinical Trial Registry-India (CTRI) during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that all the companies, conducting trials in the country, disclose the outcome of their trials within a year of completing them?

Fevers caused by bacteria and viruses

438. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been able to wipe out various kinds of fever caused by bacteria and viruses;

(b) if not, which are the ones causing huge damage to public health;

(c) the number of people affected during the last two years; and

(d) what stands in the way of completely wiping out these fevers?

Hospitals availing tax exemption

439. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hospitals getting tax exemption in the name of charitable hospitals in the country in the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise and hospital-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per the recently released Report by the CAG, these hospitals are doing little or no charity and asked Government for measurable parameters to assess the extent of charitable activities of such hospitals; and

(c) if so, how Government is planning to move ahead in taking action against such hospitals which are taking exemption and not doing any charitable activities?

Nursing and medical colleges in district hospitals

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to start nursing and medical education in the main hospitals/district hospitals in the various districts of the country;

(b) if so, the status of the implementation of this scheme in the States like Bihar where there is lack of basic infrastructure of health sector; and

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(c) the details of districts where it has been proposed to open nursing and medical colleges and the progress therefor?

High fatalities from encephalitis in Jharkhand

441. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the large number of deaths due to encephalitis in the current calendar year, as reported in various hospitals in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the total number of deaths, district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Human Rights Commission has sought a report in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to address this serious issue?

Clinical Establishment Act, 2010

442. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Clinical Establishment Act, 2010 has not been accepted by most large States, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has asked the State Governments which did not accept the said Act, to enact a similar legislation of their own, if so, the details thereof?

Establishing of new CGHS Wellness Centre in Himachal Pradesh

443. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for establishment of new Wellness Centre under CGHS;

(b) the details of existing Wellness Centres in Himachal Pradesh, location-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to establish a new Wellness Centre by relaxing the norms in district Kangra, where a number of CGHS beneficiaries are facing great difficulty due to non-availability of CGHS Wellness Centre; and

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

Increasing the bed-to-patient ratio

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken a study to list out bed-to-patient (BtP) ratio in all Government hospitals, if so, the details thereof of the average ratio of BtP in every State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the bed-to-patient ratio in India does not match the WHO global average of 2.5 doctors and nurses per 1,000 people; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to increase bed-to-patient ratio in all the States?

Dengue cases

445. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons affected by Dengue fever in the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of deaths due to Dengue fever in the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any vaccine has been discovered as prophylactic; and

(d) whether any research has been undertaken by any institution in that direction?

Combating vector-borne diseases

446. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released for combating vector-borne diseases in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much of the funds had been utilized during the period, year-wise;

(c) whether there is rise in the number of dengue and chikungunya cases in the country, if so, whether Government has introduced any strategic plan to deal with it, State-wise details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any specific plan to monitor and combat the situation, especially in the worst-affected areas in various States, if so, the details thereof?

Spending out of GDP on healthcare

447. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while World spends USD 4.1 trillion on health, India spends only 5.2 per cent of its GDP as compared to 11 per cent by the OECD, 16 per cent by the USA and 13 per cent by Sweden;

(b) what were the funds allocated for

healthcare during the last two years by Government; and

(c) what percentage increase has been effected during 2017 when the country faced deadly disease like H1N1 (Swine-Flu, etc.)?

Increase in diagnosis charges at AIIMS, New Delhi

†448. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued direction towards enhancement of various diagnosis charges at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government, in view of growing number of OPD patients from Delhi and outside coming for treatment at AIIMS, New Delhi, is considering to upgrade the OPD and introduce some additional system so that patients could avail treatment facilities easily and without spending too much money and the details thereof?

Interference of State Governments in managing of State Waqf Boards

449. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many directions have been issued by the Central Waqf Council to the State Waqf Boards with regard to the functioning and removal of encroachments after the Waqf Act, 2013 came into force;

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(b) whether it is a fact some of the State Waqf Boards are being managed directly by the State Governments which is illegal as per the Waqf Amendment Act, 2013, if so, which are those States; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take against such States which have failed to hold elections for the Waqf Boards despite elections being due?

Lowering of age limit for reserved category for Haj pilgrimage

450. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reserved category for four time applicants has been removed for the next Haj season, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the basis for fixing 70 years age criteria for confirmed reserved category;

(c) whether it implies that those below 70 years age are healthy enough to wait for next year; and

(d) whether Government has plans to reduce the age limit in this confirmed category, considering the various representations of the senior citizens?

Redressal of grievances of minorities

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

(a) whether the number of complaints received by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has increased over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of complaints received during the last three years along with the reasons therefor, community-wise;

(c) the number of such cases which have been addressed during the said period; and

(d) the measures taken or being taken by Government to redress the grievance of the minorities?

Physical and financial achievement of schemes meant for minorities

452. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of physical and financial achievement of the Seekho Aur Kamao, USTTAD, Nai Roshni, Nai Manzil schemes from 2013 till date (year-wise);

(b) the number of people placed after participating in various schemes since 2013 year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of recruitment of people from minority communities by various Government Ministries, Department and PSUs year-wise since 2013?

Scholarship to minority kids in Gujarat

453. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the minority kids in Gujarat are losing out on scholarships as Union Government relies on 2001 census data whereas the Muslim population have jumped from 45,92,854 in 2001 to 58,46,761 in 2011, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a new circular issued by the Ministry for pre-and postmatric scholarships for minority girl students makes it mandatory for the students to submit the income certificate of their parents/guardian issued by the

competent authority instead of a self-declaration regarding the income?

Withdrawal of Haj subsidy

454. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government shall release the text of the Committee Report on the Haj Policy for 2018-22 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the date on which the Haj subsidy will be withdrawn has been finalised;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has finalised how the subsidy funds will be re-allocated; and

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

Promotion of Solar Energy in Jharkhand

455. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to promote the generation of Solar Energy in Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of projects which have been proposed to be set up in the State during the present financial year, if so, the details thereof along with the places identified for such projects; and

(c) the action plan chalked out for this purpose and the details thereof?

Share of renewable energy in total production of electricity

†456. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of renewable energy in the total production of electricity of the country at present is very less;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete steps have been taken in the last three years for enhancing the contribution of renewable energy in the total production of electricity of the country and expected as well as encouraging results have come forth thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy initiatives for overall performance

457. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any new and specific policy initiatives after June, 2014 to achieve the overall objectives of the Ministry, if so, the details of these initiatives and the overall impact of these initiatives; and

(b) whether Government has introduced any major administrative reforms specifically to achieve the objectives of the Ministry in its functioning after May, 2014, if so, the details thereof and what have been their impact?

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**Targets set under the Atal Jyoti
Yojana in Assam**

458. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set under the Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJY) for installation of street lights;

(b) the status of implementation/achievement of the targets set; and

(c) the status of implementation of the targets set for the State of Assam and whether the targets would be achieved by 2018?

**Piling up of solar panels and
accessories at Ports**

459. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that large quantity of solar panels and accessories are piled up in Ports due to higher taxes of customs and other duties; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures to release these items on priority basis from the Ports?

**Projects on renewable energy in
Delhi**

460. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the renewable energy activities in the National Capital city Delhi and their impact; and

(b) whether any private organisations are working in the field of providing clean energy in Delhi and details thereof?

**Production cost of renewable
energies**

461. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the per unit cost of production of solar, wind and other renewable energies at present;

(b) how do costs of erection of power plants for these compare with those of power plants of traditional energies;

(c) whether a situation has arisen wherein traditional energies do not have much advantage over renewable energies; and

(d) whether all these power plants are fully utilised and the details thereof?

**Budgetary provision for Jharkhand's
solar lighting programme**

462. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to support installation of solar lights in villages across India; and

(b) the budgetary provision made by Government towards Jharkhand's solar lighting programme?

Solar Power Pumps in Tamil Nadu

463. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is encouraging the use of Solar Power Pumps across the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the Solar Power Pumps sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu since the inception of the scheme; and

(c) the details of the fund allocated for this?

Production of solar energy in the country

464. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that even after wide publicity, production of solar energy is still a distant dream to the majority of people in various parts of the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the total production of solar energy in the country, State-wise; and

(c) what percentage of energy is being generated by other renewable energy sources in the country?

Development of Power Generation in Telangana

465. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delegation of Minister of Power and Members of Parliament from Telangana have met Hon'ble Minister recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the delegation has requested Government to extend cooperation for the development of power generation in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

24 hours power supply project in Andhra Pradesh

466. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has entered into an agreement with World Bank on 24 hours power supply project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of loan obtained for this purpose; and

(d) the time-frame for completion of the project, the details thereof?

NTPC Power Plant in Raebareli

467. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of perfect pre-run technical testing of entire Power Plant and careless quality control during installation, testing and commissioning of Power Plant, we lost 33 precious lives and many got injured at NTPC plant in Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government has fixed up any enquiry to find out the responsibilities and negligence etc.;

(c) the details of the report received from the enquiry committee; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there was a pressure from Government to start production from NTPC Plant, which made a haste, avoiding some basic safety parameters?

Electrification of villages

468. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have

been electrified by Government during the last three years along with the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) what is the number of households covered under this scheme in those villages;

(c) whether Government has addressed the problem of those poor villagers who are not in a position to afford the payment of power bills and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how many villages are yet to be provided with power connection and by when they would be provided with power connection?

Augmentation of sub-station at Badiyara in Himachal Pradesh

469. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation regarding installation of sub-station at Badiyara in Chirgaon Tehsil in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government will ask the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to take up this project on priority basis for the benefit of people consisting of more than eight panchayats; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be installed?

Compliance of pollution standards by power plants

470. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 16 thermal power plants started in January, 2017;

(b) whether these plants are required to follow the regulations notified in December, 2015 that imposed limits on emission of

poisonous oxides of sulphur, nitrogen and mercury;

(c) if so, whether all these plants follow these regulations;

(d) whether the new air pollution standards were set on the recommendations of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) after consultation with the Ministries of Power and Environment, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps the Ministry has taken to ensure that the thermal power plants follow all applicable regulations concerning pollution standards?

Stressed power projects

471. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified stressed power projects of various public and private sector companies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date, along with the amount stuck in these projects, as on date, State/UT-wise, company-wise;

(c) whether Government is formulating a novel scheme to revive stressed power assets by inviting competitive bids from them to supply electricity for five years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to expedite completion of such stressed power projects?

Efforts to bring down open market power tariff

472. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic coal supplies have increased in the last two months;

(b) whether the open market electricity tariff continues to remain high; and

(c) what steps Government is taking to bring down the open market electricity tariff in the backdrop of zooming coal supplies?

Highest power generation by NTPC

473. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has recorded the highest ever annual cumulative gross power generation of 263.95 BU in 2016-17, surpassing the 262.42BU achieved in the whole of 2015-16;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NTPC has registered an annual growth of 4.71 per cent over the year 2015-16; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC has a vision to be the world's leading power company and energising India's growth, if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of A-PDRP in Tamil Nadu

474. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken underground power cabling under Restructured Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (A-PDRP) in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details of the status of underground power cabling undertaken in various metros/towns/cities in Tamil Nadu including Villupuram City?

Hydro power policy

475. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated hydro power potential of the country;

(b) how much of hydro power capacity has been added in the last three years;

(c) whether the country has any hydro power policy in place; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dependence of power plants on imported coal

476. SHRI D.KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of power plants are dependent on imported coal in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, Plant-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for freeing these power plants from depending on imported coal and to utilise the domestically produced coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Preventive steps to zero accidents in thermal power plants

477. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to undertake a third party safety audit of various thermal power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what preventive steps have been taken to ensure that accidents in thermal plants are brought to zero?

Electrification of villages under DDUGJY

‡478. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the electrification of villages in the country under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) during last year, State-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds spent by Government under this scheme in these villages, State-wise; and

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to ensure the number of such villages/hamlets where the work related to electrification is yet to be completed in order to fix the target, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Power for All scheme in rural India

479. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government launched 'Saubhagya' campaign, 'Power for All' in rural India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many villages have been electrified in the last three years and how

many are targeted to be electrified by December, 2018;

(c) whether Government plans to provide solar power packs for unelectrified households in remote and inaccessible areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether LED lights and fan would also be distributed free of cost to the households in remote areas, if so, the details thereof?

Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana

480. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH

YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by Government for over all Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) the details of the schemes approved so far and the schemes which are still pending;

(c) the amount to be allocated to the States under this scheme;

(d) by when all the sanctioned schemes and pending schemes in the States would be completed; and

(e) the estimate of cost escalation due to the delay?

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