

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019/Magha 16, 1940 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Performance of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana**

\*16. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average size of loans sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana since its launch, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(b) the total number of zero balance Jan Dhan Yojana Accounts?

#### **Loan Defaults in PSBs**

\*17. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has data on people who have borrowed and defaulted on a loan of more than 25 crores taken from Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the total NPAs with PSBs as of December, 2018;

(d) whether Government envisages

stricter checks on loan advances of such large amounts in the future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Patients suffering from life-style diseases**

\*18. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of diabetes and high blood pressure in the country have grown up by more than double in the last three years;

(b) if so, the data reported from different sources; State-wise

(c) whether it is also a fact that people diagnosed with common types of cancers have grown up by 36 per cent in the last one year period; and

(d) if so, the details of Government's plans to support the patients through both financial and medicinal procedures to stop pre-mature deaths from cancer, diabetes,

cardio vascular diseases etc. in the country?

SAUBHAGYA Scheme till 31st December, 2018?

**Inclusion of petroleum products under GST**

\*19. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG, kerosene, naphtha, furnace oil and light diesel oil attract GST but five other petroleum products such as crude oil, high speed diesel, motor spirit (petrol), natural gas and aviation turbine fuel lie outside the tax regime;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these products will come under GST; and

(c) whether at any point of time, the matter of inclusion of these petroleum products has been discussed in the GST council meetings, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rural and tribal areas covered under SAUBHAGYA Scheme**

\*20. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is on track to fulfil its promise to achieve universal household electrification by 31st March, 2019;

(b) the number of families in rural and tribal areas that have been provided electricity till 31st December, 2018;

(c) the number of households which have not yet been electrified in the State of Haryana till 31st December, 2018; and

(d) the details of funds allocated and released to each State under the

**Reversion from NPS to old pension scheme**

\*21. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2153 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st January, 2019 and state:

(a) the details of the authority to whom officials of Central Government under NPS need to represent for consideration of their case to decide whether such delay is on account of administrative delay or otherwise as per the judgements of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi;

(b) the basis on which Government or the above authority would consider and decide such cases in absence of any criteria or guidelines;

(c) whether Government would revert those Central Government employees whose vacancies arose prior to 1st January, 2004 as per the orders of CAT, Ernakulam; and

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

**Complaints of misleading advertisements over AYUSH and Herbal medicines**

\*22. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints of advertisements pertaining to AYUSH and Herbal medicines received during the last three years along with the names of such companies;

(b) what actions Government has taken against them; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of such companies are still functioning despite action taken against them, if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

**Condition of Government hospitals in Chhattisgarh**

†\*23. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of Government hospitals in Chhattisgarh has improved during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken steps for modernisation/upgradation of hospitals, especially hospitals of rural areas in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, region-wise in Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**NPAs of Banks affecting credit expansion**

\*24. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government is drawn to the newspaper reports that NPAs have become a burden on the Banks and are affecting liquidity and credit expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of NPAs in banking system as on date and the amount of loans written off during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government has any strategy to curtail these NPAs and take sufficient caution regarding these NPAs?

**Funds to AP under Special Assistance measures**

\*25. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government has agreed to Special Assistance measures offered by the Central Government *in lieu* of Special Status;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AP Government has written to the Central Government rejecting Special Assistance measures offered earlier;

(d) total amount released to Andhra Pradesh so far, under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS);

(e) whether AP Government has submitted Utilisation Certificates (UCs) for all funds released by Central Government; and

(f) if not, the reasons for not submitting UCs and measures taken by Central Government to obtain the same?

**Unethical practices by companies in the medical devices industry**

\*26. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Medical Devices Regulation Bill;

(b) the steps being taken to investigate

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the unethical practices by companies in the medical devices industry that have come to light due to the global investigation-Implant Files;

(c) the action taken against global pharma major for faulty hip implants;

(d) what action has been taken against that pharma major for suspected carcinogens in its baby care products;

(e) how will the patients who received the faulty hip implants be compensated; and

(f) the redressal mechanism for a patient if a medical device/implant turns out faulty?

#### **Functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India**

\*27. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by Archaeological Survey of India for maintaining and preserving historical monuments across India during 2015-2018;

(b) the details of the top-ten revenue generating monuments during the said period;

(c) the details of current staff, including experts, and the total expenditure incurred on salaries and wages for the year 2017-18;

(d) whether there have been any concerns raised by ASI management or employees regarding unfilled vacancies;

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, including funds allocated; and

(f) the details of total expenditure incurred on the new ASI headquarters in New Delhi?

#### **Holding of Banking recruitment examinations in local languages**

\*28. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banking Recruitment Boards are holding their recruitment examinations in all the 22 languages included in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India;

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

(c) whether Government will consider to direct the banking recruitment boards to conduct their examinations in the local languages also, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to ensure that the recruited bankers have a good command over the local languages where they will be posted?

#### **Abolition of Angel Tax on Start-up companies**

\*29. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that IT authorities have issued notices to many Start-up companies to pay tax on investments made by the Angel Funds in them, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the companies that have taken investments from Angel Funds have requested Government to do away with Angel Tax levied on them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is planning to ease norms providing tax exemption to the

Start-up companies on the investments made by the Angel Funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Suspicious FDI inflow post-demonetisation**

†\*30. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under FDI in India, after demonetisation, amount on large scale was invested in India through many such companies which were registered by

Indians in foreign countries after demonetisation;

(b) the amount invested in India under FDI from Cayman Island since November, 2016, the details thereof along with names of companies;

(c) the amount invested in India from this island during last three years and whether it is also a fact that there was a sudden increase in the investment after demonetisation; and

(d) if so, whether Government would conduct an inquiry of sudden increase in investment?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 30th January, 2019*  
*Magha 10, 1940 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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

<b>Ayurveda, Yoga &amp; Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)</b>	: —
<b>Corporate Affairs</b>	: —
<b>Culture</b>	: 27,
<b>Finance</b>	: 16, 17, 19, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30,
<b>Health and Family Welfare</b>	: 18, 22, 23, 26,
<b>Minority Affairs</b>	: —
<b>New and Renewable Energy</b>	: —
<b>Power</b>	: 20.
<b>Tourism</b>	: —