

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 9, 2021/ 18 Phalguna, 1942 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy;
Corporate Affairs; Culture; Earth Sciences; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New
and Renewable Energy; Power; Science and Technology; Tourism)**

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Issuance of Zero Coupon Bonds

151 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken in order to allow funding of infrastructure by issue of Zero Coupon Bonds and responses received thereon; and
- (b) the steps being taken to notify Infrastructure Debt Funds eligible to raise funds by issuing tax efficient Zero Coupon Bonds and responses received as on date?

Recognised medical colleges under MCI

152 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and number of medical colleges recognised by the Medical Council of India(MCI) in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether funds have been provided to recognised medical colleges by Government in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and
- (c) whether funds provided by Government have been spent on the improvements in the colleges, such as building constructions, medical equipments, teaching system etc., if so, the details thereof?

Average per capita expenditure on health sector

153 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the average per capita expenditure incurred by Government on health during the last two years;
- (b) whether it is very low as compared to the developed countries of the world and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the health services in the country are becoming expensive day by day, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to provide affordable healthcare services to the people, especially the poor?

PM-KUSUM Scheme

154 # **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched central assistance based Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) which is demand-based;
- (b) if so, the details of the provisions, targets and prescribed Central assistance and State-wise achievements thereof;
- (c) the details of the scheme and demands by the State Government of Jharkhand for the same; and
- (d) whether there is a provision to buy the power generated in this scheme, if so, the States which have framed policies and generated resources for the same?

Revenue from SGST/CGST/IGST of Maharashtra

155 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the SGST, CGST and IGST revenue generated from the State of Maharashtra since the implementation of GST laws, month-wise;
- (b) the percentage of its share out of the said revenue generated, SGST/CGST/IGST-wise;
- (c) the details of the revenue paid back since the implementation of GST, month-wise;
- (d) the manner in which Government is going to compensate the State, if there is less revenue generated and whether all the compensation till November, 2020, has been paid to the State; and
- (e) if not, the details thereof and the time by when it is going to be paid?

Restrained budgets for select schemes

156 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether select Government schemes are also expected to have restrained budgets as part of the Government's bid to tackle the pandemic, if so, the details of schemes which have the budget restrictions;
- (b) the arenas where Government has increased spending and the percentage increases from budget figures; and
- (c) the information including for the financial year 2020-21 and plans for 2021-22?

Cancer prevention and control programmes

157 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is prioritizing cancer prevention and control programmes to deal with rising number of cancer cases in the country, if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken by Government thereon;
- (b) whether Government has set up new cancer care centres/ institutes and hospitals including under Public Private Partnership (PPP) in the country and, if so, the details thereof indicating the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to promote new research projects relating to cancer treatment and setting up research institutes for the purpose?

Frauds in indirect taxes

158 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fraud in indirect taxes; and
- (b) if so, the details of the number of such cases reported in the country, State-wise, and the steps taken by Government to prevent these frauds?

Free treatment of poor in OPDs of private hospitals

159 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision for 25 per cent reservation for free treatment of poor people in the OPDs of private hospitals as per current norms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the system incorporated by Government to ensure or verify the implementation of above provision by private hospitals; and
- (d) whether there is any provision to cancel the licences of the private hospitals in case of violation of provisions or norms fixed by Government, if so, the details thereof?

Rationalizing Centrally Sponsored Schemes

160 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the 15th Finance Commission has recommended for rationalizing and bringing down of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any initiative pursuant to the recommendation of rationalizing and bringing down of Centrally Sponsored Schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes that have been discontinued or proposed to be discontinued?

PM-KUSUM scheme in Rajasthan

161 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

Will the Minister of **New and Renewable Energy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM)" scheme which aims at helping farmers in developing potential of solar power;
- (b) the details of assistance given to farmers in developing solar power potential/ capacity in Rajasthan under the scheme, District-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has received farmers' complaints against solar power companies?

Disbursal of loans in Odisha under PM Mudra Yojana

162 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of disbursal of loans under PM Mudra Yojana in the State of Odisha and number of beneficiaries under this scheme as of January 2021; and
- (b) whether there is any specific number of targets to be achieved in Odisha and the details thereof?

Archaeological excavations in Tamil Nadu

163 **Shri N.R. Elango:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of archaeological excavations conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Tamil Nadu in last five years;
- (b) when was the excavation for world renowned Keeladi in Tamil Nadu started and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the excavated site of Keeladi was protected by Government, if not, when will it be protected by ASI; and
- (d) the details of the proposed, identified archaeological sites in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Zonal Cultural Centres and CCRT

164 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur to promote folk artists and music in all the States/UTs;
- (b) if so, the details of the activities and projects undertaken by ZCCs so far, State-wise;
- (c) the utilization of the quantum of Central assistance received by each ZCC so far;
- (d) the details of training organized under the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) for the financial year 2020-21; and
- (e) whether Government has introduced an e-portal and Youtube channel under CCRT, if so, the details thereof?

Global centre for Traditional Medicine in India

165 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

Will the Minister of **Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether World Health Organisation will soon set up Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in India;
- (b) the manner in which the GCTM will help in implementing, propagating and expanding traditional medicine within and outside the country; and
- (c) the details of plans that Government has to capitalize on the Centre and push India's ayurvedic products and its traditional knowledge to other countries?

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