

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 16, 2021/ 25 Phalgun, 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)**

Total number of questions -- 15

New medical colleges in Karnataka

211 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided the locations/places to set up new medical colleges in Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of intake capacity in each of these new medical colleges that have been proposed to be set up in Karnataka;
- (c) the details of the funds earmarked for opening these medical colleges in Karnataka;
- (d) whether Government had held any review meeting in this regard to oversee the establishment of new medical colleges recently; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Traditional Knowledge Digital Library

212 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) whether Government has put in place Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) to protect ancient and traditional knowledge of Indian medical systems and heritage of the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features and the status of implementation thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated and released to Himachal Pradesh for setting up any initiative under the scheme; and
- (d) the further measures being taken by Government to protect ancient and traditional knowledge of indigenous medicinal systems?

Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana

213 Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) along with its aims and objectives;

- (b) the number of youth encouraged under the KVPY in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has achieved the objectives for which the said Yojana was launched, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned by Government under this Yojana during the last three years; and
- (e) the other steps taken by Government to identify students with talent and aptitude for research and nurture them in the field of science?

Beneficiaries of COVID-19 vaccination programme

214 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the details of beneficiaries who have taken COVID-19 vaccine till date;
- (b) the number of citizens targeted to be brought under safety net by giving COVID-19 vaccine in the next five months and by when all the citizens of the country would be vaccinated;
- (c) the details of the export of 'Made in India' COVID-19 vaccines;
- (d) whether our citizens are facing hurdles in getting vaccines due to export thereof;
- (e) whether Government is considering to provide COVID-19 vaccines to all citizens free of cost; and
- (f) whether the process of vaccination is going at a very slow pace?

Impact of allowing Ayurveda practitioners to perform surgery

215 Shri Shamsher Singh Dullo:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study to analyze the impact of allowing Ayurveda practitioners to perform surgery;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the outcome of such study;
- (c) whether Government has taken cognisance of the concerns raised by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Indian Dental Association regarding allowing Ayurveda practitioners to perform surgery; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the steps being taken by Government to address such concerns and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Participation of private banking sector in the economy

216 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether collection and distribution of Government revenue is solely handled by nationalised banks;
- (b) the role and participation of private sector banks in the national economy;
- (c) the type of control, the banking regulator has over the banks in the private sector; and
- (d) whether private sector banks can also be associated with the task handled by the nationalised banks, if so, the details thereof?

Organizations involved in CSR projects

217 Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of **Corporate Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of organizations working in the social sectors including Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) involved in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects such as environment, skill development, water and sanitation through CSR activities across the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned/allocated/ utilized by the above said organizations/NGOs during the last three years and the current year?

Research on cow and cow products

218 Shri Bikash Ranjan:

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) on what basis Government has decided to conduct research on cow and cow products; and
- (b) whether recommendations of scientists were taken before making such reference, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to curb inflation due to short supply of essential commodities

219 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

- (a) whether Government has planned any measures to reduce the inflation due to short supply of essential commodities – vegetables, cereals, etc. because of natural calamities; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of electricity under GST

220 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) the details of the States that are supporting and those opposing the inclusion of electricity under Goods and Services Tax (GST);
- (b) the details of advantages and disadvantages for inclusion or exclusion of electricity under GST; and
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to include it under GST?

Irregularities in admissions to medical colleges

221 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether Government has found any irregularities in medical admissions in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that in spite of centralized admissions by Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) at the Centre and the State Governments at the State level, there are still irregularities in medical admissions in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to take over all medical admissions in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Atal Jyoti Yojana in Chhattisgarh

222 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) the districts which have been included in the State of Chhattisgarh under Atal Jyoti Yojana (AJAY);
- (b) the funds spent in Chhattisgarh under the said Yojana during the last two years, district-wise; and
- (c) whether Balrampur- Ramanujganj, Surajpur and Surguja districts of Chhattisgarh have been included under the said Yojana, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of solar cities

223 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated development of solar cities in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of cities identified for implementation of the scheme in each State, district-wise;
- (c) the quantum of funds sanctioned and released during the current financial year;
- (d) the details of the action plan formulated to turn the present cities into solar cities; and
- (e) whether the State Governments have been asked to provide a detailed report for implementation of this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Special programme to promote Ayurveda

224 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) whether Government is running or considering for running any special programme to promote Ayurveda system of medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, by when it is likely to be introduced?

Representation of Siddha doctors in National Medical Council

225 Shri N.R. Elango:

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

- (a) whether sufficient representation will be given to the Siddha doctors in the National Medical Council; and
- (b) whether a university or specialized institute will be created in Tamil Nadu for Siddha medicine?

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