

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, November 30, 2021/ 9 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

(Ministries : Ayush; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Power)

Total number of questions -- 160

Fund allocation to Tamil Nadu for infrastructural development under NAM

161 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the details of fund allocation for infrastructural development under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in the country, State/UT- wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) whether any special grant or aid has been provided for setting up of educational institutions for AYUSH system of medicine in Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry, if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocation to Andhra Pradesh for infrastructural development under NAM

162 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

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

- (a) the details of fund allocation for infrastructural development under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in the country, State/UT- wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) whether any special grant or aid has been provided for setting up of educational institution for AYUSH system of medicine in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of better quality AYUSH products

163 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is trying to promote better quality AYUSH products on a larger scale for maximum benefit of consumers;
- (b) if so, the challenges which Ministry is facing in promoting better products for wider use by the consumers;
- (c) whether there have been cases where malpractices have been detected in manufacturing different AYUSH medicines; and
- (d) if so, the actions/measures that have been taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Unani dispensaries and hospitals in the country

164 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the details of Unani dispensaries and hospitals in the country;
- (b) whether the number of Unani dispensaries and hospitals in the country are not sufficient; and
- (c) the steps which Government proposes to take to open more Unani dispensaries and hospitals in the country?

AYUSH hospitals and colleges in Tamil Nadu

165 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the list of hospitals and colleges under the Ministry in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for the renovation and upgradation of facilities for the hospitals and colleges under the Ministry in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise; and
- (c) the list of hospitals and colleges proposed to be set up in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise?

Usage of anti-diabetics Ayurvedic drug BGR-34

166 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether the anti-diabetics Ayurvedic drug BGR-34 is ready for use after all the standardised and scientific clinical tests, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to make it available in all Government hospitals and dispensaries in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with infrastructural mechanism available and present planning for its use by the patients; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken for induction of doctors from alternative health medicine stream into primary healthcare centres in the country?

Siddha Medical Research Centres in Tamil Nadu

167 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the total number of Siddha Medical Research Centres that are functioning in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of funds that are earmarked, allocated and utilised for these Siddha Medical Research Centres in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has sent any proposal for development of these Siddha Medical Research Centres in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Ministry in this regard?

Treatment of COVID-19 available under AYUSH

168 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, very little treatment was available under the Ayurvedic and Unani stream of treatment;
- (b) whether in view of the grave situation, some Indian institutes in Ayurveda have made efforts and developed some drugs etc. for the treatment of COVID-19;
- (c) the details of approved drugs developed in the country based on such research; and
- (d) whether these drugs have also been introduced in Government hospitals and dispensaries in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Fund allocation to Telangana under NAM

169 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) the total amount of funds sanctioned under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme for the State of Telangana during the last five years, district-wise; and
- (b) the total number of immunity boosting Bal Raksha Kits supplied to the State of Telangana till date and the details thereof?

Training to the instructors and doctors of Yoga and Naturopathy centres

170 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government is encouraging people to go in for treatment through AYUSH for ensuring their wellness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the programme formulated as per the target for imparting training to instructors and doctors of the Yoga and Naturopathy centres; and
- (d) whether Government has any plan to increase the number of such centres, if so, the details thereof?

National AYUSH Mission allocation for Andhra Pradesh

171 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) the total amount of funds sanctioned under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise; and
- (b) the total number of immunity boosting Bal Raksha Kits supplied to the State of Andhra Pradesh till date and the details thereof?

Integration of AYUSH knowledge into the education curriculum

172 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether there are any plans of Government to integrate AYUSH knowledge into the education curriculum right from school and incentives for students to venture into the field of homeopathy, Ayurveda etc as career, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government has developed an immunity boosting "Bal Raksha Kit" with the impending third wave around the corner to protect the children up to the age of 16 years from the viral infection till the time vaccine is available?

Major initiatives to promote Unani and Siddha medicines

173 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) the major initiatives taken by Government to promote Unani and Siddha medicines within the country;
- (b) the amount of fund that has been utilised by Government to promote Unani and Siddha medicines in the last two years;
- (c) the expenditure details of the same; and
- (d) whether Government has introduced or is considering any policy initiative for the welfare of Unani and Siddha practitioners?

Procurement of Green hydrogen

174 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

whether Government has entered into any contract with the manufacturers of Green hydrogen, if so, the details thereof?

Boost in production of urea and fertilizers

175 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate steps have been taken by Government to ensure the availability and timely supply of urea and other fertilizers to the farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of arrangements being made for the supply of urea and other fertilizers to farmers in the States particularly in Karnataka;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up new fertilizers plants for manufacturing urea and other fertilizers in States including Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such plants are likely to be set up?

Price regulation of cancer medicines

176 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government is aware that there is increasing number of cancer patients in the country year after year and especially among the lower class and lower middle class people;
- b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that medicines for cancer are made available at cheaper rates;
- c) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has issued notification of certain medicines for cancer in the Schedule, and has put price cap on it, if so, the details thereof; and
- d) whether Government would ensure that cancer medicines are manufactured at large scale by drug companies and distributed at cheaper rates?

Shortage of fertilizers

177 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that recently farmers have experienced shortage of Di-

ammonium Phosphate (DAP), urea, and other fertilizers in the country;

b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that adequate quantity of fertilizers is sent to the needy States, with details; and

c) whether any action plan has been chalked out to ensure dispatch of required quantity of fertilizers and pesticides to various States in the future, if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of subsidy to farmers

178 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers are getting expected benefit of subsidy on fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some companies manipulate to show lesser production capacity and get hefty amount of subsidy on the basis of percentage production;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that the maximum benefits of subsidies go to the poor and marginal farmers?

Jan Aushadhi Sugam App

179 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Jan Aushadhi Sugam App users till date in the country and the benefits being provided to them State-wise; and

(b) whether Government is planning to update the App with technical progress to enable it to compete with other Apps, if so, the details thereof?

Plastic Parks in the country

180 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up plastic parks in the country, if so the details thereof;

(b) the details of dedicated fund allocation for this scheme, in particular for the State of Jharkhand;

(c) whether mechanisms are put in place to ensure that the plants do not pollute the surrounding areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any incentive or preferences to plastic reprocessing in these plants?

Demand and supply of fertilizers in the country

181 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge gap between the demand and actual supply of fertilizers in the country;

(b) the quantum of demand and supply of fertilizers during the year 2020-21 along with the estimated quantum of demand and supply for the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the quantum of fertilizers supplied to the States is not adequate to meet the requirements and if so, the details thereof; and

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

Shortage of DAP in the country

182 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government plans to meet the shortage of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) in the country; and
- (b) the steps taken to manufacture DAP within the country?

Annual demand of fertilizers

183 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total annual demand of different fertilizers in the country;
- (b) whether this demand has been fulfilled by indigenous production;
- (c) if not, how this gap would be abridged; and
- (d) whether Government has any specific plan for starting new urea and other fertilizers plants in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Production of generic medicines by pharma companies

184 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given any instructions to large pharma companies regarding compulsory production of generic medicines on a large scale in the country, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details regarding the guidelines and its repercussions so far?

Non-availability of DAP fertilizer in the country

185 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizer in the country;
- (b) whether the farmers of the country are protesting due to non-availability of DAP fertilizer; and
- (c) the details of the gap in demand and supply of DAP fertilizer in the country?

Strengthening supply chain of fertilizers

186 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Chemicals and Fertilizers** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by Government to meet the shortage of fertilizers in demand;

- (b) whether Government has any strategy to strengthen the supply chain so that adequate quantity of fertilizer could be made available to farmers in rural and tribal areas; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Organisations involved in CSR projects

187 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) the number of organizations including non-government organizations working in the social sectors and included in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects related to environment, skill development, water, research and sanitation through CSR activities in Jharkhand; and
- (b) the total amount of funds approved/allocated/spent by above mentioned organizations/non-government organizations, during the last three years?

Corporate profiling

188 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted Corporate profiling for non-compliant corporate entities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the fraudulent practices analysed; and
- (d) the number of registered companies in the country as on 1st May, 2021?

Pending cases with NCLT

189 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the total number of pending cases with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the delays in disposal of cases, if so, the details therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to amend the IBC to reduce the procedural delays, if so, the details thereof?

NPAs under PMMY

190 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) the details for the last three years of total amount and the percentage of loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) that have turned into Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);
- (b) the budgetary allocations made to the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units and/ or any other such credit guarantee funds for the last three years; and
- (c) whether the NPAs under the PMMY scheme have indeed been rising after the pandemic struck, and the remedial measures initiated by Government to curtail the rise of such NPAs?

Irregularities in functioning of banking sector

191 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) whether specific cases of alleged irregularities in the functioning of banking sector have come to the notice of Government in the last three years, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the findings of the investigation of these cases along with the further action taken by Government thereon?

GST Collection and payment to States

192 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether the GST collection for the Union Government is increasing month-wise and, if so, the details thereof, upto October, 2021;
- (b) whether Government has paid all the dues to various States during the corresponding years;
- (c) if not, whether any alternative mechanism has been worked out, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether various States including Tamil Nadu have requested for generous fiscal support in view of increasing medical healthcare expenses; and
- (e) if so, the response of Government with details?

Tax collected under Central excise duty on fuel

193 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the total amount of tax collected under the Central excise duty on fuels like petrol and diesel in the past five years, the details, year-wise;
- (b) the total amount of tax devolved to State Governments from the corpus collected under the Central excise duty;
- (c) the amount devolved to State Governments out of the Central excise duty of ₹ 27.9 on petrol and ₹ 21.8 on diesel per litre; and
- (d) the total amount of tax collected under VAT on fuel across States in the past five years?

Government owned PSUs buying stakes of other loss-making PSUs

194 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) of the overall disinvestment made in the last five years, how much amount has been obtained through Government owned Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) buying stakes of other loss making PSUs, entity and year-wise details; and
- (b) the details of total amount obtained by Government from private companies through disinvestment process in the last five years, company-wise and year-wise?

Central Fund transfers to States

195 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

the details of the total funds transfers from Centre to States over the past five years in a year-wise and State-wise format, along with the heads particulars of transfers?

Views of DFS on coverage under Old Pension Scheme after Courts' judgements

196 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW) has sought views of Department of Financial Services (DFS) for excluding those employees of Central Government whose advertisements for recruitment were issued on or before 31/12/2003 from purview of New Pension Scheme (NPS) and to cover them under Old Pension Scheme in view of various judgments of Supreme Court and various High Courts;
- (b) if so, whether DFS has furnished its comments to DoP&PW;
- (c) if so, details thereof along with details of suggestions/recommendations made in this regard; and
- (d) if not, reasons for delay and by when views of DFS would be furnished?

Beneficiaries of PMMY

197 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 75 percent of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) beneficiaries are female;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the number of women beneficiaries in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) whether employees in the unorganised sector can avail MUDRA loans and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is considering any proposal to include unorganized sector employees to avail Mudra loan and, if so, the details thereof?

Boosting revenues of GST after COVID-19

198 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government after COVID-19, to boost the revenue of GST, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether revenue would have been higher, if the sales of cars and other products had not been affected on account of disruption in the supply of semi-conductors, if so, the details thereof?

Legislation to regulate cryptocurrency

199 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to bring legislation to regulate cryptocurrency in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to constitute high level cryptocurrency in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Cryptocurrency craze

200 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the craze of cryptocurrencies has increased among Indian

investors and unlawful activities have increased through cryptocurrencies in the country;
 (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;
 (c) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised alarm on cryptocurrencies and cautioned investors on potential pitfalls of digital currency; and
 (d) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to regulate bitcoins and cryptocurrencies in the country?

Incorporation of Blockchain technology by Government Banks

201 **Dr. K. Keshava Rao:**

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

- (a) whether Government banks have taken steps to incorporate blockchain technology that is more cost-efficient, secure and transparent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Economic recovery out of the COVID-19 pandemic slump

202 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) whether the economy has come out of the COVID-19 pandemic slump;
- (b) the positive indicators of growth in this financial year;
- (c) the constraints in this regard; and
- (d) the steps proposed to give a boost to the economy?

Increase the loan share of the institutional credit

203 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether according to NSO (2019), around 70% of the outstanding loans were taken from institutional sources;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to increase this share of institutional credit;
- (c) how many branches of public and private sector banks have been opened in the rural areas in the past three years, especially in the State of Jharkhand, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the implementation or decision taken at State Level Banker's Committee and participation of public representatives in the same; if so, the details thereof?

MUDRA loans and MUDRA cards issued

204 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the amount of MUDRA loans that have been disbursed in the last two years, including Shishu, Kishor, and Tarun loans;
- if so, the details thereof, and if no, the reasons therefor;
- (b) how many people have benefitted from this scheme till date, especially in the State of Jharkhand, the details thereof;
- (c) how many MUDRA cards have been issued till date, the details thereof; and
- (d) the loan and repayment ratio till date, the details thereof, State-wise?

Consolidation of public sector general insurance companies

205 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to merge the State owned insurance companies;
- (b) if so, the details including the aims and objectives thereof, along with the benefits and additional revenue to be gained therefrom;
- (c) whether this consolidation in the public sector general insurance companies is a part of disinvestment strategy of Government and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

Central Taxes on petroleum products

206 Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has collected ₹ 2.60 lakh crore from Central Taxes on diesel and ₹ 1.12 lakh crore as Central Taxes on petrol during financial year 2020-21;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, month-wise and item-wise; and
- (c) the details of collection as Central Taxes during 2021-22 till 15th November, 2021 on petrol and diesel, month-wise and petroleum product-wise?

Enquiry by ED into alleged kickbacks from Dassault Aviation

207 Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether Enforcement Directorate (ED) had received a set of documents including fake invoices from Attorney General's office in Mauritius during 2018 whereby Dassault Aviation had paid 7.5 million Euros as kickbacks to middlemen through Mauritian company Interstellar Technologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether E.D. has inquired into the alleged kickbacks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Collection of GST in certain States

208 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:

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

- (a) the total collection of GST during the last one year in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha;
- (b) the total contribution of these States in terms of percentage in the gross GST collection of the country; and
- (c) the details of total share received by the States from this collection so far, State/UT-wise?

Increased tax liability on petroleum products for free COVID-19 vaccination

209 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has specially increased the tax liability on petroleum products to provide free COVID-19 vaccination in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and amount allocated for COVID-19 vaccine specifically;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to take \$500 million in loan from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for procurement of vaccines against COVID-19; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for taking loan for vaccination drive despite collection from petroleum products?

Heroin seizure by DRI

210 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) had seized around 3000 kg Narcotic substance heroin at Mundra port, the largest seizure of heroin in the country till now and even one of the biggest across the globe;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has issued notice to the port operator or has taken any action against the port operator;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps Government is taking so that in future, the ports cannot be used for illegal activities?

Foreign Exchange Reserves

211 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether India's Foreign Exchange Reserves have touched 600 billion dollars;
- (b) whether 61% of India's external debts amounting to 300 billion dollars is due by the end of 2021;
- (c) whether India's Foreign Exchange Reserves will be used to pay the external debts; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to negotiate roll over; so that India's economy will not be adversely impacted?

Tax benefits for developing tourism infrastructure

212 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) whether Government has developed a policy of providing additional tax benefits for setting up infrastructure in the field of tourism for travel and hospitality sector; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Debt of the country

213 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) the estimated debt of the country at present and steps taken by Government to

- overcome the high debt burden;
- (b) whether Government has assessed the repayment capacity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Reviving economic growth after COVID-19 pandemic

214 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the national economy has sharply contracted with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in fall in GDP, industrial production and consumption;
- (b) if so, the details of the decline in GDP, factory output and employment during 2020 and 2021; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to reverse the effect of COVID-19 and revive economic growth?

Loan to Telangana to compensate for GST shortfall

215 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government has approved to give States Rs 44,000 crores more as loan for GST shortfall;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of funds released to State of Telangana as loan to compensate for the GST shortfall?

Cryptocurrency in India

216 Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) Government's position on cryptocurrency;
- (b) whether Government is planning to officially recognise cryptocurrency;
- (c) whether Government has made any assessment on the total amount currently invested in cryptocurrency by Indian citizens;
- (d) whether Government is planning to tax investments made in cryptocurrency by Indian citizens; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal to introduce legislation pertaining to cryptocurrency in the country?

RBI audit advisory

217 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is concerned by the findings of the RBI Governor regarding several instances of related-party transactions, of late, without following 'arms-length' principle and established transfer pricing mechanism in accounting practices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry will take further steps in accounting, to solidify trust in order for growth of financial and economic markets to take place?

**Premium paid to insurance companies under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
PMJAY**

218 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the details of premium paid by Government under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to insurance companies since its launch, State-wise;
- (b) the details of premium paid by Government under PMJAY to trust under the trusts models, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of premium paid by Government under PMJAY to both insurance companies and trusts in the mixed model, State-wise?

Disinvestment of NINL

219 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) by when the disinvestment of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) will be completed which is under progress since 2018 by Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM);
- (b) the reasons for which the employees of NINL are being deprived of salary since March 2020;
- (c) the reasons for which DIPAM did not allow NINL to conduct pending Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) upto June 2021;
- (d) whether DIPAM is not taking any initiative to start the production in NINL by merging with SAIL/RINL/NMDC like its captive mines started with the help of NMDC; and
- (e) if so, the details and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Reluctance shown by banks in giving credit

220 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether banks are reluctant in giving credit;
- (b) if so, whether Government has prescribed any binding provisions for the banks not able to achieve the said targets; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the action taken against the banks and funds allocated for disbursing loans?

PMMY in Assam and West Bengal

221 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

- (a) the details of amount of money sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) in the States of Assam and West Bengal, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of accounts in which the sanctioned money has been disbursed, district wise;
- (c) the steps Government takes to ensure that the loans do not turn into Non- Performing Assets (NPAs); and
- (d) the details of the percentage of loans that have been paid back by the debtors under this scheme in the country, State-wise?

Mechanism for verification of tax benefit claims by Trusts/Societies

222 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the current mechanism for verification of tax benefit claims by Trusts/Societies under Section 12A, 80G and 10(23(c) etc. of Income Tax Act;
- (b) whether it is a fact that provisional registrations are granted to these Trusts without any verification by the IT Department;
- (c) if so, under which provision of the Income Tax Act, these provisional registrations are being granted;
- (d) the steps being taken to prevent Trusts from making fake and fraudulent claims to get the provisional registration; and
- (e) whether this helps in money laundering and, if so, the total number of such cases found so far?

Rise in GDP

223 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that International Monetary Fund (IMF) has forecasted 8.5 per cent growth for the year 2022 for India to retain the tag of fastest growing economy in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that economy has witnessed record 20.1 percent rise in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in first quarter of financial year 2021-22; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government is taking to help the traders in improving their businesses?

Data on various beneficiaries under Stand Up India Scheme

224 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) data on the SC/ST beneficiaries under the Stand Up India Scheme from the year 2019-20 till present, State-wise;
- (b) data on the women beneficiaries under the Scheme from the year 2019-20 till present, State-wise; and
- (c) data on total funds released under the Scheme from the year 2019-20 till present, State-wise?

Data on beneficiaries under Atal Pension Yojana

225 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) the details of funds transferred under Atal Pension Yojana for the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries under this Scheme for the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise;
- (c) the details of women beneficiaries under this Scheme for the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise;
- (d) the details of beneficiaries from SC/ST community under this Scheme for the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of beneficiaries from transgender community under this Scheme for the

years 2019-20 till present, State-wise?

Implementation of PMGKP

226 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any review regarding the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) which was announced during the year 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the measures/steps that have been undertaken since the implementation of the scheme, State/UT-wise?

Devolution of taxes and funds to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

227 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) the details of devolution of taxes and funds from the Centre to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (b) whether Government made any review regarding the pattern/modalities of devolution of taxes and funds to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

State of fiscal burden

228 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the current fiscal deficit and the current debt to GDP ratio;
- (b) the share of internal and external debt out of the total debts of Government, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures being taken to curb the fiscal deficit, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has achieved the target debt to GDP ratio of the current financial year, if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilization of economic booster of ₹ 20 lakh crore

229 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) the amount utilized out of ₹ 20 lakh crore provisioned to boost economy in the last financial year;
- (b) whether the booster of ₹ 20 lakh crore helped in employment generation, the details thereof;
- (c) the initiatives taken by Government to increase industrial productivity and demand in the market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Exclusion of petrol and diesel from 'One Nation One Tax System'

230 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

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

- (a) whether the percentage of various taxes like VAT, excise duty etc. being levied on petrol and diesel prices are on higher side as compared to the highest percentage of GST;
- (b) the reasons for keeping petrol and diesel pricing excluded from 'One Nation One Tax System'; and
- (c) the reduction in petrol and diesel prices, if the same are included under GST?

Status of the National Digital Health Mission Sandbox

231 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the current status of the National Digital Health Mission Sandbox;
- (b) whether evaluation of the outcome during phase 1 of the Mission has been completed, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has initiated the process for pan-India expansion of the Mission?

Surge in cases of dengue, Kala azar and Malaria

232 **Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Dengue/Kala azar/Malaria is spreading in various States in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to depute High Level multi-disciplinary teams to various States in the country to ascertain reasons for the surge in cases and coordinate with the State Health Departments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana

233 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) the highlights of PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PMASBY) which is supposed to fill the gaps in public health infrastructure;
- (b) the manner in which it is different from the objectives of National Health Mission;
- (c) whether the State Governments are involved in the PMASBY scheme for providing critical care facilities and funds are being provided to the States for implementation;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether integrated public health labs would be set up in all districts; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and by when?

Measures taken to increase human resources in health sector

234 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the details of the vacancies of staff in health sector, rural and urban sector-wise;

- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to increase human resources in health sector, such as recruiting more specialist doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, pharmacists and radiographers, to fill up vacancies in Government health facilities, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID-19 treatment under PM-JAY

235 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) the total number of eligible beneficiaries of PM-Jan Arogya Yojana who contracted COVID-19 across the country;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries of the same who received free treatment or benefit from the scheme under some form in past two years;
- (c) whether the percentage of total beneficiaries who availed scheme for COVID-19 treatment is higher for urban areas than rural areas;
- (d) if so, the extent thereof and reason therefor;
- (e) whether the cost of COVID-19 related treatments and drugs such as Remdesivir, Amphotericin B, Oxygen cylinders were covered for free treatment under the scheme; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Full-fledged functioning of AIIMS, Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh

236 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the sanctioned amount for AIIMS, Mangalagiri and how much has been released so far;
- (b) whether full fledged OPD and inpatient services have started in AIIMS, Mangalagiri; (c) if not, the reasons and likely date of commencement of different services;
- (d) the details of sanctioned and in-position strength of the faculty and staff, speciality/ functionality-wise;
- (e) whether there is a representation to the Ministry regarding establishment of a Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC) and a Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU) in Narasaraopet region of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details of proposal under consideration?

Denial of PG admission by specially challenged MBBS doctors in medical colleges

237 Shri Ripun Bora:

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

- (a) the number of specially challenged MBBS doctors have denied for post graduate admission in different medical colleges of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and medical colleges-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many MBBS doctors with disabilities denied PG seats in AIIMS also; and
- (d) if so, the details of reasons and action taken therefor?

Zika virus cases in Uttar Pradesh

238 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) the details of Zika virus cases along with the total number of deaths reported in the

country during the year 2021, State-wise;

(b) the details of Zika virus cases reported in the State of Uttar Pradesh during 2021, district-wise;

(c) the details of total number of deaths reported in the State of Uttar Pradesh due to Zika virus during 2021, district-wise; and

(d) the details of measures taken to prevent the spread of Zika virus in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

Halt in National Immunization Programme due to pandemic

239 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) the response of the Ministry to a halt in the National Immunization Programme due to pandemic and subsequent lockdown;

(b) whether it is a fact that non vaccination or delay in vaccination of children and pregnant women impacts public health;

(c) the response of the Ministry to the Report by National Health Mission's Health Management and Information System which indicates decrease in routine immunization programme; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Ministry to restart/push immunization programme in view of second wave being under control?

Super speciality hospitals in Bihar under PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

240 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

(a) whether the super speciality hospitals equipped with 210 beds each are proposed to be built in medical colleges and hospitals located in Darbhanga and Muzaffarnagar under Phase-3 of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and in Gaya, Bhagalpur and Patna under Phase-4 of the scheme respectively;

(b) the cost value of each super speciality hospital among the five hospitals to be set up under Phase-3 and Phase-4 of the scheme, and the expenditure incurred on each hospital till date, with the physical progress thereof;

(c) by when all these super speciality hospitals were supposed to be ready; and

(d) the reasons for delay in completion of their construction and by when it will be completed?

Regional Geriatric Centre in Bihar under NPHCE

241 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Regional Geriatric Centre is to be set up in PMCH Patna in the State of Bihar under the National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE);

(b) whether Government of India has been requested to grant approval to set up Regional Geriatric Centre in Nalanda Medical College, Patna by the State Government due to shortage of land in PMCH, Patna; and

(c) by when Government would grant approval to set up "Regional Geriatric Centre" in Nalanda Medical College and Hospital?

Deaths caused due to vector borne diseases

242 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the number of cases of vector borne diseases such as malaria and dengue that came to light, along with the number of deaths caused as a result thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (b) whether Government proposes to start any national programme for the prevention, control and elimination of such diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated and released for the said programme, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by Government to check the said diseases?

COVID-19 vaccination for children

243 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for children under the age of 12 years;
- (b) if so, the status of trials for the same;
- (c) Government's plan for vaccinating children below the age of 18 years; and
- (d) the details of the plan and other COVID-19 vaccines which have been approved, or are being considered for children of this age group?

Rising cases of dengue

244 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether Government has collected data on the number of dengue cases this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has a plan for the rising dengue cases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Basic health care facilities in rural and backward areas

245 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

- (a) the number of Government hospitals equipped with doctors, employees and basic health care facilities per 100 square kilometre specially in rural and backward areas; and
- (b) the number and details of proposed hospitals for the construction and operation of Government health care centres or hospitals during next five years for reducing the pressure of increasing number of patients?

Strengthening of medical infrastructure in the country

246 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether the second wave of COVID-19 has really exposed the hollowness of existing health infrastructure of the country;
- (b) the major areas in health sector that have been identified which need immediate

strengthening by Central and State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government has taken to strengthen the weak areas which led to a large number of deaths due to COVID-19 in the second wave?

Upgradation of different layers of hospitals in the country

247 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

(a) whether Government has prepared any concrete national level plan to upgrade Primary Health Centres, District Hospitals, Regional level hospitals, State level Hospitals throughout the country with required facilities to face adverse situations like the one faced by the country during second wave of COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government would extend necessary help and assistance to the State Governments in upgradation of medical infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the nature of assistance proposed to be extended?

Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0 Campaign

248 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

(a) whether a 15 days campaign was launched in February 2021 under Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 3.0 to reach out to the pregnant women and children who could not be covered under routine immunisation programme due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of pregnant women and children who were immunised during the 15 days programme?

Shortage of specialist doctors in the country

249 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of specialist doctors in the country; and

(b) if so, action taken by Government to make up for the shortage of specialist doctors in the country?

Vaccination of people without Aadhar Card

250 # Shri Brijlal:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about 10 per cent of the people living in the country have not yet received even first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether more number of people who have not got vaccinated is of those who do not have Aadhar card, if so, the plan for vaccination of such people; and

(c) whether all the refugees living in the country have been vaccinated, if so, the details thereof?

Out of pocket expenditure for COVID-19 treatment

251 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) the average amount of out of pocket expenses incurred by patients admitted to private hospitals for COVID-19 treatment in various States;
- (b) the percentage of patients in different States who could avail Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) among those admitted in empanelled private hospitals for COVID-19 treatment;
- (c) whether any recent reports have shown that people have gone into debt due to the high cost of COVID-19 treatment in private hospitals that are not empanelled under PM-JAY;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the various measures adopted by the Ministry to provide financial assistance to those who could not avail PM-JAY?

Provision of Health IDs through COVID-19 vaccination certificates

252 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unique Health IDs have already been issued through COVID-19 vaccination certificates;
- (b) whether various COVID-19 related medical history such as testing history, place of residence etc are being stored by Government;
- (c) whether consent has been sought from patients for providing Health IDs or for storing sensitive medical and personal information, as is required by the National Digital Mission; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promoting research works in medical colleges and hospitals

253 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) the number of medical colleges and hospitals that are engaged in serious research works ;
- (b) whether there is any mechanism for collaboration among them to enhance the research activities for better and time bound output;
- (c) whether Government will use lateral entry system for medical researchers (doctors) who have been doing self assigned research works and are not connected with big research institutions;
- (d) if so, whether it will start a process to invite applications or select them from every nook and corner of the country;
- (e) whether Government possesses databank of researchers; and
- (f) if not, whether Government will take steps to reorganise research activities?

Ex-gratia announced for Persons with Disabilities during the pandemic period

254 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

- (a) the amount of ex-gratia announced for Persons with Disabilities during the pandemic period;
- (b) the criteria of persons covered for grant of this ex-gratia;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries, State-wise;
and (d) the percentage of disabled persons who have been beneficiaries of this ex-gratia?

Universal health insurance coverage under Arogyasri scheme

255 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is true that as per NITI Aayog survey for 2020-21, Andhra Pradesh is in the forefront in providing free universal health insurance coverage under Arogyasri scheme to its people with 74.6 per cent;
- (b) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that Andhra Pradesh is the only State in the country which provides free of cost treatment to 2,430 diseases under Arogyasri scheme;
- (c) whether the Ministry will consider giving special grants or incentives to those States which have higher coverage of health services, looking at the vast coverage and financial implications; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

IMR in Gujarat and Rajasthan

256 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in Gujarat and Rajasthan was the highest in 2009 and no concrete steps have been taken to bring down the IMR in 2020;
- (b) whether gap between rural India and urban India is increasing and there is no improvement in IMR; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps Government is contemplating to take to slow down the IMR in urban areas?

Data on People with Disabilities vaccinated and deceased due to COVID-19

257 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) whether the data on the number of People with Disabilities vaccinated for the first dose of COVID-19 and both the doses of COVID-19 is available;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the data on the number of People with Disabilities deceased due to COVID-19 is available;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deaths caused due to COVID-19

258 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) the number of people who died due to COVID-19 in the country;
- (b) whether Government has maintained a record of deaths caused due to lack of oxygen in India;
- (c) if so, the number of deaths caused due to lack of oxygen during March 1, 2021 to

November 2021;

(d) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(e) whether Government intends to build such a database, if not, the reasons therefor?

Deaths due to COVID-19 and compensation to victims

259 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

(a) the number of people who died due to COVID-19 in India;

(b) whether Government has provided ex gratia compensation of ₹ 4 lakhs each to the families of COVID-19 patients who died;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to compensate people who lost their lives due to COVID-19?

Upgradation of Government hospitals in tribal areas of Chhattisgarh

260 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

(a) whether Government is considering to upgrade or modernize Government hospitals in tribal dominated areas of States including Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of hospitals in the tribal dominated areas of Chhattisgarh which have been upgraded or modernized during the last three years and the current year, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated to the State of Chhattisgarh for this purpose and the expenditure made out of it?

National plan to eradicate Dengue

261 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

(a) whether Government has any national plan to eradicate the menace of dengue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any plan to extend full support to the States in controlling and managing the vector-borne viral disease; and

(d) if so, the steps that are being taken for effective coordination between the Centre and States?

COTPA Amendment Bill, 2020

262 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

(a) by when will the COTPA Amendment Bill, 2020 be tabled in the Parliament;

(b) the details thereof, including timeline and status; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Production and supply of oxygen gas

263 **Shri Anil Desai:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of COVID-19 crisis for oxygen gas for patients, Government has taken a number of steps to fulfil the demand;
- (b) if so, the present production facilities in the country in Government and private sector;
- (c) the present demand and supply situation of this life saving gas in the country; and
- (d) whether special vehicles for carrying oxygen gas from factory to hospitals in the country are sufficient, if so, the details thereof?

Under reported deaths during COVID-19 second wave

264 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the fact that several State Governments have under reported deaths due to COVID-19 during the second wave;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government plans to set up an enquiry into the under reporting of deaths due to COVID-19 by various State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Research wing for handling study on COVID-19

265 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated an efficient Research wing for handling the study on COVID-19;
- and (b) if so, the progress made by them in the study of possible mutated variants of COVID-19 that can occur in the near future?

Deaths due to COVID-19 after vaccination

266 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) whether Government has the statistics regarding number of people who have been affected by COVID-19 after vaccination;
- (b) if so, the tabulated data based on which particular vaccine they have taken; and
- (c) the number of persons who have died of COVID-19 after getting vaccinated, vaccine-wise?

Complaints registered against hospital authorities and staff during COVID-19 pandemic

267 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

- (a) the number of complaints registered against hospital authorities and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic along with the number of such complaints resolved, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to create any special mechanism for the registration and speedy trial of complaints; and
- (c) the necessary steps taken or proposed to be taken to address the issue of black marketing of essential medical supplies, along with details of such recorded cases and the supplies that were confiscated, State-wise?

Loss of life and property due to fire incidents in hospitals

268 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) the details of loss of lives and property due to fire incidents in hospitals in the country, State-wise, age group-wise, Government or private hospitals involved in fire incidents;
- (b) whether any fire audits of hospitals have been carried out;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for strict implementation of safety norms or guidelines in hospitals?

Death after Covid vaccination

269 # Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

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

- (a) the number of people infected by the COVID-19 virus even after vaccination in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of people who lost their lives even after vaccination; and
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan to provide financial assistance to the families of citizens who have lost their lives due to COVID-19, if so, the number of people benefited so far?

Vaccine booster dose

270 Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of many countries adopting an approach of vaccine booster shots to ensure protection against COVID-19 and its various strains;
- (b) whether there is a need to take a booster dose of the vaccine after a certain period of time;
- (c) if so, Government's plan for the same and how is it ensuring sufficient vaccine supply; and
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study on how long the COVID-19 vaccine is effective?

Cervical cancer cases in the country

271 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) whether the cases of cervical cancer in India are rising and the total number of these cases, State- wise;
- (b) whether Government intends on introducing Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccines nationally;
- (c) whether HPV vaccine will be subsidised for low income groups; and
- (d) the manner in which Government intends to promote the vaccine for acceptability?

Distribution of vaccines to States

272 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of vaccines sent by the Union Government to the

respective States, State-wise; and

(b) the details of exactly how the share of vaccines to be sent to each State was calculated?

Cases of Vaccine Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia

273 Smt. Ambika Soni:

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

(a) the total number of cases of Vaccine Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT) recorded so far in the country;

(b) the name of the hospitals where test facility for VITT is available in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make available gold standard confirmatory test facility at certain more hospitals in the country?

Insurance scheme for hospital workers

274 Smt. Ambika Soni:

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

(a) whether the doctors and health workers employed in private hospitals / clinics / dispensaries have been kept out of the "Insurance Scheme for hospital workers fighting COVID-19";

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

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

Allocation of funds and expenditure incurred on the development of COVID-19 vaccines

275 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

(a) the details of Government institutes and private companies which are conducting research on the development of COVID-19 vaccines along with the funds allocated/expenditure incurred by Government in this regard;

(b) the status of each vaccine along with the time by which the vaccine is likely to be developed and made available for the public and the authority which is likely to determine the price of the vaccine;

(c) the cost at which the said vaccine would be provided to the general public;

and (d) whether a particular State or section/ strata would be provided the vaccine free of cost?

Compensation to families of victims of COVID-19 who died due to oxygen shortage

276 Shri Rajmani Patel:

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

(a) whether Government intends to provide monetary compensation to families whose members died due to oxygen shortage during COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details of the compensation awarded to such families apart from the ex-gratia of ₹ 50,000 mandated by the Supreme Court to be paid to the kin of people who died of COVID-19; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Pressure Swing Adsorption oxygen plants

277 Shri Rajmani Patel:

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

- (a) the details of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants established from January 2020 till date, including date of installation and status as to whether functional or not;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and released for setting up such oxygen plants in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 as on date;
- (c) whether Government has met its deadline of installing an additional 59 such plants by April 2021;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has met its deadline of installing an additional 80 such plants by May 2021; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Usage of Covaxin for children

278 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Expert panel has recommended Bharat Biotech's COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin for use on children between the ages 2-18 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time taken for starting vaccination programme for children helping them in recovering from the fear of COVID-19 and opening of schools fully?

Ambulance service under National Health Mission

279 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme for financing ambulance service under National Health Mission and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of general and critical care ambulances provided to Rajasthan under National Health Mission during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of ambulance service in the country, especially in rural areas?

Upgradation of National Institutes of Medical Science and Research under National Health Mission

280 Smt. Mamata Mohanta:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to upgrade the National Institutes of Medical Science and Research under the National Health Mission and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of medical colleges and institutes identified for upgradation and modernization, State/UT-wise including Odisha; and
- (c) the details of the infrastructure proposed to be developed and additional facilities proposed to be provided in such Institutes?

Present status of COVID-19 vaccination drive

281 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are significant number of citizens in the country who have not taken their first dose of vaccine;
- (b) by when Government is expected to complete two dose of vaccines to the entire citizens;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a major chunk of vaccination drive in the country is held through private hospitals; and
- (d) the details of vaccines drive that is held through Government dispensaries and private hospitals separately, State-wise?

Recognition of Medical Colleges by MCI in Rajasthan

282 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) the number of medical colleges accorded recognition by the Medical Council of India (MCI) across the country during last three years State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to the recognized medical colleges in Rajasthan during last three years; and
- (c) whether the allocated funds have been utilized for works like construction of buildings, improvement of teaching system, purchase of medical equipments etc, if so, the details thereof?

Anaemia among pregnant women in the country

283 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether WHO has expressed concern over anaemia in pregnant women in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has ascertained the condition of pregnant women in different parts of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government to deal with the situation State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to deal with the predicament of anaemia in the country including Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand and Bihar?

Doctor to Patient ratio in India

284 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Doctor to Patient ratio in India is below the WHO standards;
- (b) if so, the details of Doctor to Patient ratio in rural as well as in urban areas of the country;
- (c) the steps that Government has taken or is planning to take to bridge this gap and ensure increase in the availability of doctors per 1000 population so as to meet the WHO standards; and
- (d) by when India will meet the WHO standards vis-a-vis Doctor to Patient ratio?

Budgetary allocation under “Har Ghar Dastak” scheme

285 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

the total budgetary allocation done by Government under the “Har Ghar Dastak” vaccination scheme?

Payment of ex-gratia to kin of COVID-19 victims

286 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether the Supreme Court had ordered payment of ex-gratia to the kin of COVID-19 victims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the list of the beneficiaries and the money required for the same, State wise?

Booster doses for COVID-19

287 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that booster doses have been approved in many countries for COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the countries that have approved or implemented booster doses; and
- (c) the stand of Government on booster doses?

Action plan to tackle third wave of COVID-19

288 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) the action plan formulated to deal with the third wave of COVID-19 in the country;
- (b) whether the healthcare resources have already been augmented for the purpose;
- (c) the details thereof;
- and (d) whether the Government is prepared enough for the third wave?

Status of Rooftop Solar target of 40 GW by 2022

289 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government will be able to achieve its Rooftop Solar target of 40 GW by 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any substantial steps have been taken to increase public participation for the above schemes at the State level; and
- (e) whether any loan schemes have been initiated for financing residential solar photovoltaics for customers, if so, the details thereof?

Electricity output from renewable resources

290 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

- (a) the details of India's electricity generation from renewable resources;
- (b) whether Government has developed any framework to reduce its over-dependability on coal for electricity production, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Generation of Renewable and Non-Renewable Power in India

291 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

the details of Power generated in the country in Renewable and Non-Renewable Power sectors State-wise, during the past three years?

Development of Solar cities

292 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of 48 cities, State-wise, that the Ministry has identified in the country to make them solar cities;
- (b) the status of preparation/execution of master plan for above identified solar cities, State-wise; and
- (c) to what extent the country can save energy from fossil fuels, once the identified cities are fully operational with solar energy?

Target for renewable energy generation

293 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the target for renewable energy generation set by the year 2024-25, with State-wise and year-wise details;
- (b) the present position of renewable energy generation and whether there is any shortfall in the target; and
- (c) the details of any action plan drawn to fulfill the targets set by the year 2024-25?

Status of renewable energy projects

294 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the details of the renewable energy projects ongoing in the country and their expected date of completion; and
- (b) the future plans for implementation of new renewable energy projects, State-wise details thereof?

Power generation through renewable energy sources

295 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the amount of electricity produced, State-wise by renewable energy sources;
- (b) the measures taken and schemes introduced to promote renewable energy sources;
- (c) the total amount of electricity produced by the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise by renewable energy sources;
- (d) the steps taken to implement green power corridors; and

(e) the amount of subsidy allocated and disbursed, State-wise for adopting renewable energy sources?

New and renewable energy sources in West Bengal

296 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted in the State of West Bengal regarding the possibility of new and renewable energy sources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Slowdown in installation of renewable energy infrastructure

297 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether any recent reports have shown that the pace of installation of renewable energy infrastructure has reduced in the pandemic years;
- (b) whether it is true that only 7 GW has been installed in financial year 2021-22 as against the 175GW target;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the measures adopted to be able to achieve 2022 targets;
- (d) whether it will be possible to achieve March 2023 targets of installing 100 GW solar energy at this rate; and
- (e) if so, the measures adopted to fast track the installation and timeline by which it will be completed and become operational?

Solar and wind energy

298 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) India's target to produce solar and wind energy by 2022;
- (b) the number of private companies permitted to install solar and wind energy;
- (c) the total output of wind and solar energy in 2013-14 and in 2020-21; and
- (d) the details of Government's role in solar alliance?

Domestic production of Photovoltaic cells and modules

299 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the value of current manufacturing and production capacity of Photovoltaic cells and modules in India;
- (b) the value of import of Photovoltaic cells and modules for solar power generation and other relevant purposes;
- (c) whether the value of import is greater than the value of domestic production of Photovoltaic cells and modules; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken to increase the manufacturing and production of Photovoltaic cells for solar power generation?

Solar Power Parks in India

300 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

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

- (a) the total funds allocated for Solar Park Scheme in the last two fiscal years and the current year;
- (b) the State-wise fund allocation for the aforementioned scheme;
- (c) the list of new Solar Power Parks commissioned in the last two years and the current year;
- (d) the State-wise distribution thereof; and
- (e) the details of the capacity approved and capacity commissioned for the Solar Power Parks in the State of Maharashtra?

Hybrid floating solar-wind energy farms

301 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of targeted action plan, roadmap and timeline for the promotion of hybrid wind and solar energy;
- (b) State/UT-wise details of assessment of water bodies suitable for floating wind and solar energy plants;
- (c) if no assessment has taken place, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken to promote public and private investment in hybrid renewable energy technologies; and
- (e) the details of funding for the research and development of new technologies regarding hybrid solar-wind technologies, progress thereof and timeline for completion of the same?

Rural electrification through solar energy

302 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of anganwadis, health centres, schools, panchayat offices, railways and bus stations in rural India electrified through solar energy;
- (b) whether Government plans to encourage their electrification through solar energy in rural India;
- (c) if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has encouraged power distribution companies to fund rural electrification by solar energy through Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives;
- (e) if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor;
- (f) whether Government has considered counting solar energy power generation in rural India towards Renewable Purchase Obligations; and
- (g) if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor?

PM-KUSUM Scheme

303 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the total number of projects covered under the PM-KUSUM Scheme since the formulation of the scheme in the country, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has sought any action to publish PM-KUSUM Scheme guidelines in regional languages, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

- (c) the current grievance redressal system established by the Ministry for the applicants of PM-KUSUM Scheme, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has formulated any framework for the State-wise monitoring of implementation of PM-KUSUM scheme, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Data on solar power capacity

304 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the number of solar projects currently functional in the country and the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has set any target to increase the solar capacity across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to achieve the said target?

Electric vehicles

305 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the details of electric vehicles procured by the EESL during the current financial year along with the costs and the manufacturers;
- (b) whether Government proposes to buy more electric vehicles produced locally in future and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the charging stations being set up by EESL in the country?

Mega energy parks in seven States

306 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the timeline that Government has decided upon to complete mega energy parks in seven States;
- (b) the capacity of each individual project;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken into consideration the environmental costs and trade-offs for renewable energy; and
- (d) whether an environmental impact assessment will be conducted for these projects, if so, the details thereof?

Unification of solar schemes and National Hydrogen Mission

307 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

whether any steps are being taken for unification of Solar Schemes and National Hydrogen Mission since both have common objectives to achieve i.e., meeting our climate target and minimizing dependence on fossil fuel?

Review of PM-KUSUM Scheme

308 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government has recently reviewed the progress of implementation of PM-KUSUM Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of solar pump projects installed during the last two years in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the details of the incentives and sops provided to the farmers under this scheme; and
- (e) the challenges being faced by Government in implementation of the scheme and measures being taken to overcome them?

Performance of Ports in India

309 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the data on the various indicators that show the performance of the Ports in India over the past three years in a Port-wise and year-wise manner; and
- (b) the details of the financial investment/support/assistance by the Ministry for the development of the Ports in the country in a Port-wise manner?

River transportation in the North-Eastern States

310 Shri Ripun Bora:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Inland Water Transport (IWT) Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Bank for ₹770 crore loan to improve river transportation in the North-Eastern States; and
- (b) if so, the details of MoU and the time frame to integrate high-quality passenger and vehicle ferry services into the States wider transport network system?

Details of Haldia Dock Complex

311 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing initiatives under Project UNNATI at Haldia Dock Complex; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and spent on the Project in the financial year 2020-21?

Sea plane facility at Sabarmati river

312 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the facility of sea plane (water aerodrome) started on Sabarmati river for passengers in the year 2020 is still operational;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the efforts being made by Government to make it operational soon; and
- (d) the number of other places where this facility has been started or is under consideration, and the details thereof?

Development of Greenfield ports

313 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Ministry is aware of plans of Government of Andhra Pradesh to develop three Greenfield ports at Bhavanapadu, Machilipatnam and Ramayapatnam at a total outlay of ₹ 14, 000 Cr. to unlock the economic benefits of long coast line;
- (b) whether it is true that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry to provide grants to any of the aforesaid three ports or 25 per cent of the total outlay;
- (c) whether the Ministry has considered the request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Annual capacity of cargo transport of export-import in ports

314 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of ports in the country till the year 2014 and the annual capacity of cargo transport of export-import in these ports;
- (b) the number of new ports constructed or old ports upgraded post the year 2014 and the financial expenditure incurred for this purpose; and
- (c) the increase registered in the cargo transport capacity of import-export in the ports of the country due to these measures and the revenue earned by the Central Government therefrom?

Financial support for ports in Andhra Pradesh

315 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total financial assistance provided for the development of the proposed four non-major greenfield ports of Bhavanapadu Port in Srikakulam district, Kakinada SEZ Port in East Godavari, Machilipatnam Port in Krishna and Ramayapatnam Port in Prakasam district till date; and
- (b) the total funds allocated for developing the Inland Waterways network in the State of Andhra Pradesh as on date and the details thereof?

Seaport in Rajasthan

316 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is working on any plan to set up a sea port in Thar desert of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted for the said plan, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any proposals for the above plan have been received from the State Government also, if so, the details thereof?

Power projects in Tamil Nadu

317 **Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the details of all Power projects undertaken by Government of India, situated in Tamil Nadu and the capacity of such projects;
- (b) the State-wise distribution of the power generated by the projects situated in Tamil Nadu and the details thereof;
- (c) the status of the proposed Green Power Corridor in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the status and implementation of the Inter-State transmission scheme in Tamil Nadu?

Loss of human lives due to electrical accidents

318 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any provision for compensating the loss of human lives due to electrical accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government will hold consultations with the State Governments for taking a positive action in this regard?

Financial benefits under various schemes

319 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) the number of rural families living Below the Poverty Line who have benefitted under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana; and
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to provide 100 per cent Capital Subsidy in rural settlement under the Kutir Jyoti Yojana?

Financial assistance under UDAY

320 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of special financial assistance or grants provided to the States under the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY);
- (b) whether the States participating under UDAY are expected to make some improvements in the areas like generation, distribution, transmission etc. of electricity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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