

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017/Chaitra 21, 1939 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 160

#### Adoption of Ayush treatment in rural areas

†4317. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether people in rural and urban areas are still inclined towards Allopathy despite publicity of Ayush by Government among people in recent years;

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

(c) whether more men in urban areas are using Ayush treatment than in rural areas, while rural women outnumber urban women in this respect, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard by Government?

#### Reviewing performances of institutes under CCRAS

4318. SHRID. KUPENDRAREDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA

AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) runs research Institutes all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their locations. State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has made any review of the performances of these Institutes and if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made by them so far?

#### Medicinal plants grown in the country

4319. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the medicinal plants available in the country; and

(b) the details of the steps being taken by Government for the farming,

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conservation, processing and promotion of such medicinal plants?

**AYUSH medicines for different diseases**

†4320. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the diseases including diabetes and high blood pressure for which genuine Ayush medicines duly supported by research based findings are available in market for treatment of diseases?

**Preserving ancient AYUSH manuscripts and texts**

4321. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study related to revival and retrieval of ancient AYUSH manuscripts and rare books/texts;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made in this direction so far, Institute-wise;

(c) whether Government provides financial assistance to institutions for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details of all such institutions and the amount of assistance granted to them during the last three years, Institute-wise?

**Procuring medicinal herbs from tribal and hilly areas**

4322. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to procure medicinal herbs/medicines from tribal and hilly regions, if so, the details thereof; and;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to promote and popularise AYUSH systems of medicine?

**AYUSH colleges in the country**

†4323. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH colleges in the country, State-wise and course-wise thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to establish medical colleges for courses in Ayurveda in the country, if so, State-wise details thereof and whether any criterion have been fixed for establishment of new colleges in private sector, if so, the details of criterion thereof;

(c) whether Government has proposed to promote Ayurveda and facilitate the research of AYUSH medicine, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is implementing any programme to increase the trust of people in the said medical practice, if so, the details thereof?

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**Use of Peacock's body parts in traditional medicines**

4324. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the prevalence of using the Indian National bird, Peacock's feathers and body parts as medicines in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha, as reported by the World Wildlife Fund;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the future plans to deal with this illegal activity; and

(d) the names of the States where this is practiced most?

**India as hub of Ayurvedic treatment and research**

†4325. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestions had been sought by Government from the global experts regarding establishing India as the hub of Ayurvedic treatment and research, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has received the suggestions of the global experts and whether Government is considering to implement those suggestions and if so, the details thereof?

**Performance of BEML**

4326. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) performance of Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML) in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) profit/loss of BEML during the above period, year-wise;

(c) what is the product range of BEML;

(d) whether it is a fact that BEML is also manufacturing Stainless Steel Metro Cars and is one of the competitive players in the market now;

(e) whether it is also a fact that BEML is manufacturing Stainless Steel Metro Cars at a much cheaper rates when compared to other private players; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for disinvesting BEML?

**Pending cases of height clearance by AAI**

†4327. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in metro cities a large number of applications are pending for height clearance to be given by Airport Authority of India (AAI), if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the new rule has facilitated early clearance of these cases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and present status thereof?

**Shortage of soldiers in armed forces**

4328. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data

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of the shortage of soldiers in the armed forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Security threat assessment of airports**

4329. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any security threat assessment has been done for Airports in Delhi, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details of findings, airport-wise;

(c) whether any action plan has been proposed for this; and

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

**Insufficient capacity of Indian airports to accommodate increased flight operations**

4330. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of flight operations in all the airports in the country have increased manifold in recent times;

(b) whether it is also a fact the commensurate with the increase in flight operations, there has been no increase in the runway capacity which remains the same as in the past;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the airlines are seething as they had been

ordering planes and the big airports do not have slots for additional flights or even adequate parking stands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Conversion of dues into equity by AI**

4331. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has rejected a proposal by Air India to partially convert its dues worth ₹ 2,300 crore into equity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Air India's dues to AAI were towards landing and parking charges as well as route navigation charges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**On time performance of domestic airlines from four metro airports**

4332. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) where Air India stands as far as the on-time performance (OTP) of scheduled domestic airlines for the four metro airports viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bangalore is concerned;

(b) which domestic airline is far ahead of others including Air India; and

(c) a detailed on-time performance data of scheduled domestic airlines operating from the four metro airports for the last one year?

**Airports of International standard in Madhya Pradesh**

‡4333. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports which shall be converted into International Standard by Madhya Pradesh Government under various schemes and programmes of Government of India and the announcement made with respect to each of them along with the action taken and the destinations for which the international flights are likely to be made available from these airports;

(b) the details of the action taken with reference to the sanction given to 4.23 acres of land for State Hanger in Bhopal; and

(c) the details of the action taken for execution of lease deed for Khandwa and Satna Airfields and updated status for approval given to develop Rewa Airstrip as a low cost airport?

**Religious meals in Air India**

4334. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that religious meals are introduced in the Air India domestic flight; and

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

**Installation of ILS at Srinagar airport**

4335. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Srinagar airport has been declared as International airport;

(b) whether there is continuous disruption/cancellation of flights in winter season due to poor visibility;

(c) whether there is need for installation of an advanced Instrumentation Landing System (ILS) at the said airport; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard and by when will such advanced ILS be installed at Srinagar airport?

**Lack of proper management in Air India**

‡4336. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic travelers have filed 306 complaints against the Air India in the month of February during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether as per report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) lack of proper management is a major reason for delay in flights and decline in customer services of public sector Air India; and

(d) if so, whether Government has taken any concrete steps for improvement in the management, if so, the details thereof?

**Development of smaller airports under UDAN Scheme**

4337. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to develop smaller airports under Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the towns that are identified for development at smaller Airports in the State of Telangana?

#### **Financial Restructuring of Air India**

4338. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of repeated and number of bailout packages and the recent Turnaround Plan (TAP)/ Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) Air India is unable to register substantial profit, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India is unable to register Operational Profit for more than three years; and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Change in 5/20 rule**

4339. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed any change in "5/20 Rule" for new aviation companies;

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

(c) how these changes will help in the development of aviation sector in the country?

#### **Expansion of facilities for passengers and airports in Rajasthan**

†4340. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 497 answered in Rajya Sabha on 7 February, 2017 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a significant rise in air passengers from major airports of Rajasthan such as Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, if so, the percentage increase in air passengers from these airports vis-a-vis the last three years; and

(b) the details of road map devised by Government to provide more facilities for passengers and expansion of these airports?

#### **Findings of CAG on financials of AI**

4341. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India repudiates the findings of the Comptroller of Auditor General (CAG) of India on financials;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India maintains that its accounts are in line with the generally accepted principles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Use of CSR funds for water recycle and harvesting**

4342. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to use the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for the water recycling and water harvesting in India and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any data of the ONGC's CSR fund used for water harvesting in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

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**Use of CSR fund on health and education**

4343. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has details of companies that spend their mandated Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds on services such as education and health, if so, the total CSR funds that has been spent on health and education,

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government intends on bringing a mechanism that would institutionalise the use of CSR funds by companies; and

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

**Donations to political parties by corporate bodies**

4344. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount that a company can contribute to a political party as per the existing provisions of the law and other Statutory directions of Government along with the time by when these provisions were enacted and last amended;

(b) whether Government proposes to review the law with regard to political donations by corporate bodies; and

(c) the details of provisions of law by which the foreign companies are permitted to make donations to political parties in the country along with the list of such companies during the last three years and the current year?

**Coast Guard's measures to protect fishermen**

4345. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Coast Guard has been collecting statistics on the number of Indian fishermen killed by Sri Lankan Navy or forces in the last three years;

(b) if so, the year-wise statistics of such figures; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Indian Coast Guard to create a safe and sanitized zone for fishermen of Tamil Nadu who are being harassed by foreign navies?

**Augmenting defence preparedness to meet challenges**

4346. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of developing and increasing of weapons by some of our neighbouring countries and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has reviewed or proposes to review the implication of such imports on National security and, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to augment the defence preparedness to meet the challenges in this regard?

**Redressing grievances of ex-servicemen over OROP**

4347. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the features of One Rank

One Pension (OROP) Scheme announced by Government some time ago;

(b) whether there is strong resentment amongst ex-servicemen concerning the OROP Scheme announced by Government, if so, details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by Government to redress the grievances of ex-servicemen;

(d) the total number of ex-servicemen in the country who are eligible to receive benefits under OROP Scheme and how many ex-servicemen have received benefits under OROP Scheme; and

(e) the total number of ex-servicemen who have not yet received benefits under OROP Scheme together with reasons therefor?

#### **Artillery guns for the Army**

4348. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has not inducted a single artillery gun since mid 1980s;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to fulfil Army's urgent requirement of ultra-light artillery guns keeping in view the current scenario?

#### **Avoiding manufacturing and import of deadly weapons**

†4349. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take necessary steps to decrease the trend of manufacturing and also import of deadly weapons at

International level in view of the sensitivity of these deadly weapons and use the money to be spend on import of these weapons, for overall development of the country and to manufacture the military equipment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Akash missiles for Vietnam**

4350. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Vietnam are discussing strategies to improve their Military tie-ups;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is proposing to sell the Akash surface-to-air missile systems which has been indigenously developed by India; and

(c) if so, whether the technical knowhow would also be transferred along with the sale of Akash missiles?

#### **Resolving anomalies in disability pension**

4351. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concerns raised by the Armed Forces with regard to disability pension in the 7th Pay Commission are being addressed;

(b) the reasons for shifting from existing percentage based system to slab based system for disability pension;

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve anomalies in disability pension arising out of the 7th Pay Commission;

(d) whether Government is considering review of disability pension of Defence

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Services to bring parity with disability pension of Civil Services in 7th Pay Commission; and

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

**Security guidelines for construction activity near Navy and Air Force establishments**

4352. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there are no uniform security restriction guidelines for issue of No Objection Certificate for building and construction in the vicinity of Navy and Air Force establishments in a way similar to guidelines for Army establishments, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government proposes to issue uniform security guidelines for Navy and Air Force establishments also; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Special uniforms and bulletproof jackets**

4353. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has carried out any study to identify needs for special uniforms for safety of soldiers deployed on borders/field areas in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to procure bulletproof jackets and protective gears/garments for soldiers in a time bound manner;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the procurement is likely to be made; and

(d) whether Government proposes to frame any policy for periodic review and necessary upgradation in the uniforms of the soldiers and, if so, the details thereof?

**Sale of imported goods at CSD outlets**

4354. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether locally available daily use products are being sourced/imported from China and sold at Canteen Stores Department;

(b) if so, the details thereof clearly stating the monetary value of such goods sold at CSD outlets;

(c) whether independent quality inspection of imported goods has been conducted in respect of such goods, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any mechanism of survey or feedback to ascertain the popularity of such products among defence personnel and ex-servicemen, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Investigation into leakage in Army recruitment exam**

4355. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that army recruitment papers were recently leaked;

(b) if so, the number of applicants who appeared for the tests held in Goa;

(c) the number of applicants called for questioning in Goa;

(d) the number of persons arrested in Goa and the places from where they were arrested;

(e) the *modus operandi* adopted by the culprits;

(f) the number of criminal cases under investigation, State-wise, and provisions of law invoked in all these cases; and

(g) whether the applicants who have appeared for tests from these States, are also under investigation?

#### **Ceasefire violations by Pakistan**

4356. SHRI RITABRATA  
BANERJEE:  
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of ceasefire violations by Pakistan along the LoC have sharply increased;

(b) if so, the number of cases month-wise, reported and number of casualties suffered;

(c) whether Government has prepared plan for counter attacks to contain such ceasefire violations on the border, in the light of Government's policy of Zero tolerance to ceasefire violations with Pakistan; and

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

#### **Agreement with Russia for making Sukhoi aircraft**

†4357. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was made last March between India and a Russian company manufacturing Sukhoi planes, for the supply of spare parts;

(b) if so, the conditions in the agreement which would benefit India in transfer of technology and indigenous manufacture of spare parts would become possible; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in the direction of indigenous manufacture of such parts so that the country would get more technology at less expenditure and the details thereof?

#### **Closure of Gun Factory at Amethi, UP**

†4358. SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production at the Amethi-based Gun Factory has been stalled;

(b) if so, since when the Gun Factory is closed and the steps taken to resume the production therein;

(c) the quantum of loss incurred on annual basis in view of the said Gun Factory remaining closed; and

(d) whether the loss having taken place could be compensated for and reasons for said closure and the details thereof?

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**Reduction in pension drawn by JWOs**

4359. SHRI CHUNIBHAI  
KANJIBHAI GOHEL:  
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:  
SHRIMATI VIJILA  
SATHYANANTH:  
SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pension to IAF veterans who retired prior to 2006 is being given as per last rank held by them irrespective of their length of service in that rank;

(b) whether after issuance of Circular No. 555 regarding OROP, pension drawn by some Junior Wireless Officers (JWOs) retired in 2003 had been reversed in rank of Sergeant resulting in reduction of pension; and

(c) if so, details thereof and steps being taken to remove such discrepancy, if any, and ensure that all such affected personnel are given pension as per their last rank held, as per Circular No. 568 of PCDA/JCDA (AF), Subroto Park, New Delhi?

**New organisation for undertaking defence procurement**

4360. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert committee established by Government has recommended the creation of a new, independent organisation outside the Ministry of Defence to undertake defence procurement;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, if any; and

(c) what institutional measures have

been taken to expedite the delay in procurement of defence equipment and modernization of defence forces?

**Fall in credit growth**

4361. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit growth, as determined by advances from scheduled commercial banks as on 23rd December, on a year-on-year basis, was at 5.1 per cent according to the RBI;

(b) whether Government consider this fall in credit growth worrying, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this fall in credit growth was a direct impact of demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(d) what impact has demonetisation had on the small and medium-sized companies; and

(e) by when does Government hope that companies will start borrowing again and help fuel India's Economy?

**Economic equality in the country**

†4362. SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of such billionaires whose property is worth more than two billion rupees is steadily increasing in the country, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India occupies second position in terms of increase in the number of billionaires;

(c) if so, whether the country's policies

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are making the rich persons richer and the poor persons poorer; and

(d) whether Government considers it necessary to work at a faster pace to ensure economic equality in view of the above?

#### **Digital payments at panchayat level**

4363. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether digital payments have been introduced at the panchayat level, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the ATMs available at the Panchayat level, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of the total cash dispensed since 8 November, 2016 till 31 December, 2016 per panchayat across India on weekly basis?

#### **Procurement and use of POS machines**

4364. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of total number of Point of Sale (POS) machines in the country and what is the selling price of POS machines;

(b) whether Government is subsidizing cost of POS machines;

(c) whether it is a fact that POS machines are being imported, if so, the details of manufacturers and importers of these machines;

(d) whether Government has done any study for number of POS machines required across the country to go cashless, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has plans to bear the service charges on transactions

being done through POS machines, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Government stand on Software Mining**

4365. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stand of Government on Software Mining;

(b) what is the stand of Government on Crypto currency especially Bit coins; and

(c) what is the status of Bit coin exchanges operating in the country, the details thereof?

#### **Extending benefits of Prime Minister Programme under DBT**

4366. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend benefits of programmes announced by Prime Minister under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Aadhaar Card has been made mandatory to avail benefits of DBT under aforesaid programmes, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Waiving off loans of farmers in U.P.**

4367. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government will waive off loans of farmers of the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh, as announced by Prime Minister recently in U.P., if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Packages announced by P.M. for States**

4368. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of packages announced by Prime Minister for various States during 2015, 2016 and 2017, so far, State-wise; and

(b) the details of amounts of packages announced by Prime Minister released to the States, State-wise, with particular reference to the package of ₹ 1.25 lakh crore announced for Bihar?

**Bilateral Investment Treaty with State Governments**

4369. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is planning to introduce Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) with the State Governments to safeguard their foreign investment, if so, the details thereof?

**New currency in circulation in the economy**

†4370. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount deposited in banks per day in old denomination of 500 and 1000 rupee notes from 8 November, 2016 to 30 December, 2016 during demonetisation, the total amount of demonetised currency received by Government through banks, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount released by RBI

from 8 November, 2016 to 30 December, 2016 for disbursement to public in the new denomination of 500 and 2000 rupee notes per day through banks, ATM or other means; and

(c) the total amount of Indian currency in circulation in the economy, denomination-wise?

**Cases for purchasing agricultural land in Delhi**

†4371. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of companies in whose names agricultural land is purchased by a company in Jaitpur, Aligaon and Madanpur Khadar separately and the years in which and the amount at which such lands were purchased, the details thereof;

(b) whether any case has been registered against said company by enforcement department, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any probe is underway to find out the sources of money which have been used by said company in order to purchase this land, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether the aforesaid company is illegally doing plotting on agricultural land, if so, details thereof?

**Shortfall in achieving the disinvestment target of PSEs**

4372. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the target of ₹ 45,500 crore fixed for disinvestment during 2016-17 as per the revised estimates, Government is yet to

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collect almost 25 per cent of the amount before the close of the current financial year; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it would be possible for Government to make up the short-fall and if not, what alternate measures Government proposes to take?

**Opening of new branches of SBI in villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana**

‡4373. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the expansion policy of the Public Sector Banks;

(b) number of branches of Public Sector Banks opened in the rural areas during the current plan period, year-wise;

(c) whether it is proposed to open new branches of State Bank of India in the villages of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted by the bank in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which new branches of State Bank of India are likely to be opened under the said scheme?

**Review of efficiency of SBI branches in A.P.**

4374. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of rural branches of the State Bank of India are under-manned and under staffed all over the country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted regarding the poor service extended by SBI in rural areas;

(c) whether SBI will take steps to compensate customers and the public for poor quality of service in rural branches;

(d) whether it is a fact that SBI branches in Andhra Pradesh are not opening accounts in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the level of efficiency at rural SBI branches in Andhra Pradesh?

**Premium collected by health insurance companies**

4375. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the premium collected by health insurance companies has gone up;

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

(c) the ratio of premium collected by private and Government companies?

**Closure of manufacturing units post demonetisation**

4376. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new currency notes of different denominations printed and put back in circulation after demonetisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of currency has led to the closure of manufacturing units in informal and formal sectors like handlooms, brassware, leather, ceramics etc.;

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(c) the estimated job losses in the labour-intensive informal sector; and

(d) the step taken by Government to mitigate the effect of job losses?

**Study on effects of demonetisation on GDP**

4377. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government has undertaken any study on the effects of demonetisation on the GDP of our country, if so, the details thereof?

**Loan portfolio in SIDBI**

4378. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of clients under Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) till 31st March, 2016 and

(b) the total loan portfolio of clients in Small Industries Development Bank of India till 31st March, 2016 and the total loan portfolio of women, SC, ST and minorities till 1st March, 2016?

**Upgradation of non-scheduled Banks into scheduled Banks category**

†4379. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scheduled and non-scheduled Banks in the country;

(b) whether there is any time-bound action plan to upgrade non-scheduled Banks into the grade of scheduled Banks;

(c) the details of the existing system to safeguard the interests of customers of non-scheduled banks; and

(d) whether any corrective measures are being taken with reference to above?

**Waiver of GST on low cost biscuits**

4380. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Biscuit Industry Association has demanded complete waiver of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on Low Price-High Nutrition (LPHN) biscuits priced under a maximum retail price of ₹100 a Kg., if so, Government's response thereto; and

(b) whether Government is seriously considering their request for complete waiver of GST on low cost biscuits, which are consumed mainly by the low-income group, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Loan from AIIB**

4381. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any loan from the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB);

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to take loan from AIIB in future?

**Waiving off farmer's loans/interest**

4382. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to waive off farmer's loans/interest;

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(b) whether the steps taken by Government have proved beneficial, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Accounts opened under PMJDY in Punjab**

4383. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many accounts have been opened so far under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana scheme in Punjab; and

(b) the details of number of accounts opened since the launch of the scheme, city-wise?

**GST network free from cyber-attack and data theft**

4384. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of assesses enrolled on the GST network up till 1st March, 2017; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that the GST network being developed for the implementation of GST is completely foolproof from cyber-attacks and data theft, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Guidelines of RBI for effective management of NPAs**

4385. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by RBI to ensure effective management of Non-Performing Accounts and to enable speedy and prompt recovery;

(b) whether RBI has failed in implementation and enforcement of its own guidelines;

(c) the names of Banks which did not follow and enforce RBI guidelines and action taken by RBI against all such banks during the last three years; and

(d) whether inspite of various measures taken by Government and RBI, instead of declining, the cumulative net volume of NPAs of all Banks and Financial Institutions are only increasing every year, if so, the details thereof?

**Opening of brick and mortar branches**

4386. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step has been taken by the Ministry towards opening of brick and mortar bank branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks in each of the unbanked Gram Panchayats of the country within the target period of five years by March, 2019; and

(b) if not, whether the Government will issue such instructions as each unbanked Gram Panchayat of the country is covered by a brick and mortar branch of a Scheduled Commercial Bank by March, 2019?

**Downgrading of Micro-Finance Institutions**

4387. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post demonetisation, rating agency ICRA has downgraded some Micro-Finance Institutions on the back of rising default in



loan payment, if so, the response of Government in this regard; and

(b) what support will be offered by Government to such Institutions so that the borrowers are not harassed for default in loan payment due to demonetisation?

#### **Disclosure of names of persons holding black money**

4388. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court appointed SIT on black money has unearthed ₹ 70,000 crores so far; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that though the Committee is disclosing the amount it is unearthing yet it is not providing any details about the details of the persons who are involved in black money, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Charges on savings bank accounts**

4389. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information of levy of penalty on non-maintenance of minimum balance in savings bank account by the Banks in the country; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Banks are going to charge levy on the deposit of cash in saving bank accounts, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Re-capitalisation of PSBs**

4390. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is planning to unveil

Indradhanush 2.0—a comprehensive plan for recapitalisation of Public Sector Banks with a view to make them remain solvent and fully comply with the global capital adequacy norms Basel-III, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disinvestment of sick PSUs**

4391. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared any list of sick PSUs for disinvestment and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of parameters on which these PSUs have been selected?

#### **Job losses due to SBI Merger**

4392. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SBI and its other associate banks are proposing VRS scheme on account of merger of SBI with its five associate banks;

(b) if so, the number of employees who are being laid off on account of the proposed merger, grade-wise and position-wise;

(c) the number of applications submitted against the potential retrenchment and merger by employee union or employees, bank-wise;

(d) whether Government has come up with any plan to re-skill and redeploy the employees of SBI in same vertical with other Governmental organisations; and

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

#### **Devolution of funds to States**

4393. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds devolved annually from Centre to States under Finance Commission, Planning Commission, loans and grants and all other routes during the past three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of Annual Direct Tax contribution to the central pool of funds during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of Annual Indirect Tax contribution to the central pool during this period, State-wise?

#### **Zero charges on digital transactions**

4394. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether digital financial transactions will lead to more liquidity, better tax compliance and GDP growth and more importantly will create a virtuous cycle of chronicling credit histories;

(b) whether presently digital transactions carry a cost added to it thereby forcing people to stick to cash deals;

(c) whether to encourage digital transactions, the cost should be made zero; and

(d) whether in a retrograde move, State Bank of India has notified a levy of ₹50 plus service charges for additional cash deposits beyond the permissible limit of three cash deposits in a month effective 1st April, 2017?

#### **Decline in digital transactions**

4395. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the surge in digital transactions during the demonetisation period is seeing a sharp reversal with data for February, 2017 showing an accelerated decline in electronic transactions;

(b) whether the decline in digital transactions in two successive months post-demonetisation goes against Government's stated objective of scrapping high value currencies and that of moving towards a 'less cash' economy; and

(c) whether with the availability of adequate cash back in circulation the people tend to go back to old habits, as cash comes without a cost attached to it, whereas digital transactions has a cost attached to it?

#### **Late printing of new ₹ 500 notes post-demonetisation**

4396. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the printing process of new rupee 500 denomination at Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) commenced on 23rd November, 2016 much later than 8th November, 2016?

#### **Rural households under debt**

4397. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 per cent households in rural India are currently indebted;

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

(c) what specific steps have been taken by Government for the upliftment of the rural households?

**Disinvestment of Government's share in PSUs**

4398. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Public Sector Units disinvested its Government's share during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) name and the details of PSUs disinvested Government's share and percentage of share sold out so far; and

(c) how many PSUs were disinvested under instruction of Niti Aayog?

**Printing and circulation of fake currency**

4399. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) seized during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons arrested along with inter-State or international gangs found to have been involved in printing and circulation of FICN;

(c) whether Government is aware of the origin of FICN and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has assessed the deleterious impact of FICN on the economy of the country; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government to check printing and circulation of FICN in the country?

**Write off of farmers loans**

4400. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen the

growing demand to write off farmers loans; and

(b) if so, whether Government will consider the demand positively?

**Stand up India programme under MSME sector**

4401. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the main objectives of "Stand up India" programme under MSME sector; and

(b) the total number of entrepreneurs belonging to women, Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes benefited under the same programme?

**Allocation of funds to Kerala**

4402. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected from the State of Kerala as central taxes during each of the last three years; and

(b) the allocation of funds to the State during the period?

**Findings and recommendation of Panel for less cash economy**

4403. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a 13 Member Panel to look into issue of a shift to a less cash economy following demonetisation;

(b) if so, the details of the composition and terms of references of the Panel;

(c) whether the Panel has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the findings and recommendations of the Panel?

**Agriculture loans to farmers by PSBs**

4404. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued/ fixed any target/guidelines/norms for Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to provide interest free/subsidy on agricultural loans to the farmers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the norms/targets fixed/ loans disbursed /interest rate charged by banks to the farmers along with the outstanding agricultural loans against farmers;

(c) the steps taken by Government to waive off loans/interest free/subsidized interest rate to farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

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

**Implementation of Benami Law**

†4405. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to set up stronger institutions for ensuring an effective implementation of Benami Law;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step, in this regard; and

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

**Rash of digital payments system**

4406. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has unleashed

a rash of digital payments system over the past few months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, how will the common man decode the options?

**Decline in GDP growth rate**

4407. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the GDP has come down to 7 per cent, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the rating agencies have predicted that it would plummet further to 6.3 per cent; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures being taken by Government to achieve higher GDP growth?

**Tax on NPS**

4408. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:  
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the withdrawal from National Pension Scheme is taxed to the extent of 60 per cent, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to bring parity in the treatment of withdrawal from National Pension Scheme *vis-a-vis* Provident Fund as positioned by Government as alternative to each other?

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**Reduction of MDR on card payments**

4409. SHRI DHARMAPURI

SRINIVAS:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering for reduction of Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on all card payments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that consumers are being forced to make card payments following the introduction of digital payments system floated by Government;

(c) in such case, instead of reducing the MDR charges, whether it is not advisable to completely discard the MDR system which is a forced burden on the consumer; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana**

4410. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) and if so, the details thereof along with the objectives behind the scheme;

(b) whether some banks are showing reluctance in collecting tax under PMGKY, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure banks adhere to the stipulations/guidelines in this regard; and

(d) the details of the schemes with benefits to accrue to the taxpayers as compared to the earlier declaration scheme, 2016?

**Access to financial services by women entrepreneurs**

4411. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the rationale of establishing Mahila Bank some years back to provide exclusive assistance and finance to women entrepreneurs;

(b) whether the objectives are achieved, if so, why Government has taken decision to merge Mahila Bank with State Bank of India;

(c) how will Government ensure enhancing access to financial services to the women entrepreneurs, who are discouraged in normal Banks; and

(d) whether number of exclusive women Branches would be increased to cater to increasing number of women at large, if so, the details thereof?

**Introduction of plastic currency of higher denomination**

4412. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decide to introduce plastic note of denomination of ₹10 in five cities soon, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government may also consider to come out with plastic currency of even more higher denomination in case the said plastic

currency is found adoptable, if so, the details thereof?

**Schemes for imparting skill training for staff of wellness centres**

4413. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government defines 'wellness centres' and in what way is the definition different from the definition of Primary Health Centres (PHCs);

(b) whether Government plans to introduce schemes that would impart necessary skill training to the professionals to be employed in the wellness centres; and

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

**New Health Policy**

4414. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced new Health Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the changes/modifications made in the previous health policy and new initiatives taken up in the new policy announced; and

(c) whether Government plans for resource allocation to States on the basis of the development indicators of the respective States, if so, the details thereof?

**Utilisation of funds under Prime Minister Health Scheme**

4415. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of hospitals empanelled for

treatment under Prime Minister Health Scheme;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted on utilisation of funds received under Prime Minister Health Scheme; and

(c) whether there is any discretionary quota maintained for Members of Parliament to extend benefit; if so, the details thereof?

**Universalising the facility of institutional delivery**

4416. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today more than one-fourth of pregnant women in rural India are deprived of the facility of institutional delivery;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in the last three years; and

(c) the action taken by Government to universalise the facility of institutional delivery in the country?

**Regulatory body for physiotherapists**

4417. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the regulatory and controlling body at national level for physiotherapists;

(b) whether Government plans to create an independent central council for physiotherapists to regularize physiotherapy education and recruitment;

(c) whether Government is taking action for cadre restructuring of physiotherapy profession as per Seventh Pay recommendations;

(d) whether Government has plans to introduce physiotherapy at primary health centre/District health centre/District Hospital levels;

(e) whether Government has plan to enact physiotherapy as a counterpart of yoga in allopathic system of medicine; and

(f) whether Government has plan to bring physiotherapy under Ministry of AYUSH and create a new nomenclature as PAYUSH?

**Administrative authority over  
Ayurvedic doctors in CGHS  
dispensaries**

‡4418. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayurvedic doctors working under Central Government Health Scheme in Delhi have got administrative autonomy;

(b) whether the administrative controlling power such as power of posting of IVth class employees, operational power etc. remain with the CMO incharge of Allopathy where Allopathy, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathy dispensaries are working in one campus;

(c) if so, whether it should not be considered as unnecessary intervention of Allopathy system in administrative works of other medical systems;

(d) whether the same situation is not prevalent in Ayurvedic dispensary situated at Delhi Cantonment; and

(e) if so, the steps Government would take to remove this discrepancy?

**Involving private sector for  
comprehensive TB care**

4419. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any measures to involve private sector in order to have comprehensive TB care and treatment in the country; and

(b) whether Government has developed any workable strategy and roadmap based on best practice models for an effective TB control in the country; and if so, the details thereof?

**Standard treatment guidelines for  
angioplasty**

4420. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking any initiatives to introduce standard treatment guidelines for angioplasty and other cardiovascular diseases to protect patients from commercial exploitation;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not doing so?

**Preventing re-use of disposable  
medical items**

4421. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that in the Government and private hospitals many times the disposable gloves, syringes, needles, instruments are not autoclaved and reused for the next patient in queue which poses a great threat to spread of diseases

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like hepatitis, AIDS and many other diseases;

(b) whether any action has been taken till date against anybody; and

(c) what is the policy of Government to curb this practice and save millions of lives?

#### **Hospitals for treatment of female patients**

†4422. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the hospitals/ dispensaries in the country engaged in treatment of female patients exclusively, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details of the amount earmarked for the said hospitals along with the details of the amount spent by them during last three years and current year; and

(c) whether Government has any proposals for the establishment of such new hospitals/dispensaries in the country and if so, the State-wise and Union Territory-wise details thereof including Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Ayurveda Health Clinics across the country**

4423. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to set up Ayurveda Health Clinics across the country to boost the rural health; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the other facilities being provided in the Primary Health Centres?

#### **Strengthening of Prime Health Centres (PHCs)**

4424. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the functioning of PHCs is far from satisfactory due to total lack of management and monitoring system;

(b) what initiatives Government has taken to convince the State Governments to tone up the system to ensure that doctors remain available during duty hours, basic diagnostic tests carried out and medicines provided to the patients; and

(c) what nature of support Government may provide to strengthen PHCs under the State Governments?

#### **Adopting healthy lifestyle and food habits**

4425. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Ministry is concerned with ensuring supply of good quality food items and taking care of people only when they fall ill; and

(b) the activities taken up by Government towards adopting good healthy lifestyle and food habits to keep diseases at bay?

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**Financial impact of 7th CPC on medical institutes**

4426. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical institutes are finding difficulty to comply with Governments circular to generate 30 per cent of additional financial impact incurred on implementing 7th Central Pay Commission (CPC);

(b) whether most of the medical institutes have said that it will not be possible to generate the 30 per cent of additional financial impact without burdening patients and for them Government hospitals are the last hope especially for the poorer section of our society;

(c) whether most institutions have now written to Government explaining the difficulty; and

(d) if so, details thereof and steps proposed to be taken up by Government thereon?

**Increasing the reach of health insurance coverage**

4427. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Family Health Survey has revealed that the health insurance coverage has shown a big increase in the last ten years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage of health insurance cover increased from 4.8 per cent around ten years to 28 per cent of households in 2014-15;

(c) whether there are State-wise figures of this survey;

(d) the details of coverage in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(e) whether any steps will be taken to enhance insurance coverage in these two States, if not, reasons therefor?

**Quality testings of imported frozen fast food items**

4428. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of food testing labs in the country; and

(b) the details of the minimum quality standards established, and quality tests undertaken for frozen fast food items that are imported from foreign countries?

**Integrating different systems of medicine**

4429. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to integrate different systems of medicine for both preventive medicine and also to treat patients;

(b) if so, what are its main features; and

(c) whether it is being tried at anywhere?

**Direction for prescribing generic formulations**

4430. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme of Government to issue a blanket direction to

all medical practitioners to prescribe generic formulations in place of branded medicines for any disease;

(b) if so, from which date such instructions will be made effective; and

(c) if not, the reasons behind the same?

#### **Enforcing ban on Gutka sale**

4431. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that after ban on tobacco Gutka, it is now sold with twin pouch containing tobacco in one and Gutka in other and used after mixing by consumer itself;

(b) if so, the steps Government wish to take on this matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Providing quality healthcare to economically weaker sections**

4432. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government contemplates to formulate a national policy on health with special focus on providing quality healthcare to the economically weaker sections of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government also proposes to make it mandatory for specialist doctors to serve in rural areas for a specified period?

#### **Ensuring cheaper medicines for diabetics**

4433. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest number of diabetic patients in the world;

(b) the number of such patients as per information available with Government; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help the patients by providing cheaper medicines?

#### **Strike call by nurses federation over pay hike**

4434. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Nursing Federation has been demanding for revision of their pay scales and a hike in allowances, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision on their demands; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to appease the unions of nurses and persuade them to call off their strike?

#### **Strikes by Government doctors**

4435. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government doctors and other medical staff are allowed to proceed on strike or no-work under the rules, if so, how many such strikes have been reported in the last three years in the hospitals under

the administrative control of Government; and

(b) the action taken by Government to ensure that there are no such strikes in future so that the patients do not suffer on account of such strikes?

#### **Issuing of No Obligation to Return Certificate**

4436. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is No Obligation to Return to India certificate issued to doctors;

(b) why Government is issuing such certificate when country is suffering from severe shortage of doctors;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is going to introduce EXIT Exam for doctors for admission in PG and also to issue licence, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether EXIT Exam will be common for students who studied MBBS in India and also for students studying MBBS in other countries of the world; and

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

#### **Assisted Reproductive Techniques (Regulation) Bill**

4437. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) salient features of Assisted Reproductive Techniques (Regulation) Bill;

(b) whether any consultations have been held with States and other stakeholders;

(c) if so, the outcome of the same;

(d) what are the reasons that Government has stopped surrogacy in the country;

(e) whether any complaints have been received regarding surrogacy which prompted Government to stop the same; and

(f) if so, the details of such complaints?

#### **Introduction of GST**

4438. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the logic for introducing VAT in preference to the old system of taxes;

(b) in what way did it help Government, economy and people;

(c) in what ways GST is better than VAT and what prompted Government to introduce it; and

(d) whether it is a fact that GST was unpopular when it was introduced in many other countries?

#### **Microbeads and plastic substances in cosmetic products**

4439. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cosmetic or personal care products (like toothpaste, soap, facial cream etc.) are containing microbeads, tiny plastic substances etc.;

(b) if so, details of the findings thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Mandatory ID Cards for buying medicines**

4440. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make ID Cards must for buying medicines, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it will be made mandatory for all life saving drugs or for all the medicines?

**Sale of new HIV drug by a single company**

4441. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of India's generic drug-makers denied to sell Dolutegravir, a new HIV drug in the country;

(b) whether the sale of this drug has been given to just one company in India;

(c) if so, whether it does not tantamount to restrictive and anti-competitive trade practice;

(d) whether some activists, doctors and organisations have approached the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in this respect;

(e) if so, status of their plea before CCI; and

(f) how Ministry helps other companies to sell this drug as it is very important for public-funded HIV programme?

**Elimination of leprosy**

4442. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that in 2015, the country accounted for 60 per cent of new cases of leprosy reported globally;

(b) the plan proposal of Government to eliminate leprosy from the country; and

(c) the action taken therefor towards effective uniform treatment and sanction plan in the Budget in this regard?

**Children enrolled under NRCs**

4443. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and number of children having severe/acute malnutrition along with the total number of children enrolled at these NRCs, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the mechanism put in place by NRCs to identify and improve the condition of children with severe and acute malnutrition; and

(c) the total number of cases where the children enrolled at NRCs have been able to successfully recover from the above mentioned conditions?

**Standardizing quality of packaged water**

4444. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of unlicensed companies producing and selling poor

quality packaged drinking water/mineral water are operating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the complaints received during each of the last three years along with the action taken against the defaulters; and

(c) the steps taken to standardize the production and ensure supply of good quality packaged drinking water in the country?

#### **Steps for elimination of TB**

4445. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of incidence of tuberculosis (TB) during the last three years;

(b) which States have witnessed an increase in such cases over last three years and what have been reasons for such increase;

(c) the relevant figures in respect of Rajasthan;

(d) the steps being taken for early detection and diagnosis of tuberculosis;

(e) whether there have been increase in cases of Multi-Drug-Resistant (MDR) and Extensively Drug-Resistant (XDR) variants of TB, if so, details thereof with relevant figures for Rajasthan; and

(f) what steps are being taken for elimination of TB?

#### **Spread of Kyasanur Forest Disease**

4446. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disease

known as Kyasanur Forest Disease or monkey fever is fast spreading in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that people have lost their lives due to this disease; and

(c) whether Government has sent any medical team to those areas where such fever is fast spreading, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Budgetary allocation for mental healthcare**

4447. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having figures as to how many qualified mental health professionals are there in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what plans Government has drawn up for spreading awareness about mental health; and

(c) the details of budgetary allocations for improving mental health conditions during the last three years?

#### **Illegal prenatal sex determination tests and abortion rackets**

4448. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal prenatal sex determination tests and abortion rackets were recently exposed by authorities in Maharashtra and other parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken with regard thereto?

**High rate of IMR**

4449. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in India is higher compared to global standards;

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to ensure adequate number of trained doctors and medical infrastructure in public healthcare centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise progress of family planning and women of reproductive age using contraceptive methods?

**Delay in operationalisation of new AIIMS-like institutes**

†4450. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the number of the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences announced to be established since the year 2005 till date and the present status thereof;

(b) the information regarding the steps taken for the supply of the other resources, including human resources, for these new AIIMS announced during the said period;

(c) the time by when the treatment in these new AIIMS is likely to be started; and

(d) whether it is being opined by the experts that laxity is being exercised towards the construction of the new AIIMS

causing an impossibility in the timely completion of their construction and the details thereof?

**Incomplete construction work at LHMC, New Delhi**

†4451. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether the work regarding construction of a cancer centre, Emergency Block, OPD Block, IPD Block and Academic Block in Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), New Delhi which was to be completed in the year 2014, is in limbo and the company involved in construction work has disappeared leaving the work mid-way;

(b) the percentage of the above construction work yet to be completed and by when the Ministry proposes to complete the same; and

(c) whether the objective behind this whole project is getting defeated due to the incompleteness of the construction work and details thereof?

**WHO's assessment on impact of climate change**

4452. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of any latest assessment by the World Health Organisation (WHO) which shows that

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climate change is likely to kill 2,50,000 more people each year by 2030 to which India is expected to contribute significantly to these deaths to be caused by malaria, diarrhoeal disease, heat stress and malnutrition;

(b) if so, whether climate change is already causing thousands of deaths every year due to increased frequency of epidemics and extreme weather events such as cloudbursts, floods and heat waves; and

(c) a factual and detailed report thereon?

#### **High incidents of TB in the country**

4453. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a panel, India should focus its research to combat multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis strains and have an action plan to deal with antibiotic resistance on a priority basis;

(b) whether it is a fact that India not only has the highest TB burden but it also the hub for multi-drug-resistant TB strains; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India accounts for 24 per cent of global TB cases according to Global TB Report, 2016 and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Conditions of rural healthcare infrastructure**

4454. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether rural areas do not have health infrastructure at par with the urban areas leading to higher child and maternal

mortality rates there and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is a need to give health sector an equal priority, as compared to other infrastructural projects and if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether there is a need to strengthen regulatory mechanism to oversee quality of health service provision, in both public and private sector and if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Spending on health sector**

4455. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) what is Government's budget spending in Health sector in the whole of India and in various States, separately for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 and how much it comes to percentage of GDP;

(b) whether it has been declining, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the revised Budget Estimate for 2016-17 and Budget Estimate for 2017-18, under National Health Mission; and

(d) whether it is commensurate with the fulfillment of important objectives mentioned in National Health Policy, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Spurious drugs in Government drug supply chain**

4456. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has suggested that the Government drug supply chain,

which includes civil hospital stores and Government medical stores has a higher quantity of sub-standard drugs than retail outlets, if so, details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken/ proposed to be taken by Government to ensure quality of drugs in the Government drug supply chain?

#### **Vacancies in NCM**

4457. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Minorities(NCM) formed to protect the interests of minority communities is left with no member after the last member demitted office on 9th March, 2017 on completion of his term; and

(b) if so, the dates on which the seven members of the commission completed their terms and the reasons for not filling the vacancies on time leading to a situation where there is not a single member to deal with the complaints coming from across the country?

#### **Draw of lots for Haj pilgrims from Uttarakhand**

†4458.SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that starting draw of lots for Haj pilgrims for the entire Uttarakhand State at the State-level by Central Haj Committee, Mumbai is causing decline in the number of Haj pilgrims from this State;

(b) if so, whether the earlier practice of district-wise draw of lots at State-level would be restored;

(c) if so, the details of the responses causing closure of this process;

(d) whether the State has requested that the number of Haj pilgrims from State should be fixed at two thousand; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Ministry thereon?

#### **Haj pilgrims**

†4459. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 3028 answered in Rajya Sabha on 28 March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia has allowed more than double the number of Haj pilgrims from India this year as compared to earlier;

(b) if so, whether Government would fix State-wise quota for Haj pilgrims;

(c) if so, the quota fixed in this regard, the list thereof State-wise; and

(d) if not, how the number of Haj pilgrims from States would be fixed?

#### **Higher payments for facilities by Indian Haj pilgrims**

4460. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Hajees are paying more amount as compared to other countries for accommodation and transportation having same type of facilities;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including providing total facilities to Indian Haj pilgrims?

**Discrimination being faced by minority communities**

4461. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to take or has taken, any action to prevent the discrimination being faced by members of minority communities on the basis of their religion, in being denied housing accommodation on rent or sale; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Skill development of minorities under Nai Manzil programme**

4462. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of individuals belonging to minority communities who were provided education and training on skill development under the Nai Manzil programme of the Government in the last six months, State-wise; and
- (b) the details thereof?

**National Youth Policy**

4463. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the Government has defined 11 objectives under their National Youth Policy-2014;

(b) what steps are being taken for the fulfilment of objectives like community engagement, participation in politics and governance, youth engagement, inclusion and social justice, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the fund spent specifically on these programmes under 11 objectives of National Youth Policy-2014, year-wise?

**Establishment of sports academies**

4464. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government, through Sports Authority of India (SAI), has proposed to establish 13 sports academies in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified/selected for the purpose;
- (c) whether any of these academies has been made functional;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which all these academies are likely to be made functional?

**Recruitment of new coaches**

4465. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of new coaches recruited in last three years, game-wise, State-wise; and
- (b) the number of coaches to be recruited in next two years to develop sports team in India?

**Detention of Indian sportsmen abroad**

4466. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increasing incidents of Indian sportsmen held abroad under molestation charges and abusing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of incidents reported so far and action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the corrective steps taken or being taken in this regard to avoid such incidents in future?

**Common pool of funds for uniform growth of all sports activities**

4467. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider having a common pool of funds generated through sponsors and advertisements to ensure uniform growth of all the sports activities in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider bringing in legislation to bring into effect the common pool of funds; and

(c) if not, what other measure would Government suggest to ensure uniform funding for uniform growth of all the sports activities in the country?

**Number of stadiums in the country**

4468. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stadiums in the country which are maintained by the Government;

(b) whether Government has conducted any review regarding the number of days

the said stadiums are being used for their earmarked purpose;

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

(d) whether Government has any plan to increase the utilisation of such stadiums; and

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

**Pending proposals for development of sports activities in Chhattisgarh**

†4469. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Government of Chhattisgarh for development of sports activity during the last three years and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals; and

(d) whether more time taken in the execution of proposals hampers the development work and how the cost overrun related to the work is adjusted and the details thereof?

**Sports training centres in Rajasthan**

†4470. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has set up any training centres to provide suitable training to sportspersons in Rajasthan;

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

(c) the number of sports campuses approved for Rajasthan in the last three years, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Scheme for participation of girls in sporting activities**

4471. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any schemes or programmes to encourage the participation of girls in sporting activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the information on the number of girls benefited from such programmes, State-wise?

**Financial assistance to State Sports Associations**

†4472. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide financial assistance to State Sports Associations in the country, if so, the details of assistance provided to various sports associations during last three years and current year, State-wise/UT-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the above assistance was properly utilised by Chhattisgarh for prescribed purposes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of above assistance for prescribed purposes?

**National Service Scheme in Chhattisgarh**

†4473. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Service Scheme the number of students has been fixed at 95,000 for the State of Chhattisgarh since last few years;

(b) whether the State Government has requested to increase the above number of students to 1,15,000;

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

(d) by when the request would be accorded permission?

**Support to IOA for hosting Commonwealth Games, 2022**

4474. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government extends support to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for hosting Commonwealth Games in India in 2022, as Commonwealth Games Federation has invited bids; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not giving financial guarantee for the event?

**Financial assistance to sportspersons**

†4475. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schemes being run in order to provide financial assistance

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to encourage sportspersons and sports at the district level in the country and the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that a lot of fraud is taking place in the financial assistance being given to sportspersons; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in order to prevent the same?

**Providing basic infrastructure facilities for development of sports in A.P.**

4476. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Government of India requesting for provision of basic infrastructural facilities for development of sports in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry in this regard, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of funds being allocated for the same for providing sports infrastructure facilities in Andhra Pradesh and the details thereof?

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