

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, June 25, 2019/Ashadha 4, 1941 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

New AYUSH colleges

294. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new colleges opened for Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Yoga, Naturopathy and Unani during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for opening of new AYUSH colleges?

Generic Medicine Stores

295. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Generic Medicine Stores under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya

Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana opened in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) how many more stores will start operations by the end of 2019?

AYUSH system based treatment facilities in district hospitals

†296. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will consider providing AYUSH system based treatment facilities to all the district hospitals in the country to promote AYUSH system;

(b) if so, whether Government has already formulated any policy in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof and the details of Government's efforts to promote AYUSH system in rural areas of the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Promoting production of medicinal plants

†297. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made to promote the production of plants used in the manufacture of various medicines, in the form of business ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of such commercial centres opened in Rajasthan?

Opening of new AYUSH colleges

298. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

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(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for opening of new AYUSH colleges?

Yoga University/college in Rajasthan

†299. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state whether there is any yoga university/college functional in Rajasthan at present, if not, whether Government has any proposal to set up any college/university

in Rajasthan with regard to the promotion of yoga?

Development of herbal gardens

†300. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether herbal gardens have been developed in the country, if so, the details of places where such herbal gardens have been developed;

(b) whether Government is working on a scheme to develop herbal gardens, if so, the details of the scheme and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from any institution or State Government to develop herbal gardens;

(d) if so, the details of action taken on such proposal; and

(e) whether Government has any proposal to develop herbal garden in Maharashtra?

AYUSH medicine under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) scheme

301. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to bring alternative and traditional medicine under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Promoting Unani system of medicine

302. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate steps have been taken to promote and popularise AYUSH including Unani system of medicine and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the Unani hospitals and medical centres presently functional in the country, State and UT-wise?

Land under medicinal plants in UP

†303. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the area of the land reserved for the conservation, development and sustainable management of medicinal plants and for augmenting resources of medicinal plants in Uttar Pradesh under Central scheme; and

(b) the area of the land made herbal rich in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise details thereof?

Regulatory mechanism to check AYUSH education and products

304. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up any regulator/regulatory mechanism to check AYUSH education and fake products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of companies found selling fake AYUSH products and the action taken against them?

Establishment of Yoga Mahavidyalayas

305. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is proposing to establish international level Yoga Mahavidyalayas in various States particular in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is proposing to formulate a plan to give a special recognition to existing Yoga Institutions by providing Central assistance to them;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government has received any such proposal from the State Governments and if so, the details thereof?

Research centres on AYUSH systems of medicine

306. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research centres opened in the last three years to further study in Ayurvedic Sciences, Unani Medicine, Homoeopathy, Yoga and Siddha;

(b) the number of projects undertaken

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to increase awareness of Ayurvedic Sciences, Unani Medicine, Homoeopathy, Yoga, Naturopathy and Siddha in India and abroad; and

(c) the estimated amount spent on research centres and projects?

Participation of Pakistan in International Yoga Day

307. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of activities/events proposed for International Yoga Day—2019;

(b) the number of countries which have joined in the International Yoga day celebrations;

(c) whether Pakistan has not joined in International Yoga day; and

(d) if so, the initiatives taken to make Pakistan join in the Yoga day?

Committee to revise CSR framework

308. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up any Committee to revisit the provisions of the existing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) rules;

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

(c) the recommendations suggested by the Committee; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

Inquiry into financial strains in IL&FS

309. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any inquiry into financial strains in Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS);

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

(c) whether Government has taken any action to secure interest of investors in IL&FS;

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

(e) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents; and

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

Spending under Corporate Social Responsibility

310. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent by Government and private sector banks and companies under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, State-wise including in Karnataka;

(b) whether Government has audited the CSR funds spent by the said Government and Private Sector Banks and Companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it has come to notice that

thousands of companies have failed to spend funds under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy, if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government against the defaulters?

Mandatory spending under CSR activities

311. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when CSR has been mandated to be followed by public and private sector companies;

(b) status of CSR activities for the last three years, year-wise and company-wise;

(c) whether in the view of Government CSR has been able to achieve the goals set and if not, whether Government is planning to improve the same;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some companies have not been able to spend the mandatory 2 per cent of their average net profit for CSR activities; and

(e) if so, the details of such companies and action proposed by Government in this connection?

CSR spending in North East India

312. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total CSR spending by companies during the financial years, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, as mandated under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013;

(b) how much amount has been spent out of the CSR spending by the companies

on CSR in North East India, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to mandate companies to spend a certain percentage of their CSR funds in backward areas like North Eastern States; and

(d) if not, whether it is not worth considering and the details of unspent amount lying thereto?

Revising the auditing standards

313. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has ever tried to find out the reasons behind a spate of resignations by auditors in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in view of resignation by auditors, the Ministry is in the process of revisiting the auditing standard;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the same?

Delisted shell companies

314. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shell companies delisted during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken against the parent companies who were holding shell companies?

Funds for NAI

315. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by Government for the National Archives of India (NAI) during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has completed the digitization of its records and its uploading on its website; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of culture of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha

†316. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will make any plan to promote the culture of the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha at the national level; and

(b) if so, the nature of this scheme?

Preservation of archaeological objects/artefacts

†317. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed parameters for selecting archaeological objects/artefacts to be protected by Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) the numerical details of Archaeological objects/artefacts protected by Archaeological Survey of India at present, State-wise;

(c) the details of the proposals received by Archaeological Survey of India regarding the protection of Archaeological objects/artefacts and the approvals granted thereon during the last three years; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has failed to execute its work in a proper and effective manner due to lack of financial resources?

Conservation of temples

318. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of temples conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years, temple-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps for the preservation and conservation of temples in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Music and dance schools for economically weaker sections

319. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open music and dance schools for the people belonging to economically weaker sections of the society in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Projects on NML

320. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the projects undertaken under the National Mission on Libraries (NML) and the amount spent on creation of National Virtual Library of India; and

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(b) the measures taken for the digitization of manuscripts in the last three years and how many manuscripts have been digitized so far?

Public libraries in the country

321. SHRI G. C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public libraries set up in the country and the number of libraries proposed to be set up in various parts of the country including at panchayats and districts level, State/UT-wise;

(b) the Central assistance made available and utilised in this regard during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the financial assistance for such libraries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the measures taken by Government for the improvement of public libraries; and

(e) the number of libraries/cultural centres set up/opened abroad?

Part fund of special bond for farmers in Karnataka

322. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is raising special bonds to the tune of ₹ 2 lakh crores to assist national banks to improve their adequacy norms;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that CM of Karnataka has requested to earmark 25 per cent of funds so raised for setting

off part of the outstanding loans of farmers; and

(c) if so, what the Ministry has done on this issue so far?

Agricultural loan waiver in drought situation in Maharashtra

†323. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to waive off the agricultural loans upto an amount of rupees one lakh in view of pathetic condition of farmers owing to drought situation prevailing in Maharashtra for the last so many years and also to prevent them from committing suicide;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Swiss Bank deposit by Indians

324. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how Ministry look at the recent Swiss Bank data which reveals that there is 50 per cent rise in Indian deposits in Swiss Bank after their decline in the last three years;

(b) whether it means that Government has failed to check flow of black money;

(c) whether it is a fact there is an agreement between India and Switzerland under which Swiss Government will have to provide information of deposits; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made to get the data and place it before Parliament?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Growing NPAs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian banks have been struggling with the growing NPA issues;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the share of bank lending to real estate sector has fallen sharply to 17 per cent in 2016 from over 68 per cent in 2013; and

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

Credit to MSMEs

326. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been facing constraints in accessing credit facilities from institutional sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the credit disbursed to MSMEs during the last three years particularly in Gujarat and Jharkhand;

(c) whether the banks are charging higher interest rates to MSMEs, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that certain banks do not pass on the interest rate cuts to the MSME sector, if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such banks?

Surjit Bhalla Committee on Trade and Industry

327. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Surjit Bhalla Committee on Trade and Industry has pitched for a

slew of reforms calling for simplification of tax and regulatory framework;

(b) whether Committee has suggested floating of Elephant bonds allowing people to declare undisclosed incomes, making it mandatory for 50 per cent such undisclosed income for making investments as a spurce of funds for infrastructural projects; and

(c) whether the Committee has called for reforms in financial services sector to enable on-shoring of India-related services rendered currently from global financial services?

Loss in banks due to frauds

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of loss of money to the Indian banks on account of fraud during the last three years; and

(b) whether any laxity is being observed in the bank fraud deterrent mechanism due to which the banks have to bear losses regularly?

Interest free loans to farmers in UP

329. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines for relief measures including interest free agricultural loans to the farmers;

(b) whether the benefits of scheme have also been provided to farmers in the States/

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UTs particularly drought affected States including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to expedite the identification and sanction of loans to the farmers?

Bank loan to economically weaker sections

330. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended provision of bank loans for economically weaker sections in the country;

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

(c) the details of the criteria for selection of economically weaker sections of the country for the said purpose, district-wise;

(d) whether an expert group has been constituted for the said purpose to identify the needy people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government so far in this regard?

Increase of banking fraud cases

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a manifold increase in banking fraud cases during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of fraud cases registered and the amount involved in these cases, year-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures taken up by Government to prevent these frauds?

Initiatives to improve the conditions of Government banks

†332. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE :Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new initiatives which Government is going to take in order to improve the condition of Government banks;

(b) the total amount of money provided by Government and the total number of recipient banks during the last three years for prompt corrective action, the details thereof, bank-wise; and

(c) the details of the positive impact on the balance sheet and NPAs of banks due to that money?

Frauds against banks

†333. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the rise in digital transactions, the cases of frauds committed in the banks have increased;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the frauds amounting to ₹ 71,500 crores have been committed in the year 2018-19 as compared to the frauds amounting to ₹ 41,167 crores during the year 2017-18;

(c) if so, the details of the cases of frauds committed in the public sector banks; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent the frauds in the banks, if not, the reasons therefor?

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Central funds to Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh was given additional funds during the last three years in terms of Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act apart from devolution and Central share of Centrally Sponsored Schemes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) total funds transferred to Andhra Pradesh under various heads from Government during the last three years, year-wise?

Andhra Pradesh State public debt

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

(a) whether it is a fact that debt of Andhra Pradesh has increased manifold during the last three years particularly after bifurcation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State was allowed to borrow additional debts over and above FRBM limits; and

(c) the details of Andhra Pradesh's debt during the last three years and funds required for payment of interests on the debt?

Source to know the type of bank account

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

(a) whether Government has any helpline number or other sources for customers of Public Sector Banks (PSB) to know whether their account is Basic

Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) account or other than BSBD account;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Difficulty in getting credit for exporters of gems and jewellery

337. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the PNB fraud came to the fore, getting credit has become difficult for exporters, especially exporters from the gems and jewellery industry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to make credit supply accessible again to the gems and jewellery industry?

Monitoring mechanism for effect of strong Dollar

†338. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the event of Dollar getting stronger in comparison with the Rupees, the Indians residing abroad tend to remit more Dollars to their relatives;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Reserve Bank of India data suggested that a stronger Dollar led to an increase in donations being given to religious and charitable institutions; and

(c) whether Government has constituted any monitoring mechanism in this regard?

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Extradition of economic offenders

‡339. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of economic offenders who have fled the country illegally;
- (b) the amount of money involved in each case;
- (c) whether Government has initiated extradition proceedings in these cases;
- (d) if so, the status of such measures; and
- (e) whether Government will take steps to legislate more effective laws in this regard as the current laws have proved to be insufficient in tackling such offenders?

Recommendations of States in GST council

340. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the meeting of the State Finance Ministers with the Union Finance Minister has taken place recently at Delhi; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the GST council is not taking into account the problems being faced by the States in the implementation of GST;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that GST council is fixing the agenda of the meeting unilaterally without consulting the States' agenda, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to advise GST council to consider taking the problems of the States also into account for better implementation?

Economic slowdown in different sectors

341. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CAG Reports have pointed out that Government has underestimated its expenditure on subsidies; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) how Government is going to tackle the issue, the details thereof;
- (c) whether GDP growth during 2018-19 was 6.8 per cent which is the slowest in last five years, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether any experts Committee is proposed to be constituted to go into entire gamut of slowdown in different sectors, if so, the details thereof?

Electoral Bonds

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that several NGOs and even the Election Commission of India have raised concerns over the use of electoral bonds; and
- (b) whether electoral bonds have opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate donations to political parties and anonymous financing by Indian as well as foreign companies, which can have serious repercussions on the Indian democracy?

GST collections

343. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether GST collections for May,

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2019 have declined as compared to GST collections for April, 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has ascertained the reasons for such decline;

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

(e) whether the number of returns filed during the aforesaid period has declined; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Small loan scheme for poor people

344. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has considered or is considering a proposal to formulate a small loan scheme for poor people;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action so far in this regard; and

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

Final Account Deficit Status

345. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fiscal deficit of the country has increased during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of fiscal deficit for the last three years?

Current Account Deficit Targets

346. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fixed any targets for current account deficit during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of targets achieved during the last three years?

Atal Pension Yojana

347. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has given suggestions for making the pension schemes more attractive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the suggestions accepted and implemented by Government;

(d) the number of beneficiaries under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) in the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to cover Mudra beneficiaries, self-help group members of Anganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of CPSUs

348. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the NITI Ayog has proposed for anti-worker changes in labour laws and fast tracking privatisation or closure of 46 PSUs; and

(b) if so, in what way Government is planning to overcome this challenge?

Import and Export misinvoicing

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

(a) whether Government lost an estimated \$13 billion of revenue in 2016 to import and Export misinvoicing, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the corrective steps taken by Government to detect this misinvoicing?

Loss to States due to 15th Finance Commission

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

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that many States would be at a loss on implementation of the Terms of Reference of 15th Finance Commission;

(b) whether the Ministry is also aware that Andhra Pradesh itself would be losing ₹ 40,000 crores due to above;

(c) if so, why Government is punishing performing States through 15th Finance Commission; and

(d) how and why the Terms of Reference of 15th Finance Commission are different from the other Finance Commissions?

Status of demonetisation

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

(a) the status of demonetisation and the money returned to banks due to demonetisation;

(b) whether there is mismatch between printing of notes and returning of demonetised notes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any fake currency/ unaccounted currency was also demonetised in the process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Income Tax collection from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan

352. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PAN holders registered in States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan;

(b) the number of PAN holders who have filed IT returns during the last three financial years in the above mentioned States;

(c) how much income tax has been collected from the above mentioned States in the last three years;

(d) out of the above how many cases went for scrutiny, how many searches were conducted and how many searches were converted into raids in the above mentioned States in the last three years; and

(e) how much tax has been recovered in raids from the above?

Exemption of income tax assesseees from scrutiny

353. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to move the notification or finance bill to exempt the income tax assesseees with less than ₹ 10 lakh of income from income tax scrutiny;

(b) if so, when the notification is likely to be issued or finance bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Granting of recognition to medical colleges

354. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private medical colleges in the country at present; and

(b) the details of medical colleges granted recognition in the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise?

Operational status of AIIMS, Mangalagiri

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

(a) the status of construction of AIIMS at Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the initial estimated cost of the project is ₹ 1,600 crores, but so far Ministry has released only ₹ 106 crores in four years;

(c) what would be the cost over-run of the project;

(d) whether it is also a fact that so far only immunization programme has been started in AIIMS, Mangalagiri;

(e) if so, how much more time the Ministry will take to operationalize all departments; and

(f) the target date of completion of the project?

Simplifying procedures for availing treatment in CGHS empanelled hospitals

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there are complicated procedures for availing investigation and diagnose facility in CGHS empanelled hospitals for serving Government servants;

(b) if so, whether Government will take steps to simplify procedures to avail investigations and treatment facilities in CGHS empanelled hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing of seats for medical PG courses

357. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to increase seats for medical PG courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the current status of newly announced AIIMS?

Pending proposals for new AIIMS

358. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the places where new AIIMS have been opened during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of proposals for opening of new AIIMS pending with Government?

Food and refreshment at concessional rates at cafeteria of AIIMS, Delhi

†359. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide refreshment and food on concessional rates in the cafeteria of AIIMS at Delhi to the outside patients and their caretakers;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard; and

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

Review of the National Health Policy

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

(a) whether Government has achieved the targets set out of the National Health Policy for 2017, 2018 and 2019;

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

(c) the progress rate of each of the objectives of the National Health Policy and the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has conducted any review of the implementation of the policy; and

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

Criteria for enrolment under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

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

(a) whether Government has laid down any criteria for enrolment of beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana;

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

(c) the State-wise details regarding beneficiaries enrolled under the Scheme; and

(d) details regarding medical facilities being provided under the Scheme?

CGHS empanelled hospitals in Dungarpur, Rajasthan

362. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no fully equipped CGHS Dispensary or CGHS approved empanelled Private Hospitals having equipments availability in Dungarpur district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what action Government is taking to establish empanelled Private Hospitals in Dungarpur district?

Family welfare schemes in the North Eastern States

363. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various family welfare schemes under implementation in the country particularly in Assam and North Eastern States;

(b) whether these schemes have been formulated in consultation with State Governments;

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(c) the details of financial allocation made to the States during the last three years; and

(d) the manner in which States have utilised the financial allocation during the period and the monitoring methods adopted by Government?

Facing Nipah virus outbreak

†364. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outbreak of Nipah virus has been confirmed in Kerala, if so, the details of the number of patients suffering from the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is neither a medicine nor a vaccine or treatment for Nipah virus, the details thereof; and

(c) the research and development activities being undertaken by Government to tackle the threat posed by Nipah virus, the achievement and details thereof?

Shortage of disease investigation labs

†365. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a shortage of laboratories to investigate diseases in the country including its major hospitals and due to this shortage, more fees are extracted by the private labs;

(b) the details of the measures being undertaken by Government to do away with the shortage of labs in all the hospitals; and

(c) whether Government is planning to launch a scheme for providing special assistance for the establishment of labs in rural areas?

ICMR recommendation on banning e-cigarettes

366. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recommended complete ban on e- cigarettes, as its users will become victims of nicotine addiction among non-smokers;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any proposal to discourage use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) including e-cigarettes as they pose risk to cardiovascular system, impairs respiratory immune cell function and respiratory diseases; and

(d) if not, the stand of Government in protecting the health of the people?

Adequate doctor-patient ratio

†367. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the standards laid down by the World Health Organisation the number of doctors per thousand persons is significantly low in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether as per the standards of World Health Organisation, the number of

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medical colleges in the country and number of seats available in those medical colleges at present is substantially inadequate given the demand of doctors every year, details thereof; and

(c) if so, steps being taken to ensure the availability of doctors as per the standards of World Health Organisation and details thereof?

Diseases targeted under Mission Indradhanush

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

(a) whether Government has identified diseases to be targeted under Mission Indradhanush;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) details regarding districts identified for special focus under the Mission;

(d) whether any districts of Rajasthan have been targeted under the Mission; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

Specialist doctors for AIIMS, Jodhpur

†369. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of departments functioning full-fledgedly in AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) Jodhpur at present;

(b) the number of specialist doctors already appointed and of those which are yet to be appointed;

(c) by when specialists of all departments shall be appointed; and

(d) the number of operational wards and the details of their departments at present?

Distribution of cards for Ayushman Bharat Yojana

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

(a) the district-wise number of cards distributed to the people of Bihar under Government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat Yojana;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to lack of awareness the card holders have to run from pillar to post;

(c) whether Government have formulated any time bound scheme to ensure availability of cards to all eligible persons in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Empanelment of hospitals for Ayushman Bharat

†371. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Health Agency (NHA) which is the premier body of implementing Ayushman Bharat has completed the formal process of empanelling Government and private hospitals to get universal health coverage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of those Government and private hospitals where these facilities can be obtained by the beneficiaries?

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Different fee structures for AIIMS PG entrance exams

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that various AIIMS of the country have charged different fees from the examinees of PG medical entrance examination in the current year;

(b) the details of fees charged by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and by the AIIMS Rishikesh separately from the examinees for the said examination; and

(c) the names of States where AIIMS have charged higher fees than AIIMS, New Delhi and the reasons therefor?

Decline in organ donations

†373. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the number of organ-donors in the year 2018- 19 as compared to 2017-18;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the efforts being made by Government are not adequate to inculcate awareness amongst people for organ donation;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to spread awareness amongst the citizens of the country towards organ donation, in future; and

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

Beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Yojana

374. SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:

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

(a) whether the Ayushman Bharat Yojana has covered nearly half the population of the country, if so, the salient features and targets of the scheme;

(b) the amount for which applications have been received under the said Yojana till date and the quantum of amount released to beneficiaries, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government plans to include economically poor persons in addition to BPL Card holders under the said scheme and, if so, the details thereof along with the number of persons benefited under the said scheme till date, State/ UT-wise?

Problems faced in implementation of Ayushman Bharat

375. SHRI HARNATH SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH
TOMAR:

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

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure availability of decent medical facilities in remote regions of the country;

(b) the current status of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(c) whether Government is aware of the problems in the scheme being faced due to

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its complex software and, if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Ayushman Bharat health protection scheme covers the lodging and boarding charges required for the attendant accompanying the patient during the treatment period of the beneficiary and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Non-implementation of Ayushman Bharat in some States

‡376. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayushman Bharat Yojana is being implemented successfully and whether it has benefited millions of poor in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of States /Union Territories including National Capital Territory of Delhi have not implemented Ayushman Bharat Yojana; and

(d) whether Government is making special efforts to implement this scheme in the States/Union Territories which have not implemented it and if so, the details thereof?

Establishment and upgradation of hospitals under PMSSY

‡377. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether establishment of All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Super-speciality hospitals and upgradation work in functional hospitals are going on in different parts of the country under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of achievements made till now in the said context and the details of upcoming schemes; and

(d) progress details related to establishment of All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Super-speciality hospitals and upgradation work in functional hospitals under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

Violation of PNDT Act, 1994

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

(a) the number of sex determination cases that have been registered for violating the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC and PNDT) (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 in the last three years;

(b) the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to tackle the problem, especially in States with the highest number of violations?

Ratio of doctors and hospital beds

379. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ratio of doctors per 1000 population currently *vis-a-vis* the World Health Organization (WHO) standard, State and UT-wise;

(b) the details of the ratio of hospital beds per 1000 population currently *vis-a-vis* the World Health Organization (WHO) standard; State and UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to

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increase the number of doctors and hospital beds in the country?

Prosecutions for violating anti-tobacco statute

380. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of violations reported in the last three years, on persons selling tobacco products within a radius of 100 metres from an educational institution, and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of fines collected in the last three years, for violations committed under the relevant Act, State-wise;

(c) the initiatives taken by Government to prevent such malpractices, and the details thereof; and

(d) the initiatives taken by Government to promote non-smoking in public places, and the number of cases of violations reported, and the penalties imposed, and the details thereof, State-wise?

Integrated CGHS dispensary

381. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many CGHS dispensaries are working in New Delhi area and the number of dispensaries in other areas in Delhi;

(b) how many dispensaries are providing Allopathic, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathy treatment facilities in one place; and

(c) whether there are any plans to extend such integrated treatment facilities in other areas in Delhi?

Empanelment of private hospitals under Ayushman Bharat

382. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has empanelled many private hospitals for implementation of its ambitions Ayushman Bharat Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any complaint from public against private hospitals which have been empanelled under Ayushman Bharat Programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Utilization of sanitary napkins

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in the utilization of sanitary napkins in the country since the launch of the Menstrual Hygiene Scheme in 2011;

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

(c) the measures undertaken by Government to increase awareness about menstrual hygiene?

Common adulterants in milk and milk products

384. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the most common adulterants found in milk and milk products;

(b) what was the production and

consumption of milk in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether detergent and other contaminants like urea, starch, glucose and formalin are also used to deliberately adulterate milk as they provide thickness and preserve the milk for longer periods; and

(d) the measures taken to check adulteration of milk and how many persons have been sent to jail for causing milk adulteration during the last three years?

Damage to health from adulterated milk

385. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adulterants in milk are hazardous and can cause irreversible damage to human organs, the details thereof;

(b) whether WHO had issued an advisory stating that if adulteration of milk and milk products is not checked, 87 per cent of citizens would be suffering from serious diseases like cancer by the year 2025 and if so, action taken to check adulteration in milk and milk products; and

(c) the details of samples of milk and milk products lifted during the last three years for examination and how many of them were found adulterated, State/ UT-wise?

Blood Bank at Balrampur district, Chhattisgarh

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

(a) whether Balrampur Ramanujanj

district along with three other districts of Chhattisgarh are still without blood banks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether people die in these districts due to non-availability of blood banks;

(c) if so, the details thereof, response of Government thereto and appropriate steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government has chalked out any plan to establish blood bank on priority basis in Balrampur district of Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof?

Budget for family planning

387. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget for family planning is 4 per cent of the total Reproductive Child Health flexi-pool budget (Financial Management Report 2016-17);

(b) if so, the break-up of 4 per cent according to the budget-line items;

(c) whether the budget will be increased in the financial year 2019-20 given the addition of three new spacing methods in the basket of choice;

(d) if so, by how much; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Outbreak of Nipah virus in Kerala

388. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nipah outbreak in Kerala is in the notice of Government;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and how many cases were identified so far; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to prevent the spread of the disease in view of the deaths reported due to Nipah virus last year?

Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA)

389. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers in the country and the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the remuneration given to them and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any demands from ASHA workers for better wages and monetary benefits; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat

†390. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor families benefited under Ayushman Bharat Yojana till date; and

(b) the number of additional poor families targeted to be added to this scheme by Government, State-wise details thereof?

Proposal to allow dentists to practice modern medicine

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medical Association has opposed Government's proposal to allow dentists to practise modern medicine;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that IMA has raised questions regarding unemployment of number of MBBS graduates who are not absorbed into Post Graduate courses every year by Government?

Status of AIIMS, Madurai

392. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has commenced the work pertaining to setting up of AIIMS in Madurai district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any tentative time by which it proposes to complete the construction and operationalize AIIMS in Madurai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of total outlay that has been earmarked for setting up AIIMS Hospital in Madurai?

Decadal growth in population of the country

393. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the trend of the population growth registered during the last decade, State/UT-wise;

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(b) whether Government proposes to implement two child policy for stabilization of population in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which the said policy is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the balanced population growth in the country?

Establishing medical college in Konkan region of Maharashtra

‡394. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to establish medical college in the Konkan region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the response of Government in this regard?

Free healthcare facility

‡395. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to provide the facility of free treatment to almost one billion people;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard; and

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

Illegal racket in kidney transplants

‡396. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the business

of kidney racket is thriving rapidly in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any concrete and effective steps to curb this; and

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

Rise in cases of TB and other diseases

397. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tuberculosis and multi-drug resistant tuberculosis reported in the country is highest in the world;

(b) if so, the details of these diseases reported in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the case of leprosy and acute encephalitis syndrome are rising in the country;

(d) the details of death reported due to acute encephalitis in the last three years; and

(e) the policies adopted by Government to control the rise of these diseases?

12-hours OPDs in Safdarjung Hospital

398. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to run out-patient departments at the Centre-run Safdarjung Hospital for 12 hours a day as a pilot project for providing medical services to the patients round the clock;

(b) at present, whether OPDs in most Government hospitals, including in Safdarjung, run for five hours a day, from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.;

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(c) whether the same 12 hours a day OPDs will be replicated at other Central Government hospitals; and

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

Strict clinical trial rules

399. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WHO has told Government that its work with India would be hampered and drug companies driven away if Government goes ahead with stringent draft rules for compensation in case of death or injury from clinical trials and asked to reconsider its decision;

(b) whether Government's proposals included a provision for the deceased party in a trial to be paid 60 per cent of the compensation within 15 days if the patient dies or suffers a permanent disability in the course of a trial; and

(c) whether Government has started deliberations and held meetings in this regard?

States opting out of PMJAY

400. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have opted out of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY);

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

(c) what efforts are being made to convince these States to implement this scheme?

Nipah virus outbreak in Kerala

401. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent outbreak of Nipah virus infection in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what kind of helps were extended by Government to the State Government to meet the situation;

(c) whether Government is aware that the Institute of Advanced Virology in Thiruvananthapuram is not equipped with to undertake testing of dangerous pathogens and the State has to depend on the National Institute of Virology, Pune to get the tests done; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to upgrade the Institute of Advanced Virology for the purpose?

Empanelment of hospitals and diagnostic centres under CGHS in Himachal Pradesh

402. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation which was forwarded by the Prime Minister's Office in the month of February, 2019 regarding empanelment of hospitals and Diagnostic Centres at Himachal Pradesh under CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of the Private Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres where employees of Central Government and retiring employees and their families may get treatment on credit facility basis; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor and by when these schemes may be implemented?

Establishment of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Study Centre in AP

403. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Government for establishment of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Study Centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken any decision in this regard, if so, the quantum of funds being allocated for the same for early setting up of the centre and the details thereof?

Financial support to States for upgrading of infrastructure for district hospitals

404. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial support is provided to States for the upgrading of infrastructure for district hospitals in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) financial support provided to States including Karnataka under this head during the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

(d) the district hospitals in States including Karnataka in which infrastructure was upgraded during the said period;

(e) whether Government proposes to increase the support to the States including Karnataka in the near future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Permitting BDS students for admission in MBBS courses

405. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that curriculum in the first two years of MBBS and BDS is almost similar;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Dental Council of India to permit students who have completed BDS take direct admission into 3rd year of MBBS;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and MCI's reaction on this;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a bridge course is also proposed for those who opt to study MBBS after BDS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Wellness Centres

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

(a) the details of the number of wellness centres that have been established by Government in the past three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the standards prescribed by Government for establishing these wellness centres; and

(c) the details of the number of beneficiaries for each wellness centre, State-wise?

Utilization of PG seats in Medical Courses

407. DR. D.P. VATS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PG seats which remain unutilized in Medical Courses all over India every year; and

(b) what measures Government has taken and is proposing to take to prevent this national loss?

Health impact of C-Section delivery

408. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether caesarean section delivery adversely affects the health of mother and the child; and

(b) whether private hospitals carry out C-Section deliveries without medical compulsion for financial advantages to them?

Anaemia prevention schemes

†409. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the number of people suffering from 'acute anaemia'; and

(b) the schemes being run by Government for prevention of anaemia, the details and achievements thereof?

Drugs regulatory system of Karnataka

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

(a) whether Government supports the State Governments including Karnataka for strengthening of their State Drugs Regulatory System and various other projects/proposals for the welfare of the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has furnished proposal/revised proposal to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status of all the proposals submitted by the State Government of Karnataka to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the action taken by Government thereon, proposal-wise?

Steps taken by Government over outbreak of new diseases

411. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed outbreak of new diseases and spreading of viruses, in certain parts of the country, which were not there in the past;

(b) whether Government has conducted any studies to find the actual reason behind such outbreaks like Nipah in Kerala;

(c) in what way the Centre helped the State of Kerala during this situation;

(d) whether any financial aid was provided to Kerala to overcome the Nipah outbreak in 2018, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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People dying from non-availability of organs for transplants

412. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the number of people dying every year in the country due to non-availability of organs is increasing year by year;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to get the organs from cadavers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

PHCs in operation

413. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) in operation, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of medical service providers employed at PHCs;

(c) whether there are availability of adequate trained providers in PHCs to conduct emergency abortions; and

(d) if not, the State-wise details of shortage thereof?

Research on Proton Therapy

414. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that developed countries have adopted "Proton Therapy" which is considered to be an advanced cancer care treatment procedure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering any research on Proton Therapy;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether any breakthrough has been made by researchers; and

(d) if not, whether Government will collaborate with other advanced countries in getting the technology transferred in view of growing cancer cases?

Amendments to MTP Act, 1971

415. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed amendments to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971;

(b) if so, what are the time-line set in this regard; and

(c) whether one of the proposed amendments is to reduce the requirement of provider consent from two providers to one for pregnancies between 12 to 20 weeks?

Legislation governing medical devices

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was planning to bring in a new legislation for governing the medical devices, which however, was scrapped later on;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the laws (acts, rules and regulations) governing medical devices in India at present and whether inspections or audits are carried out on imported as well as indigenous medical devices; and

(d) whether grievance redressal

mechanism is available under these law for a patient if a medical device/implant turns out to be faulty and whether provision for compensation is being included in the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 therein?

Finalization of draft rules on sale of drugs by e-pharmacies

417. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2194 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1 January, 2019 and to state:

(a) by when the draft rules on the sale of drugs by e-pharmacies would be finalized thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government during the last three years on the sale of spurious drugs by e-pharmacies therefor?

Recognition for Pharma D graduates as MBBS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Pharma D graduates are studying for six years and most of their time is spent in hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are demanding for recognizing Pharma D equal to MBBS/clinical pharmacists to provide medical aid to patients;

(c) what constraints Government has to recognize Pharma D equal to MBBS/Clinical Pharmacists when it recently permitted to put Dr. before every Pharma D graduate;

(d) if so, what Government has done so far on their demand; and

(e) details of countries that have

recognized Pharma D graduates as clinical pharmacists?

Fund to Central Government Hospitals

419. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation made/grant provided/fund made available by Ministry during the last three years to Government funded hospitals in Delhi and Karnataka, State-wise;

(b) the number of surgeries performed in Central Government funded hospitals in Delhi and Karnataka during the last three years, State-wise and hospital-wise;

(c) the number of OPD patients registered in Central Government funded hospitals in Delhi and Karnataka during the last three years, State-wise and hospital-wise; and

(d) the total yearly grant provided by the Ministry to Central Government hospitals in Delhi during the last three years?

Vaccination drive among tribal communities

420. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-BUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made for the vaccination of tribal communities in the country to prevent spread of diseases like Hepatitis;

(b) the steps being taken to improve the accessibility of health services for tribal communities in India; and

(c) whether any coordinated vaccination drive is being carried out by Central and

State Governments together for the marginalised sections of the society and the details thereof?

Development of solar parks in the country

421. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any assessment of the schemes implemented for the development/promotion of solar parks during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details of the present status of such scheme, specifically in Gujarat and Jharkhand and in the country as a whole; and

(c) what are the challenges in setting up new solar parks and the steps taken by Government to overcome the same in this regard?

Solar power system in Government offices

422. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to install solar power systems in all Government offices/buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the cost involved therein;

(c) the details of solar power systems installed in Government offices/buildings, so far State/UT-wise including Karnataka;

(d) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the money likely to be saved by using solar systems in

Government offices/buildings and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether International collaborations/tie-ups have been made for technology transfer in solar power by Government so far, the details thereof, country-wise and year-wise?

Dearth of solar cell manufacturers in the country

423. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that India has an annual solar cell manufacturing capacity of about 3GW against the annual average demand of 20GW; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to encourage local manufacturing of solar cell and reduce imports under the new solar policy?

Status of solar energy generation

424. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has made significant progress in creating capacity for solar energy generation in the last few years and Government has set the target to 100 GW of solar capacity by the year 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite a big leap in the solar energy generation in the country, there is no real plan to become a solar panel manufacturer and 90 per cent of the solar technology is met by imports; and

(d) if so, the details and the measures being taken to improve indigenous solar panel manufacturing in the country?

Status of solar energy production in Rajasthan

†425. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of solar energy being produced in megawatt at present in Rajasthan;

(b) the efforts being made to increase this production;

(c) whether any survey is being conducted for solar energy production in Rajasthan; and

(d) whether there are plans to raise the incentive to boost the production of solar energy?

Setting up of new renewable energy projects in the country

426. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has encouraged various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to install solar power plants in the country and in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise;

(c) whether setting up of new and renewable energy projects is included in their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portfolio or it is entirely for lowering their costs and getting a reliable power supply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of solar power projects

†427. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of clean energy sources that have been set up by India under Paris Convention on Climate Change;

(b) whether it is a fact that a target of generating 175 Gigawatt renewable energy capacity has been set by 2022, if so, the details of the quantum of power capacity in Gigawatt for which solar energy, wind energy, biopower and small hydropower projects have been set up in compliance of it; and

(c) details of the share of thermal power, nuclear power, hydropower and renewable energy in total established power capacity of the country?

Reduction in cost of solar energy equipments

†428. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in mind the abundant availability of new and renewable energy, Government is considering reducing the cost of solar energy equipment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the common man is not able to purchase these equipments due to its high cost; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to make it cost effective and usable source of energy?

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Amendment to bid documents for the auction of 3000 MW of solar projects

429. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether SECI recently amended its bid documents for the auction of 3000 MW of solar projects, raising the maximum limit to 1800 MW from 750 MW and NTPC, which has set the single bidder limit at 2000 MW for its forthcoming auction of 2000 MW;

(b) whether such large bid sizes will prohibit some of the serious players (from bidding), based on financial criteria;

(c) whether setting the limit so high would give undue advantage to foreign bidders with deeper pockets over domestic ones; and

(d) whether Government plans to reconsider its decision?

Direct benefit transfer for electricity subsidies

430. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether States across India are taking up direct benefit transfer for electricity rather than subsidies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Targets for rural electrification in the country

†431. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to achieve the target set for the

rural electrification in the country by the year 2018;

(b) the target set for the rural electrification in the country for the year 2019;

(c) whether any specific efforts are being made by Government to achieve the target set for electrification; and

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

Power loss in transmission

432. SHRI G.C. CHANDRA-SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 27 per cent of the total power generated in the country is lost during transmission, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India is a world leader in power transmission business but lags behind in the transmission end;

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

(d) whether power sector has low reliability and poor quality of electricity when it comes to the supply and the power grid is also very weak in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to strengthen the power grid and to prevent the transmission losses?

Identification of sites for thermal power plants

433. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted

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any study to identify pithead and coastal sites for thermal power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the technological tools used by Government in this regard; and

(d) the estimated projections/contribution envisaged by Government for coal-based thermal power in the energy mix for the next five years?

Closure of thermal power plants

434. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn any plan to close those thermal power plants which have become obsolete and outlived their utility across the country;

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

(c) whether Government has also planned thermal power plants confirming to eco-friendliness in their place;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of stressed power companies

435. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stressed power companies and the total capacity of power production by these companies; and

(b) how Government proposes to deal with the stressed power companies?

Funds under UDAY

436. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to

various States of the country under the UDAY scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether the Central Government is reviewing the progress made under the scheme, so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Improving power distribution

437. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is producing 340 GW of power in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of distribution network and grid connectivity, we are not able to take power to the needy;

(c) whether integrated Power Development Scheme (Urban) and Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Scheme (Urban) and UDAY have little impact on power distribution; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry is going to move ahead and ensure that each household gets electricity?

Reduction of solar power in the country

438. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any data regarding capacity and rates being offered for solar park proposal and non-solar park proposals since various newspapers have reported that solar power rate has been falling since last three years;

(b) whether there is any agency or website where these data will be available;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of solar power plants are struggling to sell power; and

(d) if so, the steps Government will take to overcome such problems and boost the solar energy in India?

(b) the current capacity of each source of generation and the related potentials of their development?

Plan to boost power generation

†439. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new plan is proposed by the present Government to increase the power generation in the country; and

(b) if so, the form and content of the plan, and extent of increase in power generation, in percentage, likely to occur under this plan?

Procurement of All Weather Radar

442. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been possible for research agencies in India to produce a Radar which can transmit and receive signals in all conditions of weather; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New thermal power plants

†440. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up new thermal power plants in different regions of the country;

(b) if so, the places where land has been acquired for this purpose; and

(c) the number of new thermal plants to be set up and the States where these power plants would be set up?

Promotion of Science and Technology

†443. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to promote science and technology;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps so far in this direction; and

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

Production and demand and supply of electricity

†441. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the policy and action plan of Government to synchronise the power generation capacity and its demand supply in the country along with current actual status of the generation and demand-supply of power; and

Tourism in Uttarakhand needs regulation

444. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of the fact that tourism has increased by 168 per cent in Uttarakhand over the last three years, shortage of accommodation persists with only 8.4 tourist rent houses per million tourists, 102.5 hotels and guest houses per million tourists, and 337 beds available for every million tourists;

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(b) if so, the details of amount sanctioned and actual utilisation of special financial package of ₹ 100 crore to rebuild tourist infrastructure in Uttarakhand by the Ministry; and

(c) whether Government is planning to formulate regulations for the tourists like Amarnath Shrine Act?

Need for S&T Council

445. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to form S&T Council which can make decisions on behalf of Government; and

(b) whether Government plans to promote R&D and contribute towards development of technologies in the renewal and alternative energy space dominated today by China and Europe?

Maa Kudargarhi temple in Chhattisgarh

†446. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken/propose to take any steps to develop religious places, temples in tribal majority areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to include Maa Kudargarhi temple situated in the Odagi block of Suraypur district in Surguja Parliamentary Constituency of Chhattisgarh in central list of tourist places and to develop this religious place of tribal area as a tourist place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of religious tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

†447. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work is underway on various religious tourism circuit areas of the country which are related to tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether work on Ramayana Circuit being developed under Religious Tourism circuit is going on expected lines and whether the construction of Ramayana Circuit's work is scheduled to be completed within the fixed time-line; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Adopt a Heritage Programme

448. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tipu Palaces in Bangalore and Hampi sites are lying with the Ministry for long to be approved under 'Adopt a Heritage Programme';

(b) if so, when the proposal was mooted and the reasons for the delay in adopting the above sites; and

(c) by when the Ministry is going to adopt them and provide world-class infrastructure and other amenities at the above sites?

Development of Medical Tourism

449. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any

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policies to regulate private medical sector in medical tourism of the country?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any data on foreigners' visit to India for medical purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof of the last three years; and

(e) whether any policies have been adopted by Government to attract foreigners for medical tourism as it is a substantial source of revenue and foreign exchange?

Development of Coastal Tourism under PRASAD Scheme

450. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh was approved in 2015-16 under PRASAD Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the circuit;

(c) the date on which State Government had submitted the project proposal;

(d) the details of action taken by the Ministry on the above proposal;

(e) whether Ministry had sought any further clarification on the final DPR;

(f) if so, the details of queries and response of the State Government thereon; and

(g) by when the project is going to be completed?

Development of new tourist spots

†451. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the details of new tourism centres brought under the ambit of tourism development in the last three years and the State-wise details of the twenty busiest tourism centres of the country?

Restoration of historical monuments

†452. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is planning to restore all the historical monuments in order to promote tourism;

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

(c) the details of archaeological buildings selected for this purpose in the State of Rajasthan?

Utilisation of funds allocated for tourism development

†453. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds allocated to the States for the development of tourism by the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether the utilisation certificate has been sent by the States after utilisation of allocated funds, if so, the details of the names of such States;

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| <p>(c) if not, the details of names of States who have not utilised funds till date; and</p> <p>(d) the details of total funds allocated</p> | <p>to the State of Jharkhand by the Ministry during the last three years and the amount of funds used so far?</p> |
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