

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 16, 2021/ 25 Phalgun, 1942 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions -- 160

Investment in rural areas

2241 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

- (a) whether Government has any special plan to increase investment in rural areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to spread awareness and protect small investors, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any amendments have been made in the "new Companies Act" in relation with the protection of investors, if so, the details thereof?

Ayurveda hospitals in Chhattisgarh

2242 # Shri Ram Vichar Netam:

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

- (a) the number of Ayurveda hospitals being run in Chhattisgarh presently;
- (b) the number of Ayurveda hospitals out of the above which are being run in their own buildings along with the number of hospitals being run in rental buildings;
- (c) the total number of posts of officers and staff sanctioned for Ayurveda hospitals in Chhattisgarh and number of posts against which appointments have been made along with the number of vacant posts out of sanctioned posts; and
- (d) whether any steps have been taken by Government to fill the vacant posts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of tribal system of medicine

2243 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) the measures being taken by Government to promote tribal system of medicine; and
- (b) the detailed provisions of patenting the medicines made through tribal system of medicine?

Infrastructural development under AYUSH Mission

2244 Dr. Bhagwat Karad:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase fund allocation for infrastructural development under AYUSH Mission in the country including Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide any special grant or aid for setting up of new Government colleges for AYUSH system of medicine in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is likely to make provision for budgetary allocation to develop Government Ayurvedic Colleges in India as a centre for excellence and, if so, the details thereof?

AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in UP

2245 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH doctors practicing Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Naturopathy in the country along with the total number of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries functioning in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government proposes to set up any naturopathy hospital in Uttar Pradesh and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to link healthcare facilities of AYUSH with the mainstream?

Special scheme for setting up AYUSH hospitals in UP

2246 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether there is any special scheme for setting up of more AYUSH hospitals or centres, especially Ayurveda and Homoeopathy treatment facilities for Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received for setting up of AYUSH hospitals/centres in Uttar Pradesh, along with the action taken or being taken thereon and the progress made in this regard so far; and
- (c) the procedure for setting up AYUSH Hospitals in Uttar Pradesh?

AYUSH dispensaries in the country

2247 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plan to open AYUSH dispensaries or wellness centres in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of wellness centres or AYUSH dispensaries which have been opened so far and the number of centres which are set to be opened during current year; and
- (c) the districts and places of Bihar where these dispensaries and centres are proposed to

be opened?

Demand for Indian COVID-19 vaccines

2248 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) the demand for Indian COVID-19 vaccines in foreign countries;
- (b) the countries that have evinced interest in our vaccines; and
- (c) whether commitment to exports of indigenous COVID-19 vaccines would be at cost of domestic demand and the details thereof?

Linking Ayurvedic system with Ayushman Bharat Yojana

2249 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to link Ayurveda system of medicine with Ayushman Bharat Yojana to make the former accessible to all;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, by when it would be linked?

Medical insurance facilities in Ayurveda

2250 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to introduce medical insurance for everyone by having an agreement with all the Government, Semi-Government and private Insurance companies to make Ayurveda medical facilities accessible to all;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time-line by which Government is planning to do the same?

Certification of Coronil to treat COVID-19

2251 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether Government has sought any formal certification or review from WHO for any traditional medication like Coronil to treat COVID-19, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether Ministry supports claims by manufacturers of Coronil tablet that it helps in fighting COVID19, given that the Minister himself attended its launch event in February, 2020;
- (c) if so, reasons therefor;
- (d) if not, action that will be taken against manufacturers of such traditional medicine and their promoters who claim to have such certification from WHO; and
- (e) whether Government has any data on effectiveness of traditional medication like Ayurveda to cure COVID-19, if so, details thereof?

Establishment of Regional Cum Facilitation Centre by NMPB

2252 Shri Rajeev Satav:

Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has established Regional Cum Facilitation Centre (RCFC) and, if so, details of such centre functional;
- (b) whether Government is making efforts in promoting the cultivation of herbs in its project on Atmanirbhar Bharat;
- (c) whether RCFC is acting as an extended arm of NMPB to implement its various schemes with different State level departments like State Medicinal Plants Boards (SMPBs) / State Forests / Agriculture / Horticulture Department etc and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by Government to encourage cultivation of those herbal plants which are endemic to specific region?

All India Institute of Ayurveda

2253 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up All India Institute of Ayurveda across the country along the line of AIIMS by the Central Government, if so, the details thereof with respect to Jharkhand;
- (b) the names of AYUSH schemes running in Jharkhand; and
- (c) the number of existing AYUSH units for treatment and teaching in Jharkhand?

Speedy justice for corporate crimes

2254 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether Government has designated special courts in the country for speedy justice delivery of corporate cases and, if so, the details and the location of such courts thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of such courts in the country and, if so, the details thereof and the total number of courts that have been mandated by Companies Act, 2013;
- (c) the details of the number of cases solved or pending in said special courts, court/State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the details of the other measures taken or being taken by Government to address the issue and expedite disposal of pending cases?

Audit of CSR spendings

2255 Dr. Banda Prakash:

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 last three years;
- (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) the amount spent out of the said CSR funds for constructing toilets etc. under Swachh Bharat Mission?

Companies filed for bankruptcy

2256 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the total number of private companies which have filed for bankruptcy over the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the number of applications under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) have increased over the last three years;
- (c) if so, the reasons for said increase; and
- (d) the companies which have made the highest (CSR) activities in the current financial year, with details of the amount spent on CSR and the activities performed?

CSR work undertaken by public and private sector companies

2257 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the amount of funds allotted and utilized during the last three years by different public and private sector companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- (b) the details of the amount spent by the private and public companies during each of the last three years, State-wise, district-wise and work-wise; and
- (c) the total number of violations of CSR provisions done by private and public companies during each of the last three years, and the details thereof?

Fraud in corporate sector

2258 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

- (a) whether the cases of fraud by companies have increased in the last three years, if so, the reasons for the same despite various steps taken by Government;
- (b) the total number of cases investigated by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) in the past three years;
- (c) the total number of companies or individuals that have been prosecuted in the last three years; and
- (d) the total number of convictions for frauds by companies in the last three years?

Updation of laws

2259 **Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether there are drastic changes in many Acts under the Ministry, leading to delay in filings in the courts;
- (b) whether Government will undertake awareness camps on various updated laws for smooth functioning of companies in the country;
- (c) whether Government is considering any waiver of penalty/ violations provided till the companies adopt the new laws; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

CSR management monitoring

2260 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any provision to establish common CSR activities management group/committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Historical monuments in Tamil Nadu

2261 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the number of historical / heritage buildings in the State of Tamil Nadu and the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds spent on the maintenance of the said buildings by the Ministry during the last three years;
- (c) the number of tourists who had visited these monuments during the same period; and
- (d) the amount of revenue generated from the said monuments during the last three years?

Display of monument information in local languages.

2262 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) the number and details of the ASI monuments which have boards in local languages and the details thereof;
- (b) the new Indian languages which have been introduced on the boards of ASI sites;
- (c) whether Government is planning to increase the number of Indian languages on the signboards of ASI monuments;
- (d) whether Government is planning to introduce QR code-based guides in different languages to obtain information about the ASI monuments; and
- (e) whether there is any plan to make the information available digitally for tourists and visitors, if so, the details thereof?

Higher training institutes and cultural institutions

2263 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) the number of cultural institutions and higher training institutes functioning in various States of the country;
- (b) whether there is any action plan of Government to improve the quality of innovative and research related training being imparted by the said institutes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of National Artistes Pension Fund

2264 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing National Artistes Pension Fund under the Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to artistes scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for Financial Year 2018-19, Financial Year 2019-20 and Financial Year 2020-21, State-wise;
- (c) the details of budgetary allocation and utilization for the year 2020-21; and
- (d) the number of retired artistes who are availing the National Artistes Pension Fund in the State of Odisha for the last three years?

Museum Grant Scheme for Odisha Purvasha Museum

2265 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

- (a) whether Government has allocated central financial assistance to Odisha Purvasha Museum, Society for Development of Rural Literature for P.O. Ashram Patna under the Museum Grant scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the quantum of central financial assistance made to the Odisha Purvasha Museum under the scheme; and
- (c) the utilization of the allocated funds under the scheme so far?

Financial Assistance for Tagore Cultural Complexes (TCC)

2266 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether Government has received proposals for infrastructure development from the State of Odisha under the Financial Assistance for Tagore Cultural Complexes (TCC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated under the scheme to specific agencies/institutions in the State of Odisha?

Identification of hitherto unidentified sites

2267 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) whether ASI has made any efforts to identify ancient sites or monuments which have hitherto been unidentified throughout the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether any fund has been allocated for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the fund spent out of the allocated fund and whether fund has been actually utilized for renovation of such monument/ancient sites which are of national importance and, the details thereof?

Annual programme for eminent personalities

2268 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the State-wise details of annual programmes organised by Government on saints, celebrities, great personalities, inspirational freedom fighters, revolutionaries and important

persons along with the measures adopted to include the related anecdotes for their contribution towards the country's culture post Independence era; and

(b) the details of proposals sent by the Rajasthan Government for the construction of the buildings for the cultural centres in different parts of the State, and details of the approval accorded in this regard and current status of the construction work thereon?

Indian artefacts smuggled abroad.

2269 Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:

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

(a) whether any steps have been taken to prevent theft of Indian artefacts which are smuggled abroad and prominently displayed in galleries across the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to get back the artefacts already stolen and smuggled abroad to India through legal routes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Restoration work at Jagannath Temple

2270 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

(a) the steps that have been taken so far for restoration work at Jagannath Temple, including the restoration work at sanctum sanctorum (Garbha Griha), Jagmohan, Nata Mandap, Bhoga Mandap and Rosa Ghara;

(b) the stipulated deadline for the completion of the restoration work; and

(c) the details of the inspections conducted by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) of Jagannath Temple in 2019 and 2020 along with the findings and steps taken thereunder?

Protection of vulnerable folk arts and music

2271 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

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

(a) the list of vulnerable folk arts and music of the country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by Government to identify such art forms, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan initiated and financial assistance provided by Government to revive such art forms?

Usage of plastic containers by hotels and restaurants

2272 # Shri Anil Baluni:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that home delivery in plastic containers by the hotels and restaurants is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has issued any guidelines in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether home delivery in plastic containers likely to harm the health of citizens, whether Government is taking action in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Indian culture

2273 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) whether Government has planned a long-term outreach programme to spread awareness of the Nation's culture amongst the masses as culture is the backbone and heritage of our country; and
- (b) whether the Ministry is planning to involve youth in outreach activities, and to bring in innovation, if so, the details thereof?

Indian collaborative research in Antarctica

2274 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's research stations are involved in any collaborative research in Antarctica, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the major countries with whom such collaborative researches are being undertaken and the details thereof; and
- (c) how many Indian scientists have participated in these major collaborative activities during the last three years and the details thereof?

Cyclone warning systems

2275 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functional Cyclone Warning Centres in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the cyclone warning techniques available in the country are adequate in terms of efficiency and efficacy as compared to other countries and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the cyclone warning technology to reduce the effects and damage caused due to cyclones;
- (d) whether Government proposes to provide low cost devices for fishermen for getting information about cyclone warnings free of cost or at highly subsidized rate; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Faceless Income Tax Assessment

2276 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) whether all income tax assessments now are being done in a faceless manner;
- (b) if so, the main reasons for initiating faceless assessments;
- (c) the number of cases of faceless assessments done so far;
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any independent study to ascertain assessee's experiences in faceless assessments;
- (e) if not, whether Government will undertake such a study in near future;
- (f) which other countries, follow faceless income tax assessment; and
- (g) whether Government is considering scrutiny of GST assessments and some stages of investigations by Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) in a faceless mode, if not, the reasons therefor?

Disinvestment to reset economy

2277 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has been contemplating on infusing more investments prioritising growth in infrastructure and health sectors to streamline the economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is planning to garner the necessary funds by adopting disinvestment in Government companies and selling some of the stakes to reset the economy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Additional borrowing to cover GST compensation

2278 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to borrow an additional amount on account of GST compensation and pass it on to all the States;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to call a GST Council meeting in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

GST fraud cases in Chhattisgarh

2279 # **Shri Ram Vichar Netam:**

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

- (a) the number of cases of GST fraud reported in the State of Chhattisgarh from the year 2019-20 to February 2021 and the details thereof;
- (b) the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the amount recovered in the form of penalty from these cases and the comprehensive steps being taken by Government to curb the frauds?

Financial inclusion in the State of Odisha

2280 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) whether Government announces such specific measures so that Commercial Banks will be able to deliver adequate and timely credit in agriculture and allied sector as well as to Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the State of Odisha which is essential for economic and social development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will allow women Self Help Groups (SHGs) to act as Banking Correspondents by infusing adequate liquidity; and
- (d) whether Government will issue appropriate directions to the banks operating in the Cuttack and Bolangir districts to achieve 100% digitization by the end of February 2021?

Rural women linked with banking system under PMJDY

2281 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the percentage of rural women linked with banking system under Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) during the last five years; and

(b) the percentage of rural women in Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar and Chhattisgarh linked with banking system so far during these five years, and the details thereof?

Reasons for BPCL Divestment

2282 **Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:**

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) the criteria Government has used to select Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for divestment;
- (b) whether Government has developed or considered any plan to reform the management and operations of BPCL to improve its competitiveness and efficiency while maintaining ownership and, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor justifying the same; and
- (c) whether Government plans to disinvest other Maharatna and Navratna Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and, if so, the details thereof?

Policy regarding handling the assets of disinvested CPSUs

2283 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether any policy regarding handling the assets of disinvested Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) which are set for disinvestment, is on the anvil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any selling of assets of CPSUs set for disinvestment is under consideration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-Performing Assets in the Mudra loan scheme

2284 **Shri K.K. Ragesh:**

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

- (a) whether the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) under the Mudra loan scheme are increasing;
- (b) if so, the status of Mudra NPAs of each nationalized bank and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any concessions for the beneficiaries of Mudra loan scheme whose repayment capacity is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are under consideration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Time-limit for issuing notices under CBDT Act

2285 # **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has asked Government to impose a time-limit for issuing notices under Section 153A/153C of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Act; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

Performance of ECLGS for MSME

2286 **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar:**

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

- (a) whether Government would share the total performance of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for MSMEs;
- (b) whether Government is aware that some MSMEs are facing difficulties in accessing loans from banks; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to mitigate this?

Compliance of Forms 15-G/15-H by banks

2287 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that senior citizens are facing a lot of hardships while submitting Form-15G/Form-15-H for nil deduction of tax from their income to various banks;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that even after submission of Forms 15-G and 15-H, several banks deduct TDS thus harassing senior citizens; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government is contemplating to issue fresh guidelines to banks for prompt compliance in respect of Forms 15-G/15-H by various branches of public and private sector banks?

Lesser target spending than 2.5 percent of GDP on health sector

2288 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether the allocation of healthcare budget has a very slight increase of 5.7 percent to ₹67,484 crores as compared to the last year's ₹63,830 crore which is lesser than the target spending of 2.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on the health sector;
- (b) whether India spent 1.8 percent of its GDP on health in the year 2020-21 which is among the lowest any Government spends on health in the world; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken by Government to implement its plan of spending at least 2.5 percent of GDP on the health sector?

Plan of action to stabilize the GDP

2289 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the fiscal consolidation path has been redrawn owing to the COVID-19 pandemic wherein the deficit for fiscal year 2022 was marked at 6.5 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and
- (b) if so, the details of the restructuring of fiscal consolidation path and plan of action to stabilize the GDP?

GST on life insurance customers

2290 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the rationale behind imposing GST on the life insurance customers since the insured

does not avail any facility immediately until there is an accident or the policy gets matured;
 (b) whether Government will consider imposing tax at the time of maturity of the life insurance policy when the consumer gets the amount in lieu of the policy or when the family of policy holder gets the money; and
 (c) whether such a step would reduce the premium amount of the policy which would increase the number of policy seekers as well as accidental insurance of the people in the country?

Sale of Public Sector Undertakings

2291 Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) the total number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) that have either been sold completely or in which Government no longer has majority stake in the last three years;
- (b) whether any of these PSUs were profit making, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total loss being incurred by Government due to these PSUs;
- (d) the total revenue received from these sales; and
- (e) the details of all PSUs which Government has put up for sale as of now?

Disinvestment policy for PSUs

2292 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is pursuing disinvestment policy in a number of public sector organisations;
- (b) the names of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which fall under this category and whether loss making is only criteria for disinvestment and the details thereof; and
- (c) whether BHEL and Andrew Yule and Co. Ltd. are also under consideration for disinvestment?

Amendment in RBI Act for declaration of loan defaulters

2293 # Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) whether Government would propose to amend the provisions incorporated in Section 45E of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934, which provides protection against the public disclosure of loan related informations and due to which the names of loan defaulters are not being publicly disclosed;
- (b) whether Government would consider an immediate amendment to incorporate provisions in the Act in order to disclose the names of defaulters publicly keeping in view the increasing number of defaulters in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue deficit compensation to Andhra Pradesh

2294 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to provide for the release of ₹18,830 crore to the State of Andhra Pradesh as revenue deficit compensation;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of other steps being taken by Government to financially support State Governments?

Disinvestment of BPCL

2295 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) the annual dividend from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the projected annual dividends and other receipts from BPCL for the next ten years;
- (c) the current valuation(s) of BPCL by Government, employee unions, and any other stakeholders;
- (d) whether Government is taking any steps to ensure proper price discovery in the valuation process for BPCL; and
- (e) whether the expected receipts from disinvestment exceed the projected receipts from dividends by BPCL and, if so, the details thereof?

Planned privatisation of State run enterprises

2296 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

- (a) whether Hon'ble Prime Minister has called for planned privatization of State run enterprises to free up resources for spending on welfare, development and creation of jobs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the State enterprises which have been identified for disinvestment during the year 2021-22; and
- (c) the details of revenue targeted to be generated by disinvestment of these State enterprises, during the year 2021-22, enterprise-wise?

Beneficiary under PMGKY

2297 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the detailed list of beneficiaries who have availed the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) during the months of April 2020 to January 2021 as a part of the COVID-19 relief package announced by Government, month-wise;
- (b) the targets set by Government on the number of beneficiaries that PMGKY will reach during the months of April 2020 to January 2021, month-wise; and
- (c) the details of beneficiaries who have benefited from PMGKY for the months of April 2020 to January 2021, month-wise, State-wise?

Accounts under Jan Dhan Yojana lying unutilised

2298 Shri K.T.S. Tuls:

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

the total number of bank accounts opened by Government under the Jan Dhan Yojana (JDY) lying unutilised including the accounts without a single transaction and the details thereof?

Tax burden for tobacco products

2299 **Shri K.T.S. Tulsi:**

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

the present tax burden for all tobacco products in India and that prescribed by WHO for tobacco products and the details thereof?

Loans under Kisan Credit Cards

2300 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

(a) the details of loans disbursed under Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the last three years in the country including Karnataka along with the number of loans above rupees three lakhs among them, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase the maximum limit of loans under KCC scheme in view of increasing expenditure of farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor indicating the maximum limit of loans presently; and

(d) the total number of farmers covered under the KCC scheme in Karnataka during the said period along with the number of applications pending at present?

Funds spent out of SBK

2301 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

(a) the total amount of contributions by the corporate sector to the Swachh Bharat Kosh (SBK) during the last three years and the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of funds spent from SBK for the purpose of improving sanitation facilities in the rural and urban areas, particularly, school premises during the last five years and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering new projects for utilising the resources from SBK and the details thereof?

Salary and service conditions of employees of banks facing privatisation

2302 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

what will happen to the employees of two banks which will be privatised, with regard to salary and service conditions, etc?

Health insurance coverage in the country

2303 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

(a) the health insurance coverage in the country;

(b) whether the coverage has changed significantly during COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) whether Government is aware that health insurance premiums have increased manifold during the pandemic; and

(d) whether Government is taking any steps in this matter?

Privatisation of banks

2304 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the details of strategy to privatize two banks and one insurance company;
- (b) the reasons for setting up of Development Financial Institution when the country has already Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) and India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL);
- (c) whether Government has decided to transfer ₹2.2 lakh crores of NPAs to banks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Making Stand-up India scheme a success

2305 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether the Stand-up India scheme is likely to improve the prospect of business in the country and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the youths are showing a greater inclination towards starting self-employment ventures after the launch of the said scheme and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by Government to make the Scheme a success?

Removal of NPAs of banks before privatization

2306 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to remove Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) before the privatisation of those Public Sector Banks (PSBs) which are marked for privatisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total amount of NPAs to be written off;
- (c) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made any advice that the private companies can take the ownership of PSBs which are marked for privatization;
- (d) if so, the details of the advice; and
- (e) the number of banks to be privatized and the names of the banks?

Limiting NPAs

2307 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) the quantum of NPAs increased during the last two years indicating the present status of NPAs;
- (b) whether Government has proposed any special drive with the help of RBI to bring down NPAs and contain fresh NPAs of various banks;
- (c) the main reasons behind the growing NPAs in the country;
- (d) whether Government has set any target to keep NPAs within the limit during the next three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Timely GST payment to States

2308 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) the details of GST compensation dues pending for release to States since the last six

months, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the delay in releasing compensation dues;

(c) the details of GST collections during the last six months, month-wise; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the timely GST payment to the States?

Sectors under TLTRO

2309 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

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

(a) whether the RBI has decided to bring several stressed sectors identified by the Kamath Committee within the ambit of sectors eligible for Targeted Long Term Repo Operations (TLTRO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken other steps also to promote liquidity in the economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

2310 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

(a) whether Government has announced any special economic package viz Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for boosting the country's economy and making India self-reliant and to provide relief and credit support for various sectors including MSMEs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of benefits availed by the industries?

Tax on interest earned on PF contribution

2311 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

(a) the details of the budget proposal to impose a tax on interest earned on PF contributions above ₹2.5 lakhs per year;

(b) whether such a measure would hurt employees who save money for education, marriage of their children, etc.;

(c) whether the rate of interest is also consistently coming down on EPF from 9.5 per cent in 2010 to 8 per cent now;

(d) if so, whether Government will consider increasing the limit to ₹10 lakhs and imposing the tax only when contribution exceeds ₹10 lakhs; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Insurance policies in electronic form

2312 Shri Vaiko:

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

(a) whether Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) has directed the insurance companies to issue policies in electronic form in digital locker;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Insurance Repository (NIR) would provide facility of holding all insurance policies in a single account for the benefit of policyholders; and

(d) the other features that would be provided to policyholders while accessing the NIR?

Data on Mental Health Insurance

2313 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) of India has received revised health insurance policies from private insurance companies incorporating mental health coverage;
- (b) if so, the details of the number and names thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether IRDAI mandates the collection of data on applications for health insurance, rejections and reasons for rejections;
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the number of applications for private health insurance received, rejected and the reasons for rejection since 2018; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cadre review of Physiotherapists

2314 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the major recommendations of the report submitted by Cadre restructuring committee for physiotherapists;
- (b) whether the Ministry has accepted the above recommendations for implementation, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons for non-implementation of Committee's recommendations;
- (d) by when the Ministry will implement Committee's recommendations;
- (e) whether the Ministry has held any discussions with the representatives of Physiotherapists for their views on Committee's report; and
- (f) if not, whether the Ministry will hold such a meeting to understand their perspectives and grievances?

Inoculations of doctors, health workers and frontline warriors

2315 **Ms. Arpita Ghosh:**

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

- (a) the number of persons who have been vaccinated till 25th Feb, 2021;
- (b) the details in terms of doctors, healthworkers & frontline warriors;
- (c) whether vaccination rate has reached to the target set by Government; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sale of generic drugs in the country

2316 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) the numbers of public and private centres for the sale of generic drugs across the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the efficacy of allopathic and generic drugs is same, in general, if so, the reasons for the high price of drugs provided at allopathic drug centres and low price of generic drugs;
- (c) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the doctors of public and private sectors

discourage patients from using generic drugs; and
 (d) if so, whether Government has any action plan for bringing more and more generic drugs in trend?

Rise in number of cancer patients

2317 # Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of cancer patients across the country during last five years;
- (b) if so, the main reasons for this increase and whether any effective plan is being formulated by Government to get cancer diagnosed;
- (c) the total number of cancer patients and the number of people died due to cancer out of the said number across the country during the last three years;
- (d) whether Government has any action plan to open new cancer hospitals equipped with all treatment facilities in view of rapidly increasing number of cancer patients; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to increase State's expenditure on health

2318 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to increase State's expenditure on health sector to address the shortcomings in the healthcare system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for good healthcare facilities to all citizens of the country?

Setting up of AIIMS in Karnataka

2319 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is probably the only major State deprived of AIIMS;
- (b) whether the CM of Karnataka has also requested for setting up of AIIMS in the State through video conference and written letters;
- (c) the reasons for delay in setting up of AIIMS in Karnataka;
- (d) the details of proposal received to set up AIIMS in Hubli-Dharwad twin cities; and
- (e) by when AIIMS is likely to be set up in Karnataka?

Efficacy data for Coronil against COVID-19

2320 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Patanjali Inc. has shared any efficacy data for Coronil against COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for Hon'ble Minister of Health Ministry endorsing the product at a national press conference?

Herd immunity against COVID-19

2321 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:

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

- (a) whether Government has any country-wide data to understand the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the population so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether herd immunity can be achieved in the country given that new variants of the virus are coming up;
- (d) if not, the details of long-term plan Government has for combating the virus; and
- (e) the extent to which COVID-19 vaccines will be effective if new virus strain re-infections start surging?

Impact of Anti-Microbial Resistance

2322 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has any data on impact of anti-microbial resistance (AMR) on various diseases, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for research into AMR, year-wise for the last five years;
- (c) the linkages between rising incidence of AMR and various diet patterns;
- (d) whether any research has been undertaken to tackle rising incidence of AMR, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) the list of drugs currently sold even after being categorized under AMR; and
- (f) the action plan of the Ministry to increase testing centres along with the details of current research centres?

Certification of Coronil by WHO

2323 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government has sought any formal certification or review from WHO for any traditional medication like Coronil to treat COVID-19, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry supports claims by the manufacturers of Coronil tablet that it helps in fighting COVID-19, given that the Minister himself attended its launch event in February, 2020;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if not, the action that will be taken against the manufacturers of such traditional medicine and their promoters who claim to have such certification from WHO?

Database on deaths due to COVID-19

2324 Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:

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

- (a) whether Government has the data of people succumbing to death due to COVID-19 in accordance to their occupation;
- (b) if so, the percentage or number of healthcare workers losing their lives due to this pandemic; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Addressing social stigma associated with COVID-19 pandemic

2325 Shri Surendra Singh Nagar:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to take steps for preventing and addressing social stigma associated with COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the measures Government plans to take against the person who is indulging in such social discriminatory behaviour; and
- (c) whether Government has proposed to take any step against such discrimination specifically against the healthcare workers?

CRM and JRM to monitor NRHM

2326 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) the number of Common Review Missions (CRMs) and Joint Review Mission (JRMs) undertaken in Maharashtra for monitoring the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during last three years;
- (b) the details of the comments made by every mission regarding the functioning of NRHM in the State, district-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to implement the suggestions of these missions and to make improvements as per their comments in the State of Maharashtra?

Adverse effects of pollution

2327 # Shri Narayan Rane:

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any study about the ill effects caused by pollution on Asthma patient, lungs of children and pregnant women in the country during last three months of year 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

LASI report on elderly population

2328 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that according to the world's largest survey conducted by the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), 27 per cent of elderly Indians suffer from chronic diseases like hypertension, diabetes, stroke or lungs diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the findings of the survey; and
- (c) whether Government has any programme of policies for elderly population of the country, and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortfall of MRI machines in Government hospitals

2329 Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortfall of MRI machines in Government hospitals in our country; and
- (b) if so, the number of MRI machines available in the Government hospitals all over the

country, the details thereof, State-wise?

Quality assurance of drugs supplied through CGHS

2330 Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need to put in place an efficient mechanism of quality assurance of the drugs supplied through CGHS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

CGHS dispensaries in Greater Noida, UP

2331 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has purchased land for the construction of CGHS dispensary in Greater Noida;
- (b) if so, the updated status of the same; and
- (c) whether Government would complete the construction of the said building on priority basis as the space where dispensaries are being run is absolutely inadequate?

Proposal for new AIIMS under PMSSY

2332 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the detailed project report of proposed 21 new AIIMS under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY);
- (b) by when these AIIMS would be functional;
- (c) the total number of beds that would be available in those AIIMS; and
- (d) whether availability of doctors in various disciplines which are required in these AIIMS have been worked out, if so, the details thereof?

Adherence to social distancing norms during COVID-19

2333 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that less number of people are suffering from COVID-19 in comparison to 2020;
- (b) if so, whether rules made for observing social distancing are still in operation; and
- (c) the Government's views on large gathering of farmers on Delhi borders for lack of adherence to COVID-19 precautions by them?

Contractual employees of Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, Delhi

2334 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the number of employees appointed on different posts, including lab technician, on contract basis in Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital New Delhi;
- (b) the details of number of regular posts currently vacant in Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, category-wise; and
- (c) whether Government propose to regularise these contract employees, if so, by when,

and if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of AIIMS in Darbhanga, Bihar

2335 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction of AIIMS at a cost of ₹ 1,264 crore has been approved in September 2020, at Darbhanga in Bihar under the "Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY);
- (b) whether it is a fact that State Government of Bihar is to provide 200 acres of land for the construction of AIIMS, Darbhanga which has not been provided yet;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the present "Darbhanga Medical College" itself would be upgraded and given the status of "AIIMS"; and
- (d) if so, the details of the progress of the construction work of the same?

Long waiting period for organ transplantation patients

2336 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that waiting period for patients undergoing organ transplantation has become longer and ultimately ends in the death of patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any concrete proposal to reduce the waiting period for patients undergoing organ transplantation in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds allocation for development of health infrastructure in rural areas

2337 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of fund allocated for development of health infrastructure in rural areas of the country during 2021-22, State-wise;
- (b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilised during 2019-20 and 2020-21 for development of health infrastructure in the country as on date, State-wise?

New medical colleges in West Bengal under Centrally Sponsored Scheme

2338 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) the details of new medical colleges in West Bengal approved under Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of the number of proposal for new medical colleges in West Bengal under Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the last three years?

Use of opioid-related medication in the country

2339 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) whether any opioids being sold as medicines in India can be purchased without a

prescription;

(b) whether Government has taken any action to prevent the sale or access to medical opioids to those with illegitimate prescriptions;

(c) if so, whether there is a monitoring mechanism to prevent such sales;

(d) whether the opioid tramadol is prescribed in India for medical use;

(e) whether the Ministry has conducted any research on the potential addiction to tramadol-based medication; and

(f) whether the Ministry has taken any proactive measures to regulate the export of tramadol?

CGHS centres in Bihar

2340 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

(a) the number of CGHS centres operational in Bihar as of now;

(b) whether the centre at Darbhanga has superspeciality hospital and diagnostic centres empaneled;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

Removal of names of dead/retired doctors from Indian Medical Register

2341 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

(a) the total number of doctors currently registered in the Indian Medical Register;

(b) whether there is any name on said register who has passed away or retired from service;

(c) if so, the total number of such dead/retired doctors in the medical register; and

(d) the reasons for why these names have not been removed from the register and by when does Government plan to remove them from the register?

Issue of Fluorosis in the Country

2342 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to address the issue of fluorosis, a water borne disease due to excessive fluoride in the drinking water;

(b) whether Government has conducted any investigation or research to study the extent of fluorosis in all the states of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID-19 vaccination schedule

2343 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:

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

(a) the process of COVID-19 vaccination planned in the country;

(b) whether vaccination for the earlier planned priority group of three crores has been completed entirely;

(c) if not, the number of people left for inoculation;

(d) the total cost of the vaccination borne by Government;

- (e) whether vaccines are available for the entire country; and
- (f) if so, the various vaccines to be used, product wise, foreign and Indian?

Free medicines to poor section of the society

2344 Dr. Amee Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether Government has any scheme currently operational to provide free medicines to poor sections of the society, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has entered into any arrangement in this regard with the States/UTs, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the targeted number of medicines that are being made available free of cost to the poor patients and the funds utilised for the purpose as on date; and
- (d) the extent to which the quality of such drugs procured is ensured?

National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme

2345 Shri Sanjay Seth:

Shri Rajeew Satav:

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

- (a) whether Government has observed World Iodine Deficiency day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the theme of the event and initiatives taken by Government to make the event successful;
- (c) whether Government is implementing National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made by NIDDCP in controlling iodine deficiency since its inception;
- (e) the challenges faced by Government in controlling iodine deficiency among people; and
- (f) the steps taken or being taken by Government to control thyroid disorders among women who suffer most from hypothyroidism?

Bed availability in India

2346 Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia:

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

- (a) whether the recently released Human Development Report 2020 shows India's rank as 155th among 167 countries on bed availability;
- (b) if so, whether the number of beds per thousand is used as an indicator of health infrastructure in general; and
- (c) the corrective steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

New variant of COVID-19 virus

2347 Shri K. Somaprasad:

Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) the total number of new variants of the COVID-19 virus reported so far in India;
- (b) the total number of people who have been infected with this new strain;
- (c) whether people who have been infected once could get re-infected by the new virus strain;
- (d) if so, the steps being planned by Government to avoid such re-infections; and

(e) the details of total number of COVID-19 reinfections that have been reported so far in the country?

Impact of COVID-19 on immunisation programs

2348 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether scheduled immunisation programs for infants and other rural and urban health schemes were carried out without interruption during COVID-19 lockdown between March 21, 2020 and November 1, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any immunisation schemes or targets were missed or postponed on account of the advent of COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdown; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Independent agreements between States and COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers

2349 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to allow or facilitate the States to enter into independent agreements with COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers to accelerate country wide inoculation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of vaccine doses distributed to each State as of February 1, 2021 and vaccination targets for the year 2021, month-wise, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has received any requests from industry concerning facilitation of such independent agreements with States?

Anaemia Mukht Bharat Index

2350 Shri Rajeev Satav:

Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry along with UNICEF has launched the Anaemia Mukht Bharat index;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and aims and objective behind the move alongwith the State that have topped the Anaemia Mukht Bharat index;
- (c) whether anaemia in women is a significant public health issue in India;
- (d) if so, the number of women especially adolescent girls suffering from anaemia in the country, urban and rural-wise;
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to overcome this issue; and
- (f) whether the funds allocated to control anaemia among women is very less and if so, the corrective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Shortage of medical personnels

2351 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that shortage of medical personnel like doctors, nurses, etc. is a basic problem in the health sector in India;
- (b) if so, the action taken by Government to contain this big problem of our country as far as health sector is concerned;
- (c) whether Government is planning to open new medical colleges in various parts of the

country to increase the number of doctors and nurses in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether action has also been taken by Government on medical research in the country to curtail the prevailing life taking diseases?

Shortage of health care professionals during COVID-19 pandemic

2352 Shri Elamaram Kareem:

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

(a) whether Government faced shortage of health care professionals and infrastructure during initial phase of COVID-19 spread in India, and the manner in which Government overcame this issue;

(b) whether new posts of health care workers were created in Government sector, if so, the number of posts created in the Central Government sector;

(c) the details of assistance provided to the States where there was shortage of health care professionals and infrastructure;

(d) the actions taken by each State Governments to address shortage of health care professionals; and

(e) the details of the States which have created new posts for it, State-wise?

Public relation cadre in medical institutes

2353 Shri Neeraj Dangi:

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

(a) whether there is public relation cadres existing in AIIMS New Delhi, RML New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, JIPMER, Puducherry, Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and other Medical Institutes under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the basic qualifications of entry-level post and the details of work profile, promotion avenues for the same; and

(c) the action taken on the recommendations of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in its 87th parliamentary report on the functioning of AIIMS?

Vacant posts in AIIMS

2354 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

(a) the details of number of vacancies in teaching faculty that exists in AIIMS , Delhi and other AIIMS;

(b) the steps that are being taken to fill these vacancies;

(c) whether Government is aware that in private medical colleges there is lack of adequate and qualified techno faculties; and

(d) the steps that are being taken to explore remedy of these vacancies in private medical colleges since its reverse effects has long term consequence on health services?

Population affected by air pollution in Delhi

2355 Dr. Wanweiroy Kharlukhi:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of all the diseases related to or caused by air pollution in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

- (b) the number of people affected by diseases caused by or related to air pollution and the percentage of the total population;
- (c) the number of fatalities in Delhi arising from such diseases; and
- (d) the reasons behind extremely high pollution levels during the months of January and February?

Measures to combat second spike of COVID-19

2356 **Shri Bikash Ranjan:**

Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

the measures that have been taken to combat the reported second spike of COVID-19 all over India?

Adverse impact of COVID-19 lockdown on mental development of children

2357 # **Shri Samir Oraon:**

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

- (a) whether the COVID-19 lockdown has adversely affected the mental development and health of children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to create awareness among children and parents in light of the ill-effects on health of the children?

Measures for power generation from wind-mills

2358 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the total number of wind-mills functioning in the country, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the energy generated by windmills, State-wise and year wise since 2010;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to promote the generation of energy from windmills; and
- (d) the data on the projects and investment made in wind energy sector during the decade 2010-20?

Details of biogas plants set up under NBMMP

2359 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) the details of target set to install biogas plants under National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) the details of subsidy being given by Government for setting up of a biogas plant;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are demands to increase the subsidy to at least fifty per cent in view of higher cost in setting up of a biogas plant; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Achieving of target for solar and wind energy generation

2360 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether the target fixed for solar energy and wind energy generation up to the year 2020 has been achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken to improve the implementation and the details thereof, State-wise?

Schemes operating in the renewable energy sector

2361 **Dr. Bhagwat Karad:**

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

- (a) the details and number of schemes related to renewable energy launched in Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds provided in this regard; and
- (c) the details of various stages of implementation of such schemes?

Pending renewable energy projects in the country

2362 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) the details of pending renewable energy projects in the country and their expected date of completion; and
- (b) plans for future investment in renewable energy and States where it is most feasible?

Solar energy production in Rajasthan

2363 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the present solar energy production capacity of Rajasthan;
- (b) the target for addition of solar energy production capacity for Rajasthan by 2024 and 2030; and
- (c) the percentage of power that would be contributed by solar energy in Rajasthan in the year 2030?

Wind energy production in Rajasthan

2364 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the present wind energy production capacity of Rajasthan;
- (b) the target set for 2024 and 2030; and
- (c) the details of the ongoing projects in Rajasthan?

Renewable energy projects by PSUs

2365 **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 last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise; and
- (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 get a reliable power supply, if so, the details thereof?

Per capita power consumption

2366 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that our country's per capita power consumption is among the lowest in the world compared with the global per capita consumption;
- (b) if so, the reasons for country's peak electricity demand being so low; and
- (c) the steps that have been taken in the last one year in this regard?

Tackling problems of power DISCOMS

2367 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether Government is contemplating on doing away with the problems prevailing in the power distribution sector and to implement a policy and regulatory system for the companies operating in the sector;
- (b) the likely changes that might take place in this sector post implementation of the said policies and rules; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Choice to consumers for buying electricity

2368 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the distribution companies across the country, either Government or private, have monopolies and there is a need to provide choice to consumers by promoting competition by working out a framework to be put in place to give consumers alternatives to choose from among more than one distribution company; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor along with corrective steps being taken in future?

Status of power infrastructure

2369 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken for provision of Power Infrastructure in the past five years along with initiatives taken for reforms and achievements in the power sector and adding Giga Watts of installed capacity and connecting additional households;
- (b) how many lakh circuit km of transmission lines have been added during the past five years as on date along with funds sanctioned/spent thereon, State-wise; and
- (c) the future plan worked out, State-wise?

Net metering for solar roof top projects

2370 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has notified allowing net metering only for solar rooftop projects with capacity lower than 10 kw and for above it will be gross metering;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that it will effect those MSME sector who have installed higher capacity (more than 10kw) as it will affect the saving of small units and individuals; and
- (c) if so, the steps Government will take to give relief to the MSME above 10 kw installed

capacity?

Status of UMPP in Andhra Pradesh

2371 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposed Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh has not yet commenced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to hand over the project to any entity/corporation, if so, the details thereof?

Safety of hydroelectric power plants

2372 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) the number of hydro-electric power plants (above 25 MW) that are currently operational in the country and at which locations and what environmental clearances were taken for the same;
- (b) when was the last time the studies were conducted on each of these plants for sustainability and ecological impact; and
- (c) whether Government has identified any at-risk plants and notified the relevant States about the same?

Electric vehicle charging stations

2373 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has created an online national database of public EV charging stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such charging stations currently in operation in the country;
- (d) whether EV charging stations are being operationalised along highways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof regarding the current density of charging stations on highways?

Hydro power projects in the country

2374 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

Shri Rajeew Satav:

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

- (a) the details of hydro power projects constructed/under construction and their installed capacities, State-wise;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred on setting up of each of the power projects of the National Hydro Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) and the depreciated book value of each of these power projects as on date, project-wise; and
- (c) whether various hydro power projects allotted to the private sector in various States are yet to take off and, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay, project-wise?

Augmentation of Distribution Network in Assam

2375 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Power is sanctioning many electrical projects in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of packages/works sanctioned under various schemes in last five years for improvement /renovation/ augmentation of distribution network in the State of Assam;
- (d) the details of the packages including amount involved; and
- (e) whether all these works are completed or at various stages of execution and the details thereof with expenditures made thereon as on date, district-wise?

Coal-fired power plants complying with environmental norms

2376 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of coal-fired power plants that are in compliance with PM, NOx, mercury, SO₂ and water consumption norms, State/UT/developer/pollutant-wise;
- (b) the details of coal-fired plants that have had tenders awarded/ floated, undertaken feasibility studies, are retired, or have no plan for compliance with environmental norms by 2022, State/UT/developer/pollutant-wise;
- (c) the details of steps taken to ensure compliance with norms and monitoring of progress made in this regard; and
- (d) the details of penalties in the event that these power plants are not in compliance with environmental norms by 2022?

Teaching profession

2377 **Shri Rajmani Patel:**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) whether Government has put any new mechanism to select best talents in teaching profession so as to bring improvement in the quality of education in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the investment in science and technology education in order to realize its ambition for becoming a global force in science; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has formulated any policy in this regard and the details thereof?

Promoting Research & Development among citizens

2378 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has proposed new measures and schemes to promote participation of people in Research and Development (R&D);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the R&D sector in the country is about to witness more growth in coming years; and

(d) the details of R&D investments, international research collaborations and technology development during the said period?

Criteria for funding academic institutions

2379 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the criteria for funding academic institutions by Department of Science and Technology (DST); and
- (b) the criteria for rejecting funding for academic institutions by DST?

National Biotechnology Development Strategy 2020-25

2380 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the steps through which Government intends to establish research and innovation facilities for biotechnology in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities;
- (b) whether Government has or intends to create a selection criterion for cities where such facilities will be established;
- (c) if so, the details of the criteria;
- (d) how Government will facilitate and encourage PPP model in biotechnology industry under the aegis of the aforementioned strategy, and what will be mode of selection; and
- (e) whether Government intends to establish any such facilities in the State of Jharkhand?

Technological upgrades and big data in healthcare sector

2381 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the specific methods through which Government intends to encourage investment in technological upgradation of existing treatment and research facilities in rural and semi urban healthcare;
- (b) how Government identifies areas and facilities that require technological upgrade;
- (c) whether Government intends to create nation-wide databases on DNA sequences, genetic samples, etc.;
- (d) if so, how Government will involve private research facilities and healthcare start-ups in this process; and
- (e) the manner in which data and technology upgrades can help in improving health outcomes for Indian citizens and Government's reactions therein?

Artificial intelligence relating to government services.

2382 **Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia:**

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

- (a) whether any research is being done by Government in the field of Artificial Intelligence, especially relating to provision of Government services; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Share of India in world tourism

2383 **Dr. Banda Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the share of India in total global tourist footfall is 0.6 per cent;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase India's share of the global tourist footfall to 1 per cent by the end of 2020 and 2 per cent by 2030; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which Government proposes to set up required infrastructure and develop tourism friendly culture among people?

Development of eco-tourism in Andhra Pradesh

2384 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken up promotion of eco-tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the schemes formulated for this purpose;
- (c) the places identified for promotion of eco-tourism, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of the funds earmarked for this purpose?

Holistic exposure for tourist guides

2385 Shri N.R. Elango:

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

whether the Ministry is considering to adopt more holistic and less formulaic exposure to tourist guides where regional stories, myths, legends, arts and music, culture and practises will be presented to the curious travellers?

Developing mountain peaks for boosting tourism

2386 # Shri Ram Shakal:

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

- (a) whether many mountain peaks in the country including the ones in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, will be developed from tourism standpoint for foreign tourists; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Monuments and heritages sites in Delhi

2387 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) the list of all monuments and heritage sites in Delhi;
- (b) the list of all monuments and heritage sites that charge entry fee;
- (c) the date of commencement of collection of entry fee; and
- (d) total collections from each site in past five years, year-wise?

Funds left unspent due to COVID-19 pandemic

2388 # Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Shri Chh. Udayanraje Bhonsle:

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) the amount of funds that could not be spent under the various schemes of the Ministry during last year due to COVID-19;
- (b) the details thereof, scheme-wise;

(c) whether the development of those areas for which the schemes were introduced has been hampered due to no expenditure on development, maintenance and promotion of the same;

(d) if so, the steps being taken more swiftly on the schemes to compensate the same; and

(e) the details thereof?

"Adopt a Heritage" scheme

2389 # **Dr. Anil Jain:**

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

(a) the salient features of Adopt a heritage Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan project;

(b) whether public sector and private sector companies have taken responsibility for development and upgradation of basic and improved tourism facilities at these sites under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has reviewed the Adopt a heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan project, if so, the details of the achievements thereof?

Identification of new tourist sites

2390 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

the number of new tourist sites that have been identified in the country and the details thereof?

Boosting tourism sector

2391 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

(a) in what ways is the Ministry planning to boost tourism in the upcoming Financial Year; and

(b) the details of various methods through which the Ministry expects a boost in tourism?

Beach tourism in the country

2392 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) the blue print of Government to promote Beach Tourism in the country;

(b) the major beaches where funds have been granted for all round development and what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government will consider developing beaches in Puri, Gopalpur, and Chandipur in Odisha?

Job loss in tourism sector due to COVID-19 Pandemic

2393 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) the number of people who have been rendered jobless in tourism sector in the country because of COVID-19 pandemic situation and the relief package for the jobless;

(b) the financial loss incurred in the sector due to spread of coronavirus; and

(c) whether Government has prepared a road map to revive the sector, if so, the details thereof?

Swadesh Darshan scheme with emphasis on Assam

2394 Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented Swadesh Darshan scheme to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the central financial assistance allocated to the State of Assam under the scheme during FY 2020-21;
- (c) the State-wise details of achievements made under the scheme including Assam;
- (d) the details of monitoring mechanisms under the scheme;
- (e) whether Government has implemented the component of the development of Way-side Facility or Toilet Development Facility under the Swadesh Darshan scheme;
- (f) If so, the State-wise details thereof including Assam; and
- (g) the details of utilization of central financial assistance for toilet development during the implementation of the scheme?

Tourism projects in Karnataka

2395 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the average revenue generated and foreign exchange earned from tourism during the last three years;
- (b) The details of the ongoing schemes for the development and promotion of tourism and the number of tourism infrastructure projects prioritised/sanctioned during the above period, particularly in Karnataka, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has received proposals from various States for the development and promotion of tourism and allocation of funds therefor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such proposals received and the number of projects sanctioned and funds allocated, State-wise?

Promotion of tea tourism in the country

2396 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to attract tourism in tea garden; and
- (b) whether Government is aware that tea tourism can be an effective source of additional earning for the tea estates as well as generate revenue for Government, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact of COVID-19 pandemic

2397 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made about the impact of COVID-19 on tourism and hospitality sector;
- (b) whether it is a fact that nearly 5 crore people in tourism and hospitality sectors have lost their jobs due to lockdown and pandemic;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the stimulus package that the Ministry proposes to give and whether any package has been given under Atmanirbhar Bharat Package;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) how the Ministry is planning to keep afloat tourism and hospitality sector in view of

Ministry getting little help in the Budget 2021-22?

Effect on tourist arrival due to COVID-19 pandemic

2398 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has statistical data on how many tourists have visited India from various countries since 2015 to present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and year-wise since 2015;
- (c) the revenue generated since 2015, year-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Accommodation for MPs and MLAs at Government Guest Houses

2399 # **Shri Kailash Soni:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that if a Member of Parliament visits other than his/her native State then a partial treatment is meted out to him/her as charges for a night halt at Government Guest House for local MP and MLA remain ₹150 whereas it is ₹2000 for an MP visiting from other State and this discrimination is happening despite the fact that all public representatives should be treated equal before a law; and
- (b) whether Government is making any consideration, in this regard?

Boosting of tourism sector post COVID-19 pandemic

2400 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to boost tourism post COVID-19;
- (b) whether major irrigation projects are considered as tourist destinations; and
- (c) if so, the initiatives taken to develop such areas?

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