

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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**(Ministries : Ayush; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Power)**

Total number of questions -- 160

**National Institutes of AYUSH in the country**

**1761 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the number of National Institutes of AYUSH in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of National Institutes that are going to be accorded the status of Deemed Universities, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in setting up of WHO Global Centre for traditional medicine in the country; and
- (d) whether Government will consider setting up a WHO Global Centre in Madhya Pradesh as the State has a number of AYUSH institutions and since the State is also pushing hard to propagate AYUSH?

**Delay in opening of AYUSH dispensaries in Noida and Greater Noida**

**1762 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) the reasons for such delay in opening AYUSH dispensaries proposed in Noida and Greater Noida about two years back if Government aims to promote Indian system of Medicine;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the exercise of selection of location for the AYUSH dispensaries and selection of doctors and pharmacy officers has not even started as yet; and
- (c) by when these dispensaries would be able to start functioning if the work continues at the same pace?

**Assessment of performance of AYUSH hospitals**

**1763 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the number of AYUSH hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the performance of AYUSH hospitals has been assessed by Government;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether various hospitals are not functioning properly due to the shortage of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for proper allocation of funds to these hospitals?

#### **Tackling malnutrition using traditional medicines**

**1764 Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative to identify effective medicines or treatment under Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha & Homoeopathy (AYUSH) systems to tackle the problem of malnutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the medicinal procedure developed to treat malnourished children;
- (c) whether any collaborative project between Central and State Governments has been planned to address this problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### **Promotion of homoeopathy system of medicine**

**1765 # Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

- (a) the number of Government homoeopathy medical institutes at present;
- (b) the steps being taken to promote homoeopathy system of medicine; and
- (c) the details of the policies for its promotion among Indian public?

#### **Promotional activities for various systems of treatment**

**1766 # Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) the details of publicity and other activities being done by the Ministry to promote treatment through Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani and Homoeopathy systems of treatment;
- (b) whether any kind of contract has been done with new pharmaceutical manufacturers to ensure that sufficient quantity of such medicines is available; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Export of Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathy medicines**

**1767 # Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathy medicines are being exported to other countries also;
- (b) if not, whether there is any scheme under consideration in the future for export;
- (c) if so, whether those medicines are tested as per the international standards before being exported to other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Provision of funds for growth of Siddha and other Indian medicines**

**1768 Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) the funds allocated to support Siddha medicine research all over India, especially in

Tamil Nadu for the year 2019-2021;

- (b) whether Government has any proposal to allocate funds for growth of other Indian medicines in Tamil Nadu and in other parts of the country;
- (c) whether any Indian medicine clinics or hospitals are planned to be established in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether any Indian medicine institutions have been established by the Ministry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereon and, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in BAMS seats in the country**

**1769 Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) whether the number of Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) seats will be increased in the country as there is huge demand;
- (b) whether NRIs are interested to join BAMS or other AYUSH education programme; and
- (c) if so, any plan to set up AYUSH Institutes in foreign countries?

#### **New AYUSH Hospitals in the country**

**1770 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the new AYUSH Hospitals that have been developed in India over the past three years; and
- (b) the total expenditure incurred by Government on it?

#### **Opening of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in Puducherry**

**1771 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether Government will open more AYUSH hospitals in Puducherry in the coming years;
- (b) the details of AYUSH dispensaries in Puducherry as of 1st April, 2021;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are no Unani and Naturopathy dispensaries in Puducherry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and efforts being made to open the same?

#### **AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in rural areas of West Bengal**

**1772 Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

- (a) the details of AYUSH hospitals or dispensaries operating in the rural and remote areas of West Bengal;
- (b) the number of AYUSH doctors working under the National Health Mission (NHM) and the National AYUSH Mission (NAM); and
- (c) the number of posts of doctors lying vacant, the details thereof in West Bengal, district-wise, pathy-wise?

#### **Promotion of local traditional medicine**

**1773 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the new strategies of Government to promote local health traditions also called folk medicines and tribal medicines;
- (b) how can indigenous health traditions be recognised and integrated into the health care service system;
- (c) whether the local healers can be formed into associations and supported by Government to preserve and revive the traditional knowledge, otherwise the immense knowledge of the flora, fauna, biodiversity and herbal medicine is buried with the death of the healer; and
- (d) whether Government is aware of concept like "Healing Hut" (as suggested by experts like Dr Sunita Reddy )and will it promote such constructive idea?

#### **Guarantee for education loan**

**1774 Shri Shwait Malik:**

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

- (a) whether Government is providing guarantee for education loan upto ten lakh rupees in regard to higher education;
- (b) if so, the total number of students who have been given loan guarantee in Punjab and the details thereof;
- (c) whether loan guarantee is not given for a student whose father has defaulted on bank loan; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which students are being helped in such a situation?

#### **Financial assistance for cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs**

**1775 Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) the details of financial assistance provided to promote cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs in the country, especially to Tamil Nadu during the last three years; (b) the quantum of medicinal plants exported from the country during the said period; (c) the steps taken to promote the production of Ayurvedic and herbal medicines in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and (d) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to encourage farmers to cultivate medicinal plants and the amount spent in the last three years, State-wise?

#### **New rake points in Madhya Pradesh**

**1776 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to open new rake points for fertilizers in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the names of districts where these are proposed; and
- (c) by when, rake points would be operational in the proposed districts?

#### **Subsidy on fertilizers to States/UTs**

**1777 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of subsidies made available by Government for various fertilizers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise and fertilizer-wise;
- (b) whether poor and marginal farmers are getting the benefits of subsidies provided for fertilizers and if so, the reaction of Government thereon;

(c) whether Government proposes to make available the subsidies pertaining to fertilizers directly in the accounts of farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme; and  
 (d) if so, the time by which final decision is likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **New drug policy**

**1778 Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

**Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated a new drug policy, if so, the salient features thereof;
- (b) by when it is likely to be announced and from which date it is being implemented;
- (c) the steps taken in that regard;
- (d) whether any safeguards have been provided therein to control the rising prices of medicines and pharmaceutical products, particularly life-saving drugs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Increase in subsidy on fertilizers**

**1779 Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the quantum of subsidy provided by Government on fertilizers since 2014-15 till 2020-21 and subsidy proposed for 2021-2022, State-wise alongwith number of beneficiaries;
- (b) whether Government has increased or proposes to increase the subsidy on fertilizers during the current financial year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Stringent law against manufacturers of spurious drugs**

**1780 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to enact a stringent law against manufacturers of spurious drugs, as spurious drugs were found at many places during the COVID-19 situation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of its impact on pharmaceutical sector?

#### **Production of fertilizers**

**1781 Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether the production of fertilizers has been affected due to power shortage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure optimum production of fertilizers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fertilizer production in India**

**1782 Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the total fertilizer production in India over the past five years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (b) the total revenue earned by Government with reference to the fertilizer production in the country?

#### **Steps taken to control prices of fertilizers**

**1783 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether there is a scarcity of fertilizers and resultant spiralling of prices in the country and as a result the farmers are facing lot of problems, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by Government in this regard, whether any advisory has been issued by Government to farmers not to hoard fertilisers; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to import fertilizers to help farmers and to remove their hardships, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Benefits of Janaushadhi Kendras**

**1784 Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras operative in the country;
- (b) the details of cost differential in the medicines provided through Janaushadhi Kendras;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that many doctors do not prescribe or write in their prescription the generic name of the medicine; and
- (d) the steps Government intends to take in this regard?

#### **Demand /production/shortage of fertilizers in the country**

**1785 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether the demand for fertilizers has increased during the last five years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, area-wise and State-wise along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the fertilizer producing companies of public and private sector have achieved the targets set for production of fertilizers in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of production targets set/achieved during the said period, company-wise and fertilizer-wise; and
- (d) the details of the number of complaints received from some States regarding non-availability of fertilizers and the action/steps taken on these complaints during the said period, States/UT-wise?

#### **Import of DAP fertilizer**

**1786 # Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

- (a) whether any delay is caused in importing or placing an order for import of DAP fertilizer; and
- (b) year-wise details of import of DAP, Urea and other fertilizers during the last three years?

### Status of PMBJP

**1787 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandraprabha:**

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

- (a) the current status of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana;
- (b) the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras opened in the country under the scheme; and
- (c) the number of medicines and surgical instruments covered in the production group under the scheme?

### Urea factory at Barauni, Bihar

**1788 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) the cost incurred in setting up urea factory at Barauni in Bihar, and the amount of funds spent so far, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and amount of old dues waived off by the Government of Bihar;
- (c) whether the required gas pipeline has been laid for this purpose;
- (d) the timeline fixed to start the production in this factory and by when it would be started; and
- (e) the number of people likely to get direct and indirect employment after starting of this factory?

### Companies under 'Make in India'

**1789 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) how many new companies have started in the country under 'Make in India'; and
- (b) how many of them still continue to function?

### Increase in shell and inactive companies

**1790 # Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) whether the number of shell and inactive companies has increased in the country over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years;
- (c) whether Government has announced "Saral Nikas Yojana" for the inactive companies to get their names deleted by Company Registrar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and response of the companies in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by Government with regard to shell companies?

### Areas of CSR spending

**1791 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the total Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spending by the top 500 companies in the country in tourism, education, healthcare, rural development areas etc. during the last three years along with States/UTs where such spending has been made;
- (b) whether Government has advised the companies to make ground water development and pollution free water bodies as core areas of CSR investment in the coming years and,

if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the companies are allowed or proposed to be allowed to carry forward the unspent CSR fund to next year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **CSR Fund expenditure in Maharashtra**

**1792 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

(a) the total number of companies and Non-Government Organisations involved in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Maharashtra for the past three years; and

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned and utilized in the last three years, with the sectors in which CSR funds were utilized?

### **Black money brought back to India**

**1793 Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

(a) the details of black money brought back to India from foreign countries since 2014 till 30th November, 2021, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) the details of increase and decrease in black money in foreign accounts during last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken against persons/companies whose names were published in Panama Papers till date?

### **NPAs of 2014 and 2021**

**1794 Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

**Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

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

(a) the details of NPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as on 30th June, 2014, bank-wise; and

(b) the details of NPAs of PSBs as on 30th September, 2021, bank-wise?

### **Initiation of insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings against Reliance Capital**

**1795 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Capital has defaulted on payment of principal and interest obligations on bonds held by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), if so, the details of the losses incurred thereon;

(b) whether the Ministry has received reminders from the EPFO to initiate insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings against Reliance Capital, if so, the progress made on this front; and

(c) the deadline by when the insolvency and bankruptcy trial will be expected to be completed?

### **World Bank assistance for renewable energy sector in Himachal Pradesh**

**1796 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether Government has sought financial assistance from the World Bank for development in hydro power and renewable energy sectors in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of grants and loans in amount sought by Government, the details thereof?

### **GST compensation to Karnataka**

**1797 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka received ₹ 5,000 crore as GST compensation recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether dues have been cleared till August, 2021; and
- (d) if so, by when the Ministry is expected to release dues after August, 2021 and till November, 2021?

### **Boosting Income tax collection**

**1798 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the details of Income tax collection during each of the last three years and the current year and the steps taken to boost Income Tax collection;
- (b) the total cases assigned to National Faceless Assessment Centre after the faceless appeal scheme was launched alongwith the number of cases settled and the amount involved therein; and
- (c) the number of cases disposed/settled under Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme till date and the achievement made by the scheme?

### **Penalty and licences cancelled of cooperative banks**

**1799 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the details of the monetary penalty imposed by RBI on cooperative banks in 2021;
- (b) the reasons for the imposition of penalty on cooperative banks in 2021;
- (c) the details of licences cancelled of cooperative banks in 2021 by RBI;
- (d) the reasons for the cancellation of licenses of cooperative banks in 2021 by RBI; and
- (e) the number of monetary penalties imposed and licences cancelled of cooperative banks in the country by RBI from 2014 till date?

### **Fraud Detection**

**1800 Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the average time lag between fraud occurrence and fraud detection by banks and finance institutions;
- (b) the average time lag between fraud occurrence and fraud detection for large frauds

over ₹ 100 crore; and

(c) the steps taken by RBI to improve efficacy of the Early Warning Signal (EWS) framework?

#### **Income tax liability of cooperative sugar mills**

1801 # **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) the total amount of Income tax liability against cooperative sugar mills;
- (b) the amount of tax recovered from these mills during the last three years;
- (c) the number of applications received by Government about waiving these Income tax during the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Collected SGST, CGST and IGST from Rajasthan**

1802 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of SGST, CGST and IGST revenue collected so far from the State of Rajasthan under Goods and Services Tax (GST) during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the percentage-wise share of the said revenue collected SGST/CGST/IGST-wise during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the refund revenue paid since the implementation of GST till now, month-wise?

#### **Debt burden of various State Governments on Union Government**

1803 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) the total debt burden of various State Governments on the Union Government as on 3rd October, 2021;
- (b) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government to provide certain reliefs since 2019;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the decision taken by the Union Government on each of these requests?

#### **Status of Development Financial Institution (DFI)**

1804 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has finalized the details and organizational structure of Development Financial Institution (DFI);
- (b) if so, the recent developments in this regard;
- (c) the salient features of this institution;
- (d) whether Government has marked some projects which would be possibly funded by this institution; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Off-budget borrowing**

**1805 Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) what is Off-budget borrowing;
- (b) the Off-budget borrowing of the Union Government in 2019-20 and 2020-21 according to different department numbers, including financial support extended through loans from National Social Security Fund (NSSF);
- (c) the total public borrowing of the Union Government in 2019-20 and 2020-21; and
- (d) whether Off-budget borrowings of the Union Government are included in the total public borrowings of the Government of India?

### **Total revenue received under GST**

**1806 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the total revenue received by Government under the head of Goods and Services Tax (GST) till date since the GST Act came into effect in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the amount estimated to be deposited by the States till now under GST Act, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of amount of funds paid to the States as per their share; and
- (d) the reasons for non-payment of due amount to the States on time?

### **Fees charged by SBI on Jan Dhan accounts**

**1807 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the State Bank of India (SBI) has charged fees from the poor people holding Jan-Dhan accounts going against the rules;
- (b) if so, the amount of funds collected by the bank from the financial year 2017-18 till October 2020-21;
- (c) whether Government would take action against the officials who charged fees from Jan-Dhan account holders in violations of the rules; and
- (d) if not, whether Government would issue directions to the banks to refund the fees collection from Jan-Dhan account holders?

### **Fast track project implementation**

**1808 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the progress of capital expenditure by various Ministries and asked them to ensure that project implementation is fast-tracked;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the names of the Ministries which are lagging behind in this regard?

### **Pending dues of State share of taxes and collections made by Centre and of GST**

**1809 Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the dues of all taxes collected by the Union Government that are allocable to States,

State-wise;

- (b) the dues of GST collections till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for delays in transferring these amounts to the States?

#### **Bank loan frauds**

**1810 Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) whether RBI has confirmed that bank loan frauds have gone up by three times in the first four years of the NDA regime from 2014 to 2018 as compared to the last five years of the UPA regime;
- (b) the reasons for this increase of approximately ₹55,000 crore in such frauds;
- (c) how many prosecutions have been launched and how many have been fined, imprisoned or property seized; and
- (d) the ten biggest promoters of entities involved in such frauds, the details thereof?

#### **Collection of GST and Payment of GST compensation**

**1811 Shri P. Wilson:**

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

- (a) whether GST compensation due to Tamil Nadu for financial year 2020-21 has been paid;
- (b) GST collection from Tamil Nadu for years 2017 to 2021 and the GST compensation for the same;
- (c) whether the request of Government of Tamil Nadu to merge levy of cess and surcharges with the basic rate of tax has been examined so that States receive their legitimate share of revenue while apportioning GST compensation;
- (d) whether Government levies interest on the borrowings by State Government in lieu of release of shortfall in GST compensation for years 2017-2021; and
- (e) if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Bringing petrol and diesel under GST**

**1812 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is bringing prices of petrol and diesel under GST Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **GST on health insurance premium**

**1813 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether GST on health insurance premium is 18 per cent which is considered to be very high for middle aged and senior citizens;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been regular increase of health insurance premiums for senior citizens which is a staggering 80 to 100 per cent; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for such exorbitant increase in health insurance premium and steps being taken to reduce health insurance premiums for Senior citizens?

### Special Drawing Rights from International Monetary Fund

**1814 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of utilisation of the 12.57 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has allocated to India;
- (b) whether the SDRs will be allocated towards States/UTs, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of SDRs expenditure towards health, education and social empowerment of marginalised groups, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government plans to use SDRs in a direct benefit transfer stimulus package to alleviate impact of the pandemic on poor and marginalised communities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### Details of demonetised notes

**1815 Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) the total currency in circulation of the old notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 denominations that were demonetised on 8th November 2016; and
- (b) how much of the old notes were returned to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the campaign for return of the old notes in circulation, the full details thereof?

### Ban on Indian seafarers

**1816 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Ministry that China has imposed unofficial ban on Indian seafarers and prohibited entry/berth of ships with Indian seafarers;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the All India Seafarer and General Worker Union has written a letter to Minister and also to Directorate General of Shipping;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that due to above decision by China, nearly 20,000 Indian seafarers are going to lose their job; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government through diplomatic and political channels to address this issue?

### Benefits under PMGKY

**1817 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the identity requirements to avail benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY);
- (b) whether Government is aware of cases wherein benefits of the Scheme were denied for lack of Aadhar Card;
- (c) the manner in which Government has dealt with such cases;
- (d) the details of number of beneficiaries and funds transferred in 1st, 2nd and 3rd instalment to women's accounts under the scheme, State-wise; and
- (e) whether any beneficiary has not received benefits due to lack of identity documents, if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Excess Transaction charges on Jan Dhan Account by SBI**

**1818 Dr. Ameen Yajnik:**

**Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) total amount deducted by SBI from several Jan Dhan Accounts in the last two years as excess transaction charges, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that as per RBI guidelines, UPI transaction is not chargeable and customer can do more than four transactions, through UPI;
- (c) whether Government has given any direction to SBI to refund unfairly charged amount to their customers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Provision to compensate on denial of ATM transaction**

**1819 Dr. Ameen Yajnik:**

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

- (a) whether Government has restricted only three times free use of ATM card in a month, if so, the purpose behind the same;
- (b) whether Government has introduced any provision to compensate, if ATM transaction is declined and customer feels inconvenience due to machinery or banking system's fault; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Launching of National Infra Pipeline Project**

**1820 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has recently launched the National Infra Pipeline Project in the country with a view to develop infrastructure development in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the projects being taken up under this scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

### **Declining value of Indian rupee**

**1821 Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the value of Indian rupee has been declining as compared to dollar;
- (b) if so, the proportion of rupee-dollar value as on date via-a-vis the last five years annually; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to strengthen the rupee?

### **Tax evasion in Panama Papers and Paradise Papers**

**1822 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that undisclosed funds of ₹ 20,352 crore have been detected in the investigations carried out in Panama Papers and Paradise Papers;
- (b) if so, how much of that money has been brought back to the country;
- (c) how many people have been prosecuted for tax evasion of the said amount and details

thereof;

- (d) whether Government is aware of the total undisclosed funds associated with the recent Pandora Papers investigation brought to light in the media; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Government to prosecute the tax evaders?

#### **Disinvestment of Air India**

**1823 Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) total debt of Air India and how much of the amount is being recovered through the disinvestment of the airline to a private player;
- (b) whether it is a fact that even after all recoveries from the sale including from payments of assets like buildings, there would still be a debt of over ₹ 28,000 crore left unpaid;
- (c) if so, how is that leftover amount planned to be recovered;
- (d) whether Government would retain any stake / control or ownership in the company after disinvestment is completed; and
- (e) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor?

#### **MUDRA Yojana beneficiaries**

**1824 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the details of the number of beneficiaries who have been benefitted by MUDRA Yojana run by the Government till date, State-wise; and
- (b) the total amount of funds released to these beneficiaries to grow their business and major occupations for which the funds have been released?

#### **Collection of GST in certain States**

**1825 # Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the amount of GST collected in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha during the last three years, along with the ratio of Centre and State in the same;
- (b) whether the States have been provided their proportion of funds of the same; and
- (c) if so, the amount of the same and, if not, the quantum of funds of States pending with Government and by when it would be released?

#### **Status and details of PM MUDRA Yojana**

**1826 Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) how many MUDRA loans have been sanctioned in the last seven years;
- (b) the details of loans sanctioned under various categories and the beneficiaries;
- (c) the total amount disbursed in these loan accounts; and
- (d) whether an evaluation study of the impact of this scheme has been done?

#### **Share of exports in GDP**

**1827 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the trend in the share of exports in GDP for the last five financial years including the current financial year 2021-22;
- (b) the details of share of exports in the annual GDP for the last five financial years including the current financial year 2021-22, sector-wise; and
- (c) the annual rate of growth of exports and the corresponding annual rate of growth of GDP for the last three financial years, the details thereof?

#### **Effect of NPAs on capacities of banks**

**1828 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the capacities of banks in the country has been severely affected due to mounting Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has proposed to take any remedial measures to reduce the impact of NPAs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Impact of fuel price hikes on the public**

**1829 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has assessed if recent fuel price hikes have had an impact on increasing inflation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total amount of taxes, cesses and excise collected by Government on petrol and diesel from January, 2021 to till date, including the State-wise monthly collection?

#### **CSR initiatives by CPSEs situated in the aspirational districts of Odisha**

**1830 Shri Sujeeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) list of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) situated in the aspirational districts of Odisha, under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and otherwise;
- (b) the details of new investments proposed to be undertaken through CPSEs in Odisha, and the total amount of investments undertaken so far in the State;
- (c) number of families displaced so far due to investments mentioned in (a) and (b), and the status of rehabilitation of these families;
- (d) number of people employed in these CPSEs for the past three years; and
- (e) whether CPSEs have witnessed a decrease in employment rate over the last year, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Leak of Pandora Papers**

**1831 Smt. Mausam Noor:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Ministry after the leak of Pandora Papers which reveal that many prominent personalities are engaged in efforts to evade taxes, the details thereof; and
- (b) the quantum of black money India has successfully traced during the period of the last seven years and the details thereof?

### Extension of benefits of Kisan Credit Cards to all fishermen

**1832 Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether Government has a proposal to extend benefits of Kisan Credit Cards to all fishermen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the scheme would be modified to suit the specific requirements of fishermen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Schemes for a robust economy

**1833 # Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether Government has chalked out a number of schemes to take the country towards a robust economy rapidly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the sectors in which progress has been achieved, so far?

### Sharing pattern in CSS for Odisha at par with North-Eastern and Himalayan States

**1834 Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

whether the Union Government will allow the sharing pattern in Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) at par with North-Eastern and Himalayan States for the State of Odisha in view of its vulnerability to frequent natural disasters and having a high percentage of population below poverty line?

### Financial fugitives hiding abroad

**1835 Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the total list of Non Performing Assets (NPAs), bank-wise;
- (b) the steps taken to recover such NPAs and the details thereof;
- (c) the list of financial fugitives hiding abroad, who have defrauded various banks and the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to arrest such fugitives and the details thereof?

### Reserve Bank of India fund

**1836 Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

- (a) whether RBI recently transferred ₹99000 crores as surplus to the Union Government;
- (b) whether RBI sold 85.2 billion dollars of its foreign exchange reserve from July 2020-May 2021;
- (c) whether it is legal for RBI to directly finance the Government of India's expenditure; and
- (d) if not, why RBI felt the need to sell as high amount of foreign exchange reserve?

### One Time Settlement of loans

**1837 Dr. Anil Agrawal:**

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

- (a) the details and number of cases of One Time Settlement (OTS) sanctioned/approved against loans by various nationalised banks during the last three years, bank-wise;
- (b) the amount recovered against One Time Settlement in each case and against total amount (Principal amount plus Interest) and the names of the officers who have settled these cases, bank-wise;
- (c) the total amount waived off in each case (Principal amount plus Interest) bank-wise; and
- (d) whether there is any criteria or guideline to settle this OTS of loan and, if so, the details thereof?

### Tax collection from educational institutions in Delhi

**1838 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) the list of Public Schools/Educational Institutions run by various Trusts/Societies especially in Delhi that have been assessed for Income Tax for the last five years;
- (b) the amount of Income Tax collected from them in last five years and the outstanding dues from them, year-wise;
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government to recover the outstanding dues immediately; and
- (d) the steps/policies devised so that timely payments of Income Tax assessed is made in future?

### Illegal loan Apps in the country

**1839 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a recent RBI report has revealed that there are over 600 illegal loan Apps functioning in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any data about the number of people affected by these Apps;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any measures to tackle this issue and provide recompensation to the victims; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

### Tax on petrol and diesel

**1840 Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently taken decision to reduce the excise duty on petrol and diesel to cushion the consumers from high prices of petrol and diesel;
- (b) if so, the amount of taxes increased on petrol and diesel during the last three years, month-wise and in terms of per litre collection of tax;
- (c) whether it is an appropriate time to bring petrol and diesel under GST as this reduction is less for the consumers who needs more during the post pandemic recovery; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

### **Chemical coloured food seized in past two years**

**1841 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the quantity of the chemical-coloured cardamom seized, from July 2019 to July 2021 and the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any legal action against the persons who indulged in such practices, when chemical residue is found above the permissible level, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Healthcare facilities for Adivasis**

**1842 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has built any multi-speciality hospitals in areas dominated by Adivasis community in the aftermath of COVID-19, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of Adivasis who have been fully or partially vaccinated against COVID-19, the details thereof; and
- (d) the percentage of Adivasi women who have been partially or fully vaccinated and the details thereof?

### **Provision of cash aid to women under Janani Suraksha Yojana**

**1843 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether there is a provision of cash aid to women of all BPL/ Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes category on having institutional delivery in private and Government hospitals under Janani Suraksha Yojana under National Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of cash aid for rural and urban areas;
- (d) whether there is any provision of financial aid in case delivery is done at home; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Successful transplantation of kidney of pig in human**

**1844 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that doctors in New York have successfully transplanted kidney of a pig to human being and found that the organ is functioning properly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how Ministry looks at this scientific breakthrough which may help supply of kidneys to human beings; and
- (d) whether the Ministry came to know about the longevity of the functioning of the new organ and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Manufacturing capacity of COVID-19 vaccine making companies**

**1845 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

**Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla:**

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

- (a) the total capacity of manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines by M/s Serum Institute of India and M/s Bharat Biotech and whether they have achieved production to their full capacity;
- (b) whether the Ministry or ICMR has approved any other companies to manufacture and produce COVID-19 vaccines in India;
- (c) whether the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has granted import permission for importing and manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines to meet the demand in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the permission granted and the total number of vaccines expected?

### **Shelf life of COVID-19 vaccine and Booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine**

**1846 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government has studied the shelf life of COVID-19 vaccines and its active period among the vaccinated persons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's stand on production and distribution as well as the administration of booster doses;
- (c) the effective steps taken by Government to ensure adequate production and supply of COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses in the country; and
- (d) the total expenses incurred and funds allocated and disbursed in this regard?

### **Expansion of PCV vaccine to counter pneumonia in children**

**1847 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has recently launched the nationwide expansion of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this nation-wide roll out will be helpful in reducing Child Mortality Rate; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**

**1848 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) launched recently;
- (b) how the above Mission helps preventive healthcare and in case of diseases, provide affordable and accessible treatment at a nearby hospital;
- (c) the number of unique digital IDs that have so far been created, district-wise, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) how privacy of an individual will be maintained through ABDM when doctors, hospitals and others concerned can access his medical and other records?

### **Guidelines for recognition of COVID-19 deaths during pandemic**

**1849 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether Government has issued any detailed guidelines to recognize the deaths during COVID-19 pandemic as COVID-19 deaths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the deaths occurring due to COVID-19 have been assessed in all the States as per this criterion and whether the centralized data of the same is ready; and
- (d) if so, whether they have been given the compensation fixed by Government?

### **National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer**

**1850 Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether Government launched the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the programme; and
- (c) the amount earmarked for the programme and to what extent the programme will prove to be useful in the States of the country?

### **Action taken on complaints from CGHS beneficiaries**

**1851 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a)the details of the complaints received from CGHS beneficiaries regarding supply of generic medicines instead of branded ones, along with action taken thereon; and
- (b)the reasons due to which generic medicines are being supplied even in instances where the branded ones may be cheaper, causing loss to the exchequer?

### **Empanelment of suppliers of generic medicines**

**1852 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has issued guidelines for empanelment of suppliers of generic medicines, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the checks and balances that exist in the absence of guidelines, for ensuring that spurious medicines do not enter CGHS and other Government medicine supply chain in the name of generic medicines?

### **Setting up of CGHS Wellness Centres**

**1853 Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are only two or three CGHS Wellness Centres functioning in the States other than big Metros;
- (b) the details of CGHS Wellness Centres, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the CGHS beneficiaries, retired/serving, across the country are subjected to travel hundreds of kilometers to obtain medical facilities for want of adequate Centres; and
- (d) whether Government will contemplate any action to set up more CGHS Wellness

Centres atleast in all the district headquarters of all the States so as to contain the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries inclusing the Parliamentarians?

### **Measures taken to help the poor to access health services**

**1854 # Shri Hardwar Dubey:**

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

- (a) the details of the efforts being taken by Government to improve access of the poor to health services as Ayushman Bharat scheme is a beneficial step taken in the health sector and since this scheme is for the poor people whose education and capacity to fight for their rights is less and hospitals are influential, they are unable to get treatment; and
- (b) the details of the efforts being taken to monitor apprehensions that hospitals are usurping insurance money by showing forged expenditure receipts as the uneducated patient is unaware of the English documents that he has signed on?

### **Revenue and employment generated by Shipping Corporation of India**

**1855 Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of revenue and employment generation by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) from Financial Year 2016-17 to 2020-21;
- (b) whether it is true that Government has decided to disinvest its shareholding of 63.75 per cent in SCI;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to save SCI from disinvestment?

### **Access to Health services**

**1856 Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether only half of India's population has access to health services, as stated in Oxfam's Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index report;
- (b) the average out of pocket expenditure of an Indian citizen, longitudinally;
- (c) the total number of Indians availing services of Ayushman Bharat; and
- (d) the details of the number and type of benefits received from Ayushman Bharat, State-wise?

### **Deaths due to TB in the country**

**1857 # Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

**Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the number of persons who died due to Tuberculosis across the country, especially in Rajasthan, during the last three years;
- (b) the reasons for continuous increase in number of deaths due to TB during last three years;
- (c) the reasons due to which large number of TB patients across the country are deprived of screening and treatment; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

### **COVID-19 Booster Dose**

**1858 Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to give the COVID-19 booster dose for the citizens in the near future, if so, the details thereof with date if any fixed, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government has prepared any plan for the vaccination of children below 18 years, if so, the details thereof, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Availability of ventilators across the country**

**1859 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) the steps that have been taken by Government to ensure the availability of ventilators across the country; and
- (b) the readiness in terms of availability of ventilators for any future surge?

### **National Leprosy Eradication programme**

**1860 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) the progress in Leprosy eradication under National Leprosy Eradication Programme started in the country;
- (b) whether there is any action plan for eradication of Leprosy in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

### **CSR funding for COVID-19 in Uttar Pradesh**

**1861 # Dr. Anil Jain:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has granted permission to public and private sector companies to spend their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund for the relief works related to COVID-19;
- (b) the details of funds spent by the public and private sector companies for the relief works related to COVID-19 in Uttar Pradesh including district Firozabad during year 2020 to 2021; and
- (c) the details of funds spent by public and private sector companies on the COVID-19 vaccination related awareness and public outreach campaigns and establishment of temporary hospitals?

### **Fund allocation to various schemes run by the Ministry**

**1862 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of various health schemes being run by the Ministry as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the same during 2021-22, scheme-wise, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of Central Schemes being run to augment infrastructure facilities in hospitals during 2021-22, State-wise along with the details of funds allocated, released and utilized as on 30th November, 2021, State-wise and scheme-wise?

### **SOP to handle future waves of COVID-19**

**1863 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

**Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by Government to ensure that the Indian health care system is equipped to handle future waves of COVID-19 and/or other epidemics;
- (b) whether Government has recommended any Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the States and Union Territories to manage and respond to health emergencies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has recommended any SOP for States to lift COVID-19 restrictions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Government hospitals in the country**

**1864 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) how many new Government hospitals have been started from the year 2014 to till date; and
- (b) the measures taken to improve the infrastructure facility in the Government hospitals and Financial assistance provided to existing Government hospitals from 2014 to till date?

### **International financial aid received during pandemic**

**1865 Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) the details of international financial aid received during the pandemic, with amounts and institutions;
- (b) the details of aid funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised, and details of heads committed under aid such as installing COVID-19 beds, health equipment purchases, research/scientific activities and other activities, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the status of projects undertaken under these heads; and
- (d) the details of planned expenditure of under-utilised funds?

### **New legislation for regulation of medicines, cosmetics, e-pharmacy and medical devices**

**1866 Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is seriously thinking of bringing new legislation to regulate medicines, cosmetics, e-pharmacy and medical devices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and shortcomings identified in the existing legislation;
- (c) whether Government is also considering to curtail import dependency of medicines and devices in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Policy to manage expired vaccines**

**1867 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the data on number of vaccines in public hospitals that have an expiry date in the month December, 2021, State-wise;
- (b) the data on number of vaccines in private hospitals that have an expiry date in the month December, 2021, State-wise;
- (c) the details on the Government policy to avoid wastage of vaccine because of expiry date; and
- (d) the details on the Government policy to deal with vaccine beyond expiry date?

#### **New Government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh**

**1868 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) the details of existing Government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh, constituency-wise;
- (b) whether Government has identified any of these medical colleges for upgradation under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government proposes to establish any new Government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Grant allocation under Ayushman Bharat**

**1869 # Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

- (a) the amount of grant allocated under Ayushman Bharat Yojana during the year 2020-21 till 31st October, 2021, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under this scheme; and
- (c) the amount of funds disbursed in this regard?

#### **Study on procurement of COVID-19 vaccines**

**1870 Shri A. Vijayakumar:**

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

- (a) the target fixed to vaccinate all age groups in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted on the loss of life and resources and budget for procuring COVID-19 vaccines from other country, in case of the country not manufacturing the vaccine; and
- (d) whether Government exports surplus vaccines to other countries?

#### **108 Ambulance service in Puducherry**

**1871 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) whether the 108 ambulance service is in operation in Puducherry;
- (b) if so, how many vehicles are in operation and how many drivers and attenders are on roll;
- (c) whether Government is aware that there are several complaints of inefficient service from the public; and
- (d) if so, what does Government of India propose to take to make it effectively

operational?

#### **Insurance claims under PM-JAY**

**1872 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) the details of cumulative amount of insurance claim settlements done under PM-Jan Aarogya Yojana; and
- (b) the details of the plan made by the Ministry to tackle the problem of missing middle class from the health insurance which was highlighted recently by NITI Aayog in one of its Report?

#### **Colour coding of geriatric medicines**

**1873 Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the problem that senior citizens are not able to read properly the instructions on the medication packaging;
- (b) if so, the details of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to make it more readable;
- (c) whether the colour coding has been done for the geriatric medicines to make it more accessible; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Measure taken to combat Anaemia**

**1874 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that anaemia, a disease of low number of healthy red blood cells is increasing nationwide;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in the year 2020-21, the incidents of anaemia has increased from 2 to 9 per cent in children, men, pregnant and normal women;
- (c) whether Government proposes to run a nationwide campaign to make the children, men, pregnant and normal women anaemia-free; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Prevalence of Anaemia**

**1875 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that spread of anaemia in men is taking place at a slower rate than that of women and children;
- (b) the percentage of increase registered of the cases of anaemia between the year 2015-2016 and now as marked in the data collected from Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government proposes to run any nation wide campaign in collaboration with the State Governments to make the society free from this serious disease; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Treatment for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 diseases under PM-JAY**

**1876 Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

- (a) the number of persons treated for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 diseases across the country under the PM-JAY programme of Ayushman Bharat Mission, State/UT-wise for FY 2019-20, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22;
- (b) the number of individuals registered under the PM-JAY scheme from January 2020 - October 2021, State/UT-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of efforts made by Government to improve registrations under PM-JAY?

### **Implementation of the ABDM programme**

**1877 Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

- (a) the manner in which Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is being planned to be implemented in the country; and
- (b) the manner in which the security and privacy of patients is being ensured in the ABDM programme?

### **Allocation of funds under NHM**

**1878 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under National Health Mission (NHM) since its inception till date, State-wise including that of Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government has taken or considers to take any steps to allocate more funds to strengthen the NHM and to make it more effective;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of community health centres and public health centres established under NHM since its inception till date, State-wise including that of Rajasthan?

### **Rise in Diphtheria cases**

**1879 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of Diphtheria have shown an upward trend according to World Health Organisation (WHO) data;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during 2018, 2019 and 2020;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that 84 per cent of the cases reported by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence are found in some States; and
- (d) if so, the remedial action that has been taken by Government to control this infectious disease, if so, the details thereof?

### **Screening and treatment for NCDs in HWCs**

**1880 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:**

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

- (a) whether the Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) are fully operational and are able to provide screening and treatment services for major Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) like Hypertension and Diabetes, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether there is any tracking mechanism available to monitor the number of people being screened and brought to HWCs; and  
(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fund request from the States for COVID-19 management**

**1881 Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any request from the State Governments for aids and funds with regard to management of the possible third wave of COVID-19 ;  
(b) if so, the details thereof; and  
(c) the action taken or being taken thereon including the amount of assistance provided , State-wise?

#### **Status of Nursing colleges in the country**

**1882 Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of Nursing colleges in the country and the number of them which are private run colleges;  
(b) whether Government has a record of total number of nursing students as well as trained nurses in the country;  
(c) the ratio of the nurses to people and nurses to doctors in the country, State-wise;  
(d) whether Government has opened new Nursing colleges in every Indian State and UT to meet the increased requirement of services of nurses?

#### **Reduction in MMR under Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan**

**1883 Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Maternal Mortality rate(MMR) in Assam is higher than the average MMR of India;  
(b) if so, the details of the MMR in India, State-wise;  
(c) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to reduce the MMR of Assam;  
(d) the details of the amount of funds sanctioned and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan in Assam; and  
(e) the details of the number of pregnant women who have been benefitted from the above mentioned scheme in Assam, district-wise?

#### **Expenditure incurred on advertisement of schemes**

**1884 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:**

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

- (a) the total expenditure incurred by the Union Government on advertisement of its schemes for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and  
(b) the total expenditure incurred on advertisement by the Union Government on all of its schemes for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, scheme-wise?

### **Shortage of health workers, beds and ICU equipments in the public health care sector**

1885 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of health workers, beds and ICU equipments in the public sector health care services;
- (b) if so, whether Government hospital services are available in newly developed suburban areas;
- (c) if so, the basis on which Primary Health Centres and Government hospitals are set up in the suburban areas of metropolitan cities;
- (d) if there are fewer Government hospitals in above areas, the arrangements in place for pocket friendly treatment of residents or whether they have to depend only on expensive private hospitals; and
- (e) the plans of Government with regard to setting up of Government hospitals?

### **Shortage of doctors in the country**

1886 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the standards of World Health Organisation, there is a shortage of doctors in our country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any plan to provide top quality health care services in all medical colleges including AYUSH medical institutions; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that as per the standards of World Health Organisation there is a shortage of trained allied manpower, if so, the details thereof?

### **Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases**

1887 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of deaths in the country, contributing to 60 per cent of deaths and they share four common risk factors namely tobacco use, harmful use of alcohol, unhealthy diet and lack of physical activities, if so, the steps taken by Government to address these risk factors and in preventing NCDs, particularly in Odisha; and
- (b) whether Government plans to conduct an assessment of the functioning of the public health infrastructure and focus on treatment and prevention of NCDs?

### **Compensation to COVID-19 victims**

1888 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of the total number of COVID-19 victims identified for Centre's compensation scheme till date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of total disbursement made under Centre's compensation scheme till date, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the applications rejected under the scheme and reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is considering to increase the amount of compensation; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **National Dental Commission Bill**

**1889 Shri A. D. Singh:**

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

- (a) the status of National Dental Commission (NDC) Bill;
- (b) the final action taken by the Ministry on the Delhi High Court order in Writ Petition 9053 of 2020; and
- (c) whether Dental Council of India has complied with Ministry's letter No. H.11017/6/2011-DE(Vol.II) {8020581} dated 9.2.2021, if so, the details of status report as the action was initiated by Parliament Secretariat and whether statute 10 and 15 of Dentist Act, 1948 were followed in the process?

### **National Family Health Survey and its findings**

**1890 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) how frequently are National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) being conducted;
- (b) how has Government used the findings of previous NFHS surveys;
- (c) the plan for conducting next round of NFHS surveys;
- (d) whether there is a plan to resume conducting Annual Health Surveys (AHS) through Registrar General of India (or other agency) to estimate infant, child and maternal mortality rates accurately at district levels, if so, by when and if not, why were AHS surveys discontinued;
- (e) whether Government is undertaking concurrent evaluation and impact assessment of National Health Mission periodically; and
- (f) if so, the details of studies done during last three years?

### **Export of medical oxygen**

**1891 # Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the quantum of medial oxygen exported by India during March 2020 to June 2021 and the names of the countries to which it was exported along with the amount of money received as a result thereof; and
- (b) the number of Remdesivir injection essential to deal with COVID-19 pandemic, exported by Government after March, 2020 and the number of the injections imported during said period, along with the rates?

### **Measures taken for population control in India**

**1892 Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the current replacement ratio of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the details of measures that have been taken by Government under population control strategies during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government is coordinating with various religious leaders for the same, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of money that has been dedicated for population control and how much has been utilized till date?

### Manufacture of Solar PV power plants

**1893 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set up to manufacture Solar Photovoltaic (PV) power plants by Government companies, if so, the details of the companies;
- (b) the company-wise details of financial assistance provided under the said programme by Government;
- (c) whether any Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are also involved in manufacturing Solar PV power plants, if so, the details of the companies; and
- (d) the details of financial sharing between both the private and public companies to undertake the said project?

### Waste-to-Energy plant

**1894 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 15 MW of Waste-to-Energy plant is going to come up in Kondaveedu village in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of distribution process of energy once the plant is completed?

### PM-KUSUM scheme

**1895 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has started a demand based Centrally aided scheme called as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM);
- (b) if so, the details of provisions, targets and Central aid earmarked for it and its State-wise achievements;
- (c) the details of schemes prepared by the State Government of Bihar and demands made by it; and
- (d) whether there is a provision for purchase of power generated under this scheme, if so, whether resources have been prepared for the States which have formulated policies in this regard?

### Efforts to achieve low carbon emission targets

**1896 Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has increased the spending on new and renewable energy so as to achieve our targets on low carbon emissions;
- (b) if so, provide the year-wise details of spending for this energy transition projects in the last six years; and
- (c) the details of various projects and policies that are presently in action or under consideration to achieve our international commitment on low carbon emission?

### **Schemes to promote Rooftop Solar Power Systems in Uttar Pradesh**

**1897 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme and fixed any funds to promote the installation of Rooftop Solar Power Systems and use the energy produced by it only for domestic needs both in rural as well as urban areas of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Subsidy under Rooftop Solar Power Policy**

**1898 # Shri Narhari Amin:**

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

whether Government has made a provision to provide subsidy to educational institutes, old age homes, charitable trusts and social institutions in Gujarat under the Rooftop Solar power policy, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Floating solar energy projects on dams**

**1899 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether there are plans of setting up floating solar projects on dams, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the timeline that the Ministry is looking at to complete the project;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken into account the environmental impacts of these projects; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to address the impacts, the details thereof?

### **Power generation from various renewable energy sources**

**1900 Shri Deepender Singh Hooda:**

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

- (a) the total source-wise potential and actual generation of power from various renewable energy sources in the country;
- (b) details of the percentage-wise and source-wise share of renewable energy to the total installed power generation capacity from all sources in the country;
- (c) the details of economic viability of the projects based on renewable energy sources as compared to traditional sources, source-wise cost per megawatt; and
- (d) the details of power production from various renewable energy sources during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and source-wise?

### **Solar and wind energy as an alternative to fossil fuel in agriculture**

**1901 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether Government has country-wide data on the consumption of fossil fuel for the operation of water pumps and other agriculture equipment and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has given serious thought to encourage the farmers to operate water pumps and other equipment using solar and wind energy; and
- (c) whether Government has any concrete plan to encourage farmers to generate new and

renewable energy in the agriculture sector which may result in reduction of imports of fossil fuel?

### **Solar energy capacity target and its progress**

**1902 Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set a target separately for solar energy capacity to be achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the existing solar energy capacity in the country; and
- (c) the details of solar energy capacity added so far this year?

### **Development of ports in coastal States**

**1903 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of schemes being run to develop ports in the coastal States in the country;
- (b) State-wise number of the ports developed in coastal States in the country under this scheme; and
- (c) whether any navigation channel was proposed to be built under this scheme from Lakhpat in Gujarat to Sanchore city in Rajasthan via Rann of Kutch?

### **Seaports in Odisha**

**1904 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has identified the seaports to be developed in Odisha and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the quantum of funds earmarked and released so far for the development of the identified seaports?

### **Vacancies in Visakhapatnam port**

**1905 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 1,000 vacancies in Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT);
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the vacancies constitute 25 per cent of the sanctioned strength of VPT; and
- (c) the reasons behind these huge vacancies and efforts being made to fill up the vacancies?

### **Status of National Waterway in Kerala**

**1906 Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the development works currently happening in the National Waterway-3 in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government intends to declare the Kozhikode-Neeleswaram reach as the part of the National Waterway; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Development of infrastructure in shipping sector**

**1907 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by Government to develop the infrastructure in the shipping sector in the country during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of amount allocated for the purpose and funds spent by Government during the last three years?

### **Jetty management policy in Goa**

**1908 Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether the Jetty management policy has been implemented, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of jetties that are being covered under this policy;
- (c) whether all the jetties will be privatised under this policy or will it be regulated by Government, the details thereof; and
- (d) the target of revenue that Government is looking to earn from the jetties, the details thereof?

### **Ports run by Government, private and PPP mode**

**1909 Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) the details of number of ports run by Government, private and by PPP mode at present in the country; and
- (b) whether any Government port has been privatised during 2018-2021, if so, the details thereof?

### **Power transmission line between Butwal and Gorakhpur**

**1910 Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has signed an agreement with Nepal to develop 400 kv cross border power transmission line between Butwal and Gorakhpur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it will also be helpful in getting surplus power from Nepal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Mission 500 GW by 2030**

**1911 Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has set up initiatives to achieve the goal of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of current generation of non-fossil fuels power capacity in the country as on date and a State-wise break up thereof?

### Renewable energy target by 2030

**1912 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has set a target of installing 500GW (Giga watt) Renewable Energy (RE) capacity by 2030;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken to tap hydro resources to achieve the target?

### PM-SAUBHAGYA scheme for Uttar Pradesh

**1913 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (SAUBHAGYA) to connect all the villages of Uttar Pradesh with electricity, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the target had been fixed to connect villages with electricity under the above said scheme for 2021?

### Switch over from conventional to smart meters

**1914 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether Government has issued an advisory to States/UTs to switch over to prepaid Smart Meters on priority;
- (b) if so, the details of advisory issued to States/UTs;
- (c) the estimated cost of change from conventional meters to smart card meters; and
- (d) the estimated cost of aforesaid switch over through out the country and whether the Union Government will compensate State Governments in this regard?

### Conversion of coal based power plants into CNG/PNG based power plants

**1915 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the total number of coal based power generation plants in the country along with their generation capacity, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has formulated any plan to convert coal based power plants into CNG/PNG based power generation plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Capacity of coal fuelled power plants

**1916 Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the total installed capacity of coal fuelled power plants, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for which certain power plants do not maintain prescribed normative coal stock of 22 days; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in order to avoid frequent coal supply crisis?

### **Review by Ministry of Power on implementation of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014**

**1917 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether the officials of the Ministry has held a review meeting with the officials of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on the progress of implementation of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 on issues pertaining to the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Ministry to sort out the issues?

### **Maintenance of Coal stock**

**1918 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

the steps taken since enforcement of payment security mechanism in August, 2019, to monitor the maintenance of adequate coal stock of more than 20 days, by power generation companies?

### **Amendment in Electricity Act, 2003**

**1919 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans of making amendments in the Electricity Act, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a possibility of adverse impact of these proposed amendments on small domestic consumers and farmers;
- (d) whether there is a possibility of withdrawal of subsidy being given to farmers on electricity bills due to proposed amendments and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government plans to make amendments in Tariff Policy after carrying out these proposed amendments in the said Act?

### **Thermal power projects in Andhra Pradesh**

**1920 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there is not even a single Central Sector Thermal Power project undertaken in the State of Andhra Pradesh since its bifurcation in 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government will come forward to set up a new Thermal Power Plant under Central Sector category in the State in the coming years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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