

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 21, 2021/ 30 Agrahayana, 1943 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions -- 160

Research and clinical trial by companies for COVID-19 treatment

2561 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

the details of Ayurvedic pharmaceutical companies which manufactured Ayurvedic medicines for COVID-19 after conducting research and clinical trials during lockdown imposed due to COVID-19?

Mandatory drug testing labs

2562 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the total number of States having mandatory drug testing labs, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of drug samples tested for the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise;
- (c) the total number of drug samples that passed quality tests during the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise;
- (d) the total funds released to standalone Government AYUSH hospitals for upgrading infrastructure during the years 2019-20 till present, State-wise; and
- (e) the total funds utilised by States in upgrading AYUSH hospitals during the years 2019-20 till present?

Spreading awareness on the benefits of Siddha medicine

2563 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to spread awareness on the benefits of Siddha medicine;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

Availability of AYUSH treatment facilities in rural areas

2564 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether adequate AYUSH treatment facilities are available especially in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds made available for the same during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures being taken by Government to augment these facilities in Karnataka; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to promote Indian system of medicine because it is not only effective in chronic disease but also very affordable in comparison to allopathy, if so, the details thereof?

Government support for the development of Unani medicine industry

2565 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

- (a) whether Government has been extending support for the development of Unani medicine industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is no full fledged drug standardization machinery to regulate research development, collection of raw materials and production of drugs; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Initiatives taken to address problems faced by AYUSH sector

2566 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any initiatives to address the problems faced by AYUSH in Tamil Nadu like inadequate medicines, lack of health centres, capacity building, practitioners and public faith on its efficiency;
- (b) whether the Ministry has taken any measures to establish more number of hospitals, increase doctors of Indian medicines in the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any initiative to address the lack of spending on research and development of renewables and transmission technology; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Efforts to boost manufacturing capacity in pharmaceutical sector

2567 # Smt. Geeta alias Chandrabhabha:

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

- (a) the details of work done to boost India's manufacturing capacity in the pharmaceutical sector; and
- (b) the number of manufacturers who have benefitted under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme in the pharmaceutical sector, the details thereof?

Shortage of fertilizers

2568 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the quantity and value of the fertilizers imported in the country during the last three

years;

(b) the fertilizer that was imported the most;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the expenditure incurred on the import of fertilizers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the farmers are facing difficulties in sowing due to extreme shortage of fertilizers in the country as on date;

(f) the steps being taken by Government in this regard; and

(g) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Rajasthan?

Compulsory use of bio-fertilizers with urea

2569 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to make use of bio-fertilizers compulsory along with urea for better soil health;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this system is likely to be made compulsory;

(c) whether Government has short listed the bio-fertilizers and fixed the contents of nutrients therein to ensure that the production is not reduced; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to transfer the subsidy on urea to the farmers and not the manufacturers contrary to the existing system?

Reforms in fertilizer sector

2570 Shri T.G. Venkatesh:

Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government is working on reforming the fertilizer sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether India is working on key areas including to keep a check on the rising fertilizer subsidy bill, promote the efficient use of fertilisers, achieve the balanced use of N, P and K and reduce water and air pollution caused by fertilizers like urea, if so, the details thereof/progress made, and if not, the reasons therefor, along with views of States/stakeholders/farmers taken into consideration till now?

Janaushadhi Kendras under PMBJP

2571 # Shri Ramkumar Verma:

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

(a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras opened throughout the country after the launch of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana;

(b) the State-wise details thereof including Rajasthan;

(c) whether Janaushadhi Kendras have been established near each Government district hospital of the country; and

(d) if not, the number of districts in which Janaushadhi Kendras have not been opened yet and by when, the Kendras are planned to be established in these districts and the details thereof?

Production of fertilizers

2572 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the company-wise quantity of the fertilizers produced by the cooperative and public sector companies of the country during the last three years;
- (b) the quantity of fertilizers required annually for the farmers in the country; and
- (c) the extent to which the fertilizer requirements of farmers are being fulfilled through domestic production during the said period, the year-wise details thereof?

Benefit of subsidy to farmers

2573 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the details about the chemicals and fertilizers for which Government is giving subsidy with a sole purpose of providing double benefits to the eligible farmers through major development of agro sectors by making a remarkable production of chemicals and fertilizers in the country and also the subsidy percentage thereof;
- (b) whether the country is likely to be self dependent in producing the chemicals and fertilizers by the year 2024-25; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Janaushadhi Kendras in Government hospitals

2574 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the number of Janaushadhi Kendras established under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) after 2016, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) whether the Janaushadhi Kendras have been established in all Government hospitals; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Government assistance to foreign pharma companies

2575 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether foreign pharma industry has approached Government of India to help and assist the foreign pharmaceutical industry;
- (b) if so, whether Government has considered various issues raised by such foreign pharma industry; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

Preparation of Chemical Inventory

2576 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:**

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

- (a) whether Government would like to share if there is any plan to develop India's chemical inventory;
- (b) if so, whether Government collects information regarding listing of chemicals manufactured, imported, exported, etc. from the manufacturers, authorities, users, importers, etc; and

(c) whether applicability of the new research knowledge to the country will identify risk zones to facilitate the setting of risk reduction priorities?

Janaushadhi Kendras in Assam and West Bengal

2577 Ms. Sushmita Dev:

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

- (a) the details of the number of Janaushadhi Kendras opened district-wise in Assam and West Bengal under the purview of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadi Pariyojana (PMBJP) year-wise from 2014 to till date;
- (b) the details of the amount of money sanctioned and utilized under this scheme in Assam and West Bengal, district-wise; and
- (c) the details of total amount of funds sanctioned and utilized State-wise under the PMBJP from 2014 to till date, year-wise?

Medicines included in the list of essential medicines

2578 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) the details of the medicines included in the list of essential medicines;
- (b) whether it is a fact that more than eighty per cent of expensive medicines are included in the list of essential medicines due to which the poor and downtrodden people got great convenience; and
- (c) if so, the action plan prepared by the Ministry to include expensive medicines in the national list of essential medicines?

Minimize import of bulk drug/API

2579 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) whether any policy has been made by Government to minimize the country's dependence on import of bulk drugs/Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) to accelerate indigenous manufacturing of the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the problems faced by the Ministry in fighting COVID-19 crisis and the manner in which the Ministry would deal with this serious problem;
- (c) the policies formulated by Government for enhanced production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in the country; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Profiteering through shortage of fertilizers

2580 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that profiteering has been done in the country by showing the shortage of fertilizers;
- (b) if not, whether it is a fact that many farmers have committed suicide due to non-availability of fertilizers even after standing and waiting in the queue for hours;
- (c) if so, the State-wise number of farmers who died due to the shortage of fertilizer and other associated reasons; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that due to unavailability of fertilizer in time, sowing of wheat and other crops has lagged behind in the country?

Plan to sell off IDPL and HAL

2581 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to sell off companies like Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL), Chennai, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL) and several other Chemicals and Pharma companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total assets of each of the companies which are decided and listed for sale by Government;
- (d) the expected income and benefits to Government in this regard; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of the workers who lost their job?

Setting up of Medical Device Park in Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh

2582 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether Government has approved setting up of a Medical Device Park in Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of investment estimated to be done in construction of this Park; and
- (d) the time to be taken in setting up of this Park and the details thereof?

Mechanism to supply medicines to Janaushadhi Kendras (JAKs)

2583 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government has put in place any mechanism to track products beyond the Bureau of Pharma Public Sector Undertakings of India (BPPI) warehouse up to the Janaushadhi Kendras (JAKs) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a provision has been made by Government for a feedback mechanism to operate between the pharma companies and the JAKs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women owned enterprises

2584 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) the number of enterprises owned by women in India; and
- (b) the work done by Government towards empowering enterprises owned by women in building a new India, the details thereof?

Highest corporate profit earning companies

2585 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) the details of ten companies earning highest corporate profits during 2020 and 2021 respectively (name of the companies and their net profit earned);

- (b) the measures being considered to levy any surcharge or tax on the profits earned during the course of the pandemic; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Closing down of companies

2586 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the news reports that many companies have stopped functioning in India;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if so, how many companies have stopped functioning?

Collection of funds under CSR

2587 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) the quantum of funds collected under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme for the past five years;
- (b) the collection amount of CSR funds, State-wise;
- (c) the fields where developmental works have been undertaken using these funds and in which States; and
- (d) the details of quantum of funds?

Restraint spending in various Ministries

2588 Shri Abdul Wahab:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is restraining spending of various Ministries as per the latest data made available by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministries of Minority Affairs and Social Justice and Empowerment have one of the lowest spending in this financial year;
- (d) if so, the reasons for such lowest spending in these two Ministries; and
- (e) how Government is planning to spend the remaining amount of allocations as per the current budget targets?

Annuity scheme in infrastructure financing

2589 Shri John Brittas:

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

- (a) the definition of annuity scheme in infrastructure financing;
- (b) whether the Union Government uses annuity schemes in infrastructure financing;
- (c) the number of annuity schemes and their outlay by the Union Government and State Governments in 2019-20 and 2020-21, the details of BOT–Annuity Model Projects and BOT Hybrid Annuity Model Projects separately; and
- (d) whether the annuity-based funding schemes are considered as public borrowing of the Union Government in the budget accounts?

Transfer Policy in PSBs

2590 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) the transfer policy in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for upto scale III officers, bank-wise;
- (b) whether some banks have recently transferred officers to more than 300 km from their present place of posting/home;
- (c) if so, bank-wise number of officers scale-wise who have been transferred out of their present zone specially more than 300km of upto scale III;
- (d) number of requests received from such officers bank-wise and scale-wise on grounds of health, spouse and small kids and how many are from women officers;
- (e) how many such requests were not considered bank-wise and scale-wise; and
- (f) the reasons for not accepting their requests?

Global Minimum Corporate Tax

2591 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made on how much India would benefit if the Global Minimum Corporate Tax is enforced; and
- (b) if so, the details of additional revenue that is expected to be raised as a result?

Structure of the Bad Bank

2592 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details regarding the structure of the Bad Bank;
- (b) how many people would be the members of National Asset Reconstruction Limited (NARCL); and
- (c) the selection criteria and selection process of the members?

Imposition of custom duty on imported solar equipments

2593 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry of Finance is concerned by the comments made by the Solar Power Developers Association that the custom duty on imported solar equipments would only allow for greater trade discrimination by Chinese suppliers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Growth of GDP

2594 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country has improved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has also assessed the growth rate in the agricultural, industrial, manufacturing and services sectors while making the said assessment; and
- (d) if so, the details of estimated annual growth rate in these sectors during the last two

years, sector-wise?

Financial inclusion metrics

2595 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has now surpassed China in financial inclusion metrics;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that bank branches per lakh in India are higher than China, Germany, South Africa, etc.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the status in BIMARU States is not so encouraging;
- (e) if so, how Government is planning to push it up; and
- (f) the efforts being made by Government for banking correspondent for pushing interoperable?

Financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh before and after bifurcation

2596 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the details of devolution of taxes and funds from the Centre to the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from 2014 till now, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the devolution of taxes and funds from the Centre to the erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh from 2009 till 2014, year-wise;
- (c) how have the revenues of residual State of Andhra Pradesh been impacted post bifurcation; and
- (d) the measures Government has taken to compensate residual Andhra Pradesh for the loss of revenues due to division?

Kisan Credit Cards in Andhra Pradesh

2597 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) which have been issued in Andhra Pradesh in last three years and so far in this year, district-wise;
- (b) the criteria for eligibility for issuance of KCCs;
- (c) the number of eligible farmers for issuance of KCCs and coverage so far, district-wise;
- (d) the number of PM KISAN beneficiaries and how many of them have been issued KCCs, district-wise;
- (e) the number of PM KISAN beneficiaries in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh and how many of them have been issued KCCs - Mandal or Taluka-wise within Guntur district; and
- (f) the reasons for not achieving 100 percent coverage in (d) and (e)?

Cash to GDP ratio vis-a-vis demonetisation

2598 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that after demonetisation, cash to GDP ratio is higher than pre demonetisation, if so, the year-wise ratio after demonetisation till date; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the share of high value notes in cash is higher than pre-demonetisation, if so, the year-wise data after demonetisation till date?

MSME insurance penetration

2599 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the number of businesses under the MSME sector that are covered by insurance in India in past three years;
- (b) the steps being undertaken to improve the insurance penetration for risk management in the MSME sector;
- (c) whether Government and IRDAI has any new or pending proposals to increase non-life insurance penetration in the MSME sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Instant loan lending Apps

2600 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the number of instant loan lending Apps available for download in India across internet platforms;
- (b) details of the instant loan lending Apps that are developed by unregulated entities;
- (c) steps taken by Government to tackle unregulated digital/internet lenders; and
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to provide relief to borrowers from exorbitant interest rates and coercive tactics?

Money laundering investigation by ED

2601 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Enforcement Directorate has initiated the process of money laundering investigation against Directors of Supertech and its project called Supernova, Spira in Noida;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Union Bank of India alongwith other consortium banks have recently given notice to Supertech for acquisition of Supertech properties in Noida;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether ED would also investigate the laundering aspect of Supertech which have diverted loan amount to other projects and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Gold smuggling

2602 **Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:**

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

- (a) the estimated quantity of gold smuggled into the country during the last two years with its estimated cost in market;
- (b) whether flourishing unofficial gold trade has cast a cloud on efforts of Government to organize bullion and jewellery trade; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps Government proposes to take to curb large scale smuggling of gold into the country?

Financial assistance to MSMEs, SHGs, Village level enterprises

2603 Shri Neeraj Dang:

Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

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

- (a) the details of MUDRA loans to MSMEs, SHGs and village level entrepreneurs during the last four years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities created by MUDRA loans in MSMEs, SHGs and village level entrepreneurs in the last four years, year-wise; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries, including SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Women beneficiaries?

Request for Special Category Status to Andhra Pradesh

2604 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh has requested and reiterated for granting Special Category Status (SCS) to Andhra Pradesh (AP) in the recently held NITI Aayog meeting;
- (b) if so, what the Union Government has done on this so far;
- (c) the reasons for ignoring in spite of repeated requests to implement the decision of the Union Cabinet which conferred SCS to AP in March, 2014; and
- (d) the details of States that are now being given benefits which otherwise are given only if they are conferred as Special Category Status?

Circulation of cash in Indian economy

2605 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:

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

- (a) the details of cash in circulation for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and
- (b) the percentage increase or decrease in cash circulation for the Indian economy for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?

Disinvestment of PSUs in oil marketing sector

2606 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to disinvest public sector oil marketing companies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified any oil marketing companies in the country for disinvestment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for disinvesting them?

Status and Impact of Jan Dhan Yojana

2607 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) the number of Jan Dhan accounts opened in the last seven years;
- (b) the number of them which were Zero Balance accounts;
- (c) how much amount has been credited by Government in these Jan Dhan accounts;
- (d) how much is the savings in these accounts; and

(e) whether Government has done an evaluation of the total impact of this initiative?

Curb spread of illicit drugs through the 'dark web'

2608 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

Smt. Ambika Soni:

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

- (a) whether Government has any mechanism to curb spread of illicit drugs through the 'dark web';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government for developing a more focused approach with enforcement agencies upgrading skills to crackdown effectively online drug trade particularly in Maharashtra and Punjab?

Digital transactions in rural and tribal areas

2609 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

- (a) whether digital transactions have increased in rural areas and tribal areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether digital plastic cards have ease of usage in those areas;
- (d) whether any plan to introduce biometric authentication alongwith OTP has been envisaged to prevent frauds in digital transactions;
- (e) whether RUPAY credit card and debit cards are used for both domestic and international payment gateways; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction of GST on raw material of textile products

2610 **Shri Narayana Koragappa:**

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

- (a) whether the textile industry is benefitted with uniform GST of 12 percent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the MSMEs have been benefitted;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether scope is available for GST of raw materials of the textile products to be reduced to 5 percent?

Lending more to MSME sector

2611 **Shri Shwait Malik:**

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

- (a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has exempted banks from maintaining Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) for loan to retail Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to involve banks to lend more to the MSME sector; and
- (d) the amount of loan sanctioned to the MSME sector across Punjab during the last three years?

KCCs to all eligible farmers and fisher women/men

2612 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether Government has recently decided that Kisan Credit Cards would be provided to all the eligible farmers and fisher women/men etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the eligibility criteria for the same;
- (c) whether Government would also cover the farmers who are doing farming on lease basis under this facility;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government has given clear instructions to banks for immediately providing KCCs to any and all eligible applicants?

GST Fitment Committee's recommendation for GST hike

2613 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) whether solar energy is most abundantly available renewable energy in India and world over;
- (b) whether Government is going to follow the recommendations and raise the GST on solar components from 5 percent to 12 percent, if it holds such importance as stated in COP-26; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

GST revenue reimbursed to the State of Chhattisgarh

2614 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the total amount of GST revenue collected by the State of Chhattisgarh in fiscal years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021;
- (b) the intervals in which the GST revenue was reimbursed to the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether there is any shortfall and delay in the GST revenue reimbursement to the State of Chhattisgarh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Inactive demat accounts

2615 **Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:**

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

- (a) the conditions under which a demat account of a customer opened by a bank or broker is declared as inactive;
- (b) whether maintenance charges can be levied on inactive demat accounts of customers by banks or brokers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the complaints received, redressal offered and rules position in this regard?

Revenue earned from export of handicraft items

2616 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of revenue generated so far from the handicrafts exported from Rajasthan post implementation of GST, year-wise;

- (b) whether there is any provision for giving GST exemption certificate for exporters under the existing rules, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether Government is mulling over implementing any scheme for this purpose, if so, by when is it likely?

Posts of Group 'A' officers in Departments under GST in Jodhpur division

2617 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of sanctioned and filled posts of Group 'A' officers in various Departments under GST in Jodhpur division along with list of officers posted and the period of current posting;
- (b) the details of policy and norms set for the posting/transfers of the said officers; and
- (c) whether the posting of all the said officers complies with the above policies and criteria, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Rising petrol prices and taxation

2618 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) whether the advice of the RBI Governor regarding a calibrated reversal of indirect taxes on fuel will be considered as the taxation rate on petroleum products stands as the cause of inflation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the demand to bring fuel under the GST scheme, if so, the reaction of Government; and
- (d) the details of action to be taken to curtail crude oil crossing \$80 per barrel and the rising fuel burden on households?

Penalties imposed upon registered cooperative society for not generating e-way bill

2619 **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) whether consumer cooperative society registered under GST is liable to generate e-way bill for intra-State movement of goods valuing more than rupees one lakh in Delhi w.e.f 16th June, 2018 as per the provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act and rules;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the penalties imposed upon registered cooperative societies for not generating e-way bills for inter-State movement of goods valuing more than rupees one lakh?

GST on agriculture related products

2620 **Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi:**

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

- (a) the details of GST levied on agriculture related products and tools;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to provide subsidies to poor and marginal farmers to purchase agricultural tools and associated products with high GST rates; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana

2621 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the number of enrolments done under Atal Pension Yojana during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of enrolments have increased for Atal Pension Yojana and specially Uttar Pradesh has registered an increase in enrolments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any plan to increase the pension amount under Atal Pension Yojana keeping in mind the inflation and other factors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in Assam

2622 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) the number and details of accounts opened so far under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in Assam, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the amount collected so far under PMJDY; and
- (c) the number of zero-balance and one-rupee balance accounts and the steps taken by Government to reduce them?

Financial assistance to distressed middle class

2623 **Shri Shaktisinh Gohil:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the first wave, national lockdown and the second wave of COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the middle class, leading to both loss of lives and livelihoods;
- (b) if so, whether Government has formulated or has plans to formulate specific steps in terms of financial assistance for the distressed middle class;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the mechanism of identifying this group and distributing the package; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unclear bank statements as attachments to email

2624 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) the files names which come as part of attachments in the email for bank statements do not have the name of the bank mentioned;
- (b) the attachments of bank statements come with various advertisements which make them not printable friendly;
- (c) the important information regarding transactions are abstracted in the bank statements;
- (d) whether the Ministry plans to improve the readability of these statements, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Post-merger profitability of the banks

2625 **Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

whether the profitability of banks has improved post the banks' mergers, if so, the details thereof?

Banks operating in Odisha

2626 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) the number of public sector, private sector and cooperative sector banks operating in Odisha, with total number of branches in urban and rural areas; and

(b) how many Gram Panchayats in Odisha go without a bank and the steps being taken to set up banks in unbanked areas?

Eliminating cess and surcharge on customs duty, excise duty and direct taxes

2627 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

(a) whether Government will consider eliminating cess and surcharge on the customs duty, excise duty and direct taxes in a phased manner; and

(b) whether Government will take steps to make cess and surcharges part of the divisible pool, if continued beyond a specified period by the amendment of the Constitution?

Wealth Tax on India's super rich

2628 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

(a) whether according to estimates, only one percent tax on India's 954 richest families could fund the entire vaccine programme as opposed to the current funding mechanism of using VAT revenue from petrol and other fuel products;

(b) whether Government is considering imposing a wealth tax on India's super rich; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Uniform GST in all textiles categories

2629 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

(a) whether Government is planning to implement uniform GST of 12 percent on all garments categories, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, whether the rise in percentage from 5 percent on certain garments to 12 percent will result in increase in the garments prices; and

(c) if so, whether that will be a burden on the poor consumers to pay 7 percent extra for their basic clothing?

Satisfaction of bank customers

2630 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether any study has been conducted for the satisfaction of bank customers of the country so that it could be found out that how many bank customers are satisfied with the working system of banks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider to conduct such study in the interest of bank customers?

Waiver of Income tax on BCCI

2631 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering the waiver of Income tax on the income earned by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total amount of tax rebate given to BCCI during the last one decade?

Rejigging GST rates

2632 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government intends to rejig the current GST rate structure;
- (b) if so, reasons for adopting a new GST structure;
- (c) the consequences of a rejig in GST structure on the prices of essential goods;
- (d) whether this rejig would impact the overall GST collections; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Status of COVID-19 pandemic

2633 **Shri Prashanta Nanda:**

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

- (a) the present status of COVID-19 pandemic in our country, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) whether third wave COVID-19 virus is expected?

GST dues pending to Government of Tamil Nadu

2634 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has any GST pending dues and funds for already implementing schemes under various heads to Government of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of the pending dues to be paid to Government of Tamil Nadu and its breakup; and
- (c) the effective steps taken by the Union Government for the timely payment of GST dues and funds to Government of Tamil Nadu in the future?

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

2635 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) whether DoP&PW has sought views of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) for excluding those employees of Central Government whose advertisements for recruitment were issued on or before 31/12/2003 for purview of NPS and to cover them under Old Pension Scheme in view of various judgments of Supreme Court and various High Courts;
- (b) if so, whether DFS has furnished its comments to DoP&PW;
- (c) if so, whether DFS has recommended to exclude above officials from purview of NPS and to cover them under Old Pension Scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Constant increase in prices

2636 **Smt. Rajani Ashokrao Patil:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that constant increase in the prices of essential commodities of daily use during the last two years has made the lives of people extremely difficult;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that all the efforts made so far by Government to control price rise have failed;
- (c) if so, whether Government is considering to take any effective steps to check the inflation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Loans to major industrial groups

2637 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) the total amount of loan given to major industrial groups including Adani group by State Bank of India (SBI) and other banks; and
- (b) the details of loans and interest waiver given to major industrial groups including Adani group during the same period?

Setting up of AIIMS in Jharkhand

2638 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified some places in Jharkhand to set up AIIMS, if so, the details thereof district-wise; and
- (b) the criteria in place for establishment of medical colleges and whether those criteria are being currently followed in the hospitals, if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of HWCs under Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY scheme

2639 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) the number of Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) that have been built by Government against the announcement of 1,50,000 in February 2018 under Ayushman Bharat Scheme;

(b) the expenditure and number of new HWCs built under this scheme since the inception, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that very less people have taken benefits of PMJAY; and

(d) if so, the details about PMJAY for the last three years, including number of families enrolled in PMJAY, number of families who benefitted, the total amount covered by the beneficiaries and the details of amount paid to insurance companies?

Proposal to set up PHCs in backward villages

2640 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in all the villages of the country particularly in backward villages;

(b) if so, the number of such villages where there is no PHC till date, State-wise including Rajasthan; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Central Government to set up new PHCs during each of the last three years and current year till date, State-wise?

COTPA Amendment Bill, 2020

2641 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

(a) whether the COTPA Amendment Bill, 2020 will be presented in the Winter Session of the Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government will make public all the responses received by the Ministry so far on this Bill; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for vaccination of persons under 18 years

2642 **Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss:**

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

(a) whether Government has any immediate proposals or policy to vaccinate persons under the age of 18 years in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will provide the details of total number of people who got vaccinated in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the details thereof, district-wise, gender-wise and age-wise?

Progress report of NRHM

2643 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

(a) whether Government has received the progress report of the work being done by the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the shortcomings which have been noticed, with the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take to plug these shortcomings?

Vacancies of Mental Health Professionals

2644 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) whether the provisions of Mental Health Act, 2017 to appoint mental health professionals has been implemented in all primary, secondary and tertiary health care centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the average amount budgeted and spent to provide mental healthcare facilities in rural areas in various States; and
- (d) the average number of people who availed mental health facilities from Government health centres since the introduction of the Act in different States?

Effectiveness of Zydus Cadila's ZyCov-D vaccine

2645 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Zydus Cadila agreed to reduce its COVID-19 vaccine price to ₹ 265 per dose after intense negotiation by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) to what extent entry of Zydus Cadila's ZyCov-D vaccine helps to cover more people with vaccine;
- (d) whether this vaccine is permitted for children above 12 years of age and, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that this DNA vaccine is going to be administered with PharmaJet and, if so, details thereof; and
- (f) the effectiveness of existing and vaccines proposed to be permitted into the country on Omicron?

Measures to promote research in medical institutes

2646 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the number of Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) that have been established in Government Medical Colleges in the last three years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially in Jharkhand;
- (b) the budgetary allocation for this scheme and how much has been utilized by the States till now, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures that have been taken by Government to encourage medical research in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Longitudinal Ageing Study in India report

2647 Shri K. Somaprasad:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to improve the healthcare of the elderly in India, according to the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details and number of elderly persons who are suffering from chronic illnesses at a high proportion; and
- (c) whether the outcome of "National Programme for the Health Care of Elderly" (NPHCE) which had been launched by Government since 2010-11, has been evaluated, if so, the

details thereof?

Vacant post of Sr. Physiotherapist in Safdarjung Hospital

2648 **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether there is vacancy in the Sr. Physiotherapist post in Safdarjung Hospital since January, 2020;
- (b) whether eligible candidate for filling up the vacancy is available;
- (c) whether Reservation Roster, Seniority lists, etc., are available;
- (d) whether Reservation Roster is taken into consideration; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for keeping the post vacant?

Establishment of PSA oxygen plants

2649 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

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

Deaths due to shortage of oxygen

2650 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether Government has collected data on suspected deaths due to oxygen shortage reported by States or Union Territories except for Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has issued any guidelines for States to record deaths due to oxygen shortage;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of measures taken to ensure that States have sufficient supply of medical oxygen in anticipation of potential future waves of COVID-19?

Raising awareness among consumers for buying genuine medicines

2651 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to raise the awareness of consumers besides urging them to insist on receipts while buying medicines and encouraging genuine manufacturers to invest in technology that will help them stay ahead of the makers of fake drugs; and
- (b) the institutional mechanisms to strengthen the drug regulatory authority by inducting enough regulators to monitor the problems, laboratories to test the drugs and devising fast-track judicial systems to administer severe punishment quickly?

Miserable condition of attendants of patients

2652 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

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

- (a) the details of facilities of resting, clean washroom, locker, canteen, etc. available to attendants of patients admitted to Government hospitals;
- (b) whether Government is aware of the miserable conditions of the attendants of patients admitted to Government hospitals, who have no place to spend their nights, or take rest, due to which they are forced to sleep on floors of hospitals; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Measures taken to discourage use of tobacco

2653 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

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

- (a) whether Government is committed to discourage the use of Tobacco products;
- (b) if so, the details of schemes launched with the targets achieved;
- (c) whether Government started getting additional tax to reduce the consumption of Tobacco products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Expert Group on Tobacco Taxation

2654 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently constituted an Expert Group on Tobacco Taxation; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Effectiveness of vaccine on Omicron variant

2655 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

- (a) whether Government has a clear idea about the nature of Omicron; and
- (b) whether the vaccinations being administered in India are effective against the new variant?

Free medicines to poor, EWS, SCs and STs

2656 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to provide free medicines to the poor and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the society, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs);
- (b) if so, the details of medicines purchased for the said purpose during the last three years and current year; and
- (c) whether Government has made any arrangement in this regard with the States, if so, the details thereof?

Vaccination of healthcare workers for third wave of COVID-19

2657 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) State/UT-wise number of healthcare workers who are COVID-19 positive, not yet vaccinated, vaccinated with first dose and vaccinated with both doses;
- (b) steps taken by Government to support mental well-being of healthcare workers responding to COVID-19, including support for trauma, stress and burnout;
- (c) whether Government has encouraged recruitment and/or training fresh workforce to help combat possible third wave;
- (d) if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has encouraged enlisting doctors who did not make NEET postgraduate cut, and doctors with foreign medical degrees awaiting certification; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Long term plan to eradicate inequality in rural health sector

2658 # Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any long-term plan to do away with the prevalent inequality in the rural health sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any comparative study of affordability of health facilities and other factors like easy access to health facilities/infrastructure and manpower in rural and urban areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Operational labs to test viral sample for COVID-19

2659 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) the details of the number of operational labs to test viral samples for COVID-19, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of operational labs for genome sequencing of COVID-19 viral samples, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the steps taken since March 2021 to further increase the number of labs in the wake of third wave; and
- (d) the details of the budgetary allocation made for genome sequencing in the year 2021-22?

Implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme

2660 Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi:

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

- (a) the timeline of implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme;
- (b) the details of fund allocation under the scheme;
- (c) the break-up of fund allocation under different procedures covered under the scheme;
- (d) the deadline by when the scheme would cover 100 percent population of the country; and
- (e) the details of rates that insurance companies would pay hospitals for the 1,350 procedures covered under the scheme?

Weekly Testing rates of COVID-19

2661 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Shri M. Shanmugam:

Shri Vaiko:

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

- (a) whether there is decline in the weekly testing rates of COVID-19 in various States amid positivity rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts made to increase testing and genome sequencing in various States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Functional eye hospitals in the country

2662 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) the number of eye hospitals functioning in the country;
- (b) whether these hospitals face shortage of senior doctors resulting in hardship to patients and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposals from the State Governments for the setting up of eye hospitals and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to improve the facility in eye hospitals including timely retrieval and transplantation of eyes also to promote eye donation in the country?

Improvement in standard of healthcare

2663 **Shri K.T.S. Tuls:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to improve standard of healthcare, in general, and primary healthcare, in particular; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

2664 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether Government will be providing infrastructural, technical and training support to public and private hospitals in pursuit of implementation of the Mission;
- (b) how does Government plan to address data privacy and data breach concerns regarding the Mission and protect individual's right to privacy;
- (c) how does Government plan to ensure that the Mission can be effectively implemented and be accessible to digitally illiterate populations and areas; and
- (d) the details of the implementation of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) pilot project?

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana

2665 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) whether Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana aims to provide health cover to the population

below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of targets set and achievements made under the Yojana during the last five years in the country, particularly in Karnataka?

Issuance of Ayushman Bharat cards in Bihar

2666 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

(a) the number of cards issued under Ayushman Bharat in Bihar;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have been benefitted therefrom in the last three years;

(c) the amount provided to patients as help under this item;

(d) the number of private and Government hospitals of Bihar included under the said scheme;

(e) the amount for which provision has been made under the 64,180 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission for the year 2021-22; and

(f) the details of the amount released?

Mission Parivar Vikas Scheme

2667 **Shri Suresh Gopi:**

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

(a) whether Government has extended the Mission Parivar Vikas Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Asthma cases in the country

2668 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) the total number of Asthma cases in India in 2019-20;

(b) the age and gender classification of Asthma patients;

(c) whether it is a fact that in rural areas the disease inflicts women more than men;

(d) the socio-ecological conditions for this disease; and

(e) the steps that are being taken to minimise the disease?

Expenditure on vaccine

2669 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure on vaccine has surpassed allocated budget of ₹ 35,000 crores to ₹ 50,000 crores;

(b) the details of money spent by various States on vaccine, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry will consider asking States to share some percentage of money since the entire burden of vaccination is borne by the Union Government?

Ban on import of honey from China

2670 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

(a) whether honey sold by major brands and imported from countries like China is laced with sugar syrup as per investigation carried out by Centre for Science and Environment

(CSE);

(b) whether 10 out of 13 samples tested failed to clear Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Test which gives details of composition of the product;

(c) whether FSSAI was asked to study the findings of CSE;

(d) if so, outcome of the same;

(e) details of 22 parameters that FSSAI mandated companies to comply with and any company ever failed to comply with the same; and

(f) whether there are any plans to ban import of honey from China?

Plan to set up another AIIMS like Institute in Delhi

2671 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up one more AIIMS like medical institute in Delhi keeping in view the huge number of patients coming from all over India;

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

(c) if not, whether Government will consider having it on priority basis?

COVID-19 vaccinations for children

2672 Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:

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

(a) whether Government has implemented any plan to increase the roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations per day to vaccinate the 'eligible' population;

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

(c) whether Government is conducting any investigation on the COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 2 years and above; and

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

COVID -19 and non-COVID-19 patients treated under PM-JAY

2673 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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 Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana programme of Ayushman Bharat Mission, State wise for FY 2019 and FY 2020, details thereof;

(b) the details of the total budget allocated and utilised on COVID- 19 and non COVID- 19 patients for the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana programme of Ayushman Bharat Mission, State wise and year wise; and

(c) the individuals that have been registered under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana from January 2020 to June 30, 2021, details thereof, State-wise and year-wise?

Policies and Initiatives taken to ensure access to testing, treatment and vaccines

2674 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:

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

(a) the details of policies and initiatives taken by Government to ensure access to testing, treatment and vaccines for those who lack ID cards and people below poverty line;

(b) the details of policies and initiatives taken by Government to ensure access to testing, treatment and vaccines for homeless people and those living in shelter homes;

(c) the details of policies and initiatives taken by Government to ensure access to testing,

treatment and vaccines for Divyangs; and

(d) the details of policies and initiatives taken by Government to ensure access to testing, treatment and vaccines for sex workers, informal and formal waste pickers?

Patients' Rights Charter

2675 **Shri Ajit Kumar Bhuyan:**

Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:

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

(a) the number of States that have adopted the Patients' Rights Charter after the instruction was shared by the Ministry in 2019;

(b) the steps that were taken by the Ministry to ensure that all States display Patients' Rights Charter on their Health Department websites;

(c) the steps taken to track and support the implementation of the Patients' Rights Charter in accordance with the recommendations made by the National Human Rights Commission;

(d) the number of hospitals that are supported under Ayushman Bharat Scheme; and

(e) the provisions for budget allocations for promotion of Patients' Rights Charter under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme?

Impact of antibiotics given to animals on people's health

2676 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

(a) whether the dosage of medicines like antibiotics given to animals in case of falling ill is fixed;

(b) whether there is possibility of any side effects on people's health upon eating the meat of animals who were treated with such medicines; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made to avoid giving such medicines to animals which cause side effects on the health of non-vegetarian people?

Status of organ transplantation in the country

2677 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

(a) the number of persons who pledged for organ donation in National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) during last five years, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of needy persons who received organ transplant through the donations in the said period and the number of patients who registered for organ transplant and the details thereof?

Non-availability of diagnosis and medicines for treatment

2678 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance that necessary facilities for diagnosis and medicines for treatment are not adequately available during the outbreak of seasonal diseases;

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

(c) whether such kind of incidents are often seen in the rural and semi-urban areas in the country and, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make available adequate stock of necessary drugs

for treatment of seasonal diseases in all the health centres or civil hospitals of the country so that no death takes place due to non-availability of drugs?

Study to analyse relation between comorbidities and COVID-19

2679 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether Government has plans to study the cause-effect relationship between comorbidities and COVID-19 via a national level study to analyse the relationship between these diseases as various studies have claimed that comorbidities like diabetes, blood pressure etc contribute towards aggravating COVID-19 as well as trigger comorbidities (at least as much as 25 per cent newly reported cases of diabetes have a history of COVID-19); and
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines for Human/Breast milk banks

2680 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) whether at present there is no guideline and regulation for Human/Breast milk banks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to evolve and enforce guidelines for regulation of breastfeeding banks at the earliest?

Implementation of National Policy for Rare Diseases

2681 **Dr. Amee Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to reduce hindrance in implementation of National Policy for Rare Diseases;
- (b) the details of facilities provided by Government for treatment and care of patients suffering from rare disease;
- (c) whether Government has developed any advance genetic testing procedure for early diagnosis of rare disease; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

COVID-19 situation in the country

2682 # **Smt. Jharna Das Baidya:**

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

- (a) the details of the expenditure incurred for prevention of COVID-19 pandemic in the country so far;
- (b) the number of vaccines of COVID-19 manufactured in the country so far; and
- (c) the number of vaccines of COVID-19 available currently?

Power generation target from renewable energy sources

2683 **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) the details of targets set and achievements made in power generation from the

renewable energy sources in the country during last two years, State-wise and source-wise;

(b) whether schemes/programmes for development of renewable energy sources have been successful in various States;

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

(d) the details of incentives being offered to the State Governments for implementation of these schemes;

(e) whether Government has set up any monitoring mechanism for ensuring proper implementation of these schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Share of renewable energy

2684 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

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

(a) whether Government proposes to enhance the share of renewable energy upto 40 percent by 2030 in the energy basket with an aim to reduce dependence on imports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date, along with present status thereof?

Financing net zero targets

2685 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a recent study has indicated that India would fall short of \$3.5 trillion to achieve its net zero targets;

(b) if so, the steps to be adopted to raise funds to achieve its targets;

(c) whether it is a fact that research in the field of renewable energy sources such as Hydrogen has been underfunded for the last few years;

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

(e) whether it is a fact that green financing is taking place at a slow pace in India; and

(f) if not, the details thereof?

Schemes for solar power generation

2686 # **Shri Dineshchandra Jemalbhai Anavadiya:**

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

(a) the schemes under proposal of Government for solar power in future and the activities being carried out for the same at present; and

(b) the scheme relating to solar power in future to become self-reliant in the coming times and by when would we become self-sufficient in solar power?

Proposed solar energy projects in Rajasthan

2687 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

(a) whether several solar energy projects are proposed to be operated in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) out of them, the projects which are operational and the projects which are in process and by when these in-process projects are set to be operational; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Zero carbon emissions by 2070

2688 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) the details of Government's road-map for the next five to ten years to achieve net zero carbon emission target by 2070 as announced by the Prime Minister at COP26 summit and details of immediate targets set for the same; and
- (b) the details regarding how the Government is planning to phase out the use of coal over the next ten years and thereafter, as coal is still one of the biggest source for producing energy in India?

Solar energy project in Goa

2689 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

- (a) whether a new solar power project has been announced for 100 percent electrification of rural homes in Goa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the timeline that has been set to complete the project;
- (d) the total number of households which will benefit from this project; and
- (e) the target investment required for this project and what is the current budget that has been allocated for the same?

Hybrid energy parks

2690 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the number of hybrid energy parks of renewable energy established in the last five years;
- (b) the number of such parks proposed to be established by 2030;
- (c) the areas identified as potential source of solar and wind energy in the country; and
- (d) the target of renewable energy by 2030?

Target of installing 175 GW renewable energy

2691 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the average GW installation in the recent 24 months and the total renewable energy installation done in last three years;
- (b) the progress in Government's target of installing 175 GW renewable energy; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken or proposes to take to increase the installation of renewable energy?

Renewable energy capacity

2692 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

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

- (a) the Megawatt (MW)-wise total installed capacity in India's renewable energy sector in the year 2019-20;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to increase the total installed capacity in India's renewable energy sector; and

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

Hydro power generation in Assam

2693 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) the district-wise details of the amount of renewable energy generated from different sources in Assam;
- (b) the current projects undertaken by Government to increase hydro power generation in Assam; and
- (c) the total projected cost, date of completion and amount (in ₹) spent till now on the hydro power generation projects undertaken?

Insufficiency in power generation capacity

2694 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) whether India is still behind in production of energy supplement in the field of renewable power generation inspite of several new and renewable energy projects in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the Central and State Projects in renewable energy sectors which are functional during the last ten years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether small companies have been unsuccessful in winning the power project through auctions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by Government to resist dominance of large players and giving fair opportunities to small companies in renewable energy sector?

Targets for solar energy production

2695 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the State-wise details of the target set regarding the production of solar energy in the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (b) the State-wise details of the amount of funds allocated to achieve the target;
- (c) whether the target has been achieved by the States; and
- (d) if not, the names of the States which have not achieved the target, so far?

Solar city Project

2696 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) the present status of Puducherry which has been identified as one of the solar cities in the country;
- (b) details of the programmes implemented so far and proposed to be undertaken in the above solar city; and
- (c) the proposed generation of power under the project?

Green freight corridor along Western coast

2697 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to launch a green freight corridor to improve coastal trading along the Western coast;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of projects being implemented under the Ministry in the State of Kerala?

Kolkata Port Trust problems and prospects

2698 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the efforts Central Government has made apart from renaming Kolkata Port that were never attempted before and the details of investment made in it;
- (b) the details of handling figures of Kolkata/Haldia Port when compared vis-a-vis the other major ports of the country in terms of tonnage over the last ten years; and
- (c) the problems of the Kolkata Port and the details of the manner in which they are being handled?

Expenditure on dredging in Haldia/Kolkata Port

2699 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

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

- (a) the details of expenditure on dredging in the Haldia Port and the main Kolkata Port over the last ten years;
- (b) the details of improvement noticed;
- (c) the position regarding discussed alternatives and supplementary projects for Kolkata Port including Sagar island; and
- (d) whether there is any plan to try out a Rozi like floating offshore port in the sand heads beyond Sagar and where does it stand?

Development of Multi-Modal Ports

2700 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to develop multi-modal ports in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has identified any places in the State of Andhra Pradesh for developing such multi-modal ports, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of funds earmarked, and the quantum of funds released so far?

Development of National Waterways by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)

2701 **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of budgetary allocation and funds spent on the National Waterway-I(NW-I) by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI);
- (b) whether the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP), a flagship project undertaken by IWAI has energized economic activities for uplifting the living standard of people along the banks of river Ganga;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to develop Waterways in the country?

Port development in the country

2702 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the number of non-major ports in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government plans to graduate some non-major ports into major ports in the coming years, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the volume and value of trade passed through Indian ports in the last three years, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of money spent on port development in the last three years, the details thereof?

Port traffic

2703 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the decline in port traffic during the COVID-19 period;
- (b) whether port traffic has increased during the current financial year; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase the traffic?

Involvement of the Ministry in port related matters

2704 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) whether port authorities can independently decide without consulting the Ministry about the countries from whom containerised cargo shall be banned;
- (b) if not, the reasons due to which the Ministry has not objected to this announcement by APSEZ;
- (c) whether there were other drugs in the past which have been shipped from Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq and whether Government seeks to investigate if there is insinuation of Narco-terrorism; and
- (d) the reasons why port operators are not given the authority/responsibility of policing the containers of cargo passing through their ports, and will the Government revisit such provision?

Time taken in export of fisheries

2705 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) the time on an average taken to export fisheries from coastal areas to ports, the details thereof;
- (b) the plans to reduce the time for perishable products exported from coastal areas, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has planned to create clusters for port development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Unviable National Waterways

2706 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) whether any of the 111 National Waterways (NWs) declared under the National

Waterways Act, 2016, have been found technically unviable;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether there are any measures proposed to make them viable or to identify alternative river channels;

(c) the details of waterways, made out of 111 declared waterways, operational, fully or partially, for commercial and tourism purposes and the details thereof; and

(d) the details of expenditure for the development of each declared National Waterway in the past three years, project-wise?

Shipbuilding industry in the country

2707 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

(a) the total number and names of private and Government companies in the country involved in shipbuilding industry;

(b) the details of new shipbuilding companies registered in the last five years;

(c) whether Government has developed any policy under the Atmanirbhar Project to provide incentives to the shipbuilding industry specifically, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take in the future?

Fishing harbours under Sagarmala

2708 Shri Subhash Chandra Singh:

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

(a) the State-wise list of fishing harbours sanctioned and completed by Government under the Sagarmala Project as on date; and

(b) the State-wise data of the amount of funds sanctioned and funds released under the Sagarmala Project for building fishing harbours in the past three years?

Shortage of containers for export

2709 Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:

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

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the issue of shortage of containers for export; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to address the problem?

Involvement of NTPC in green energy generation

2710 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

(a) whether NTPC has also entered into the arena of green energy generation apart from managing 70 power stations;

(b) if so, the details of green energy being generated and the green energy projects already in hand;

(c) how much green energy would be generated by NTPC by the end of next fiscal year; and

(d) the details of programmes of NTPC in new and renewable energy generation for five years beyond 2022?

Impact of power shutdown

2711 Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:

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

- (a) whether Government has collected information regarding the total hours of power shutdowns across the country for the year 2016-17 till present and, if so, a State-wise list of the same;
- (b) whether Government has a State-wise list of average load-shedding hours across the country and if so, details thereof for the year 2016-17 till present;
- (c) whether Government has any information regarding the total hours of industrial production shutdown due to lack of power and, if so, the details thereof for the year 2016-17 till present; and
- (d) whether Government has studied the economic impact of power shutdowns and the details thereof?

Sector-wise power consumption and foreign investment

2712 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

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

- (a) whether Government has collected data on the sector-wise consumption of power in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the foreign investment made in the power sector in the country in the last decade;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase foreign investment in the sector in the next decade; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Outstanding dues on Telangana DISCOMs

2713 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that at the behest of the Ministry, Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation (APGENCO) supplied power to Telangana DISCOMs since bifurcation of the State till 10th June, 2017;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Telangana DISCOMs have to pay dues of ₹6,112 crores to APGENCO;
- (c) if so, reasons due to which Government of Telangana has now taken a different stand and not paying dues to APGENCO;
- (d) whether the Ministry will consider recommending to Finance Minister to deduct this amount from devolution of Telangana and adjust the same to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if not, reasons therefor?

Power projects handled by private companies

2714 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

- (a) whether all Power projects given by the Ministry to private companies are being implemented as per schedule in all parts of the country;
- (b) the number of power projects given to private companies in the country including Delhi, Rajasthan and Maharashtra; and

(c) the time schedule fixed for the completion of these power projects?

Roll back of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021

2715 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering the roll back of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in the wake of farmers' demand;
- (b) if not, the details of steps taken to incorporate farmers' concerns in the Bill;
- (c) whether the National Co-ordination Committee of Electricity Employees & Engineers (NCCOEEE) has opposed certain sections of the Bill; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken to incorporate their concerns in the Bill?

Power generation and transmission assets

2716 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to sell power generation and transmission assets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the sale of power generation and transmission assets would have any impact on the financial conditions of Central PSUs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploring other forms of renewable energy and nuclear energy

2717 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has done any studies on other renewable energy resources like moving water, tidal and wave power, thermal gradients in ocean water, biomass, geothermal energy, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Photovoltaic power;
- (b) whether Ministry has any plans to exploit nuclear energy to its full extent manufactured in Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project and Kalpakkam Nuclear Power Project for supply of electricity including to TANGEDCO;
- (c) whether the Ministry has permitted any units or allocated any funds for manufacture of other renewable energy projects in the country especially in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor?

UDAY for State-owned power distribution companies

2718 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that Government had launched Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) in the year 2015 for operational and financial turnaround of State-owned power distribution companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the target achieved by UDAY;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the recent crisis of coal for power plants is the result of failure of UDAY; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government is taking to give relief to the State-owned power distribution companies?

Electricity purchase at high price

2719 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of States have to purchase electricity at a high cost of ₹ 20 per unit so that citizens do not face inconvenience due to closure of power plants recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to increase the power supply in the country?

Maintenance of adequate coal stock

2720 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

- (a) the steps taken, since enforcement of payment security mechanism in August, 2019, to monitor maintenance of adequate coal stock, of more than 20 days, by power generation companies; and
- (b) whether recently there was power crisis due to shortage of coal with thermal power plants and the problem was so acute that some of the plants operated on less than four days of coal inventory, if so, the details thereof?

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