

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 7, 2021/ 16 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

Shortage of medicines in AYUSH dispensaries under CGHS

961 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been an acute shortage of regularly prescribed medicines in the 'AYUSH dispensaries' under C.G.H.S. as the manufacturing units are facing various resource related issues;
- (b) if so, plan being formulated by Government to address these issues so that the regularly prescribed medicines can sufficiently be issued to the patients;
- (c) the reasons for supply of indented medicines in these dispensaries only after 15-20 days unlike the manner in which indented medicines are provided in allopathic dispensaries on very next day; and
- (d) whether Government would adopt any measures to remove this discrepancy?

Vacant posts of AYUSH doctors in the States

962 # **Shri Dhiraj Prasad Sahu:**

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

- (a) the number of doctors working and the number of their posts lying vacant in each of the States under National Health Mission and National AYUSH Mission, State-wise;
- (b) by when the vacant posts of doctors would be filled up;
- (c) the details thereof, pathy-wise; and
- (d) whether medicines have been provided to these doctors since the inception of these two missions, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Set up of satellite institutes of National Institutions

963 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is developing satellite institutes of National Institutions on the lines of National Institute of Homeopathy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the plans the Ministry has to push in R&D and innovation in AYUSH?

AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in Punjab

964 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the details of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries operating across the country especially in Punjab;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps for standardization of Ayurvedic, ethnic and traditional medicinal herbs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time likely to be taken to implement the same?

Documentation of traditional knowledge of tribals for AYUSH

965 **Smt. Roopa Ganguly:**

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

- (a) whether Ministry has any programme which deals with the documentation of traditional knowledge of tribals for AYUSH;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of plans of the Ministry to raise awareness about the traditional knowledge?

Schemes and projects under the Ministry of AYUSH

966 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the developmental schemes and projects currently provided to the States under the Ministry;
- (b) whether any project in Kerala is under the consideration of the Ministry; and
- (c) whether the International Research Institute of Ayurveda (IRIA) in Kannur, announced in the Kerala State budget, is under the consideration of the Ministry for fund provisions?

Subsidy for cultivation of medicinal plants

967 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether Government is providing subsidy for cultivation of 140 medicinal plants and, if so, the details thereof and the detailed list of 140 medicinal plants and subsidy given in this regard;
- (b) whether the National Medicinal Plants Board is implementing Central Sector Scheme on "Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants", if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total amount allocated and disbursed for the cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

CSS schemes in Puducherry

968 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

- (a) the schemes that are being implemented in Puducherry under Centrally Sponsored Scheme and Central Sector Scheme;
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated under each scheme to Puducherry; and

(c) the number of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani licences that have been issued for the manufacture of herbal juices and drinks in Puducherry, if so, the list of licencees thereof?

Establishment of new AYUSH educational institutions

969 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to establish more new educational institutions recognised by the Government of India for the education system of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy;
- (b) whether any scheme has been proposed for world-class research and inspection test in Government or private sector in order to get world-class recognition for the products of Ayurveda and other system of medicines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the detailed reasons therefor?

Research journals and papers published by CCRYN

970 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe:**

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

- (a) the details of total number of research journals and papers published by Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN) as on 21 October, 2021;
- (b) whether CCRYN has signed MoUs with educational institutes across the country and even abroad for research in Yoga and Naturopathy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether CCRYN has undertaken any youth-centric initiatives regarding research in Yoga and Naturopathy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Power generation capacity in the country

971 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) the details of the existing power generation capacity in the country and its sources;
- (b) the State-wise details of the quantum of electricity produced in the country, especially including the State of Rajasthan; and
- (c) the details of future action plan in the field of electricity generation in the country?

AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in Rajasthan

972 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) the details of AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries operating across the country especially in Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps for standardization of Ayurvedic, ethnic and traditional medicinal herbs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time likely to be taken to implement the same?

Clinical trials and standardization of Indian medicines

973 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) the details of the plans Ministry has, to conduct clinical study and generate proof of concept through clinical trials for our Indian medicines so that they will be recognized across the world to benefit mankind; and
- (b) the steps being taken to achieve standardization of Indian medicines which is one of the major reasons for its acceptance among practitioners and people?

Budget Estimates of the Ministry of AYUSH for 2019-20

974 Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry was given Budget Estimates (BE) of ₹ 1,939 crores in 2019-20 thereby there was a shortfall of ₹ 2,520 crores proposed by the Ministry;
- (b) whether at Revenue Estimate (RE) stage, the budget was further reduced to ₹1,857 crores;
- (c) if so, how the Ministry is able to manage with depleted funds and details of schemes that are impacted, scheme-wise; and
- (d) what the Ministry proposed in 2020-21 and got from the Ministry of Finance, scheme-wise and how Ministry is planning with the reduced Budget allocation for 2021-22?

Research projects on AYUSH medicines

975 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has been undertaking any research project pertaining to medicines in AYUSH i.e., Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Ayurveda colleges in the country

976 Dr. C.M. Ramesh:

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

- (a) the details of number of Ayurveda colleges that have been set up in different States of the country during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (b) the amount of money that has been sanctioned for research work and to develop Ayurvedic medicines in the country during the last three years, the details thereof?

Increase in market of Ayurveda in the country and abroad

977 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) the extent of increase marked in the market of Ayurveda in the country and abroad in view of the side effects of allopathic medicines during previous years and India's contribution therein;
- (b) the details of current status of the same with regard to Uttarakhand; and
- (c) the further plans of Government in this regard and quantum of Ayurvedic products exported to various countries during years 2019-20 and 2020-2021?

Utilization of ancient knowledge of Ayurveda to meet nutritional requirements

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

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

- (a) whether the application of ancient knowledge of Ayurveda is effective for meeting the nutritional requirements; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to effectively utilize the ancient knowledge pertaining to the use of Ayurveda to meet the nutritional requirements of the nation?

Demand for urea

979 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is not able to meet the demand of urea in the country and meeting the demand by Government is coming down from 79 per cent in 2018-19 to 69 per cent in 2020-21;
- (b) whether the production of urea in the country is also not substantially picking up and has gone up by just one million metric tons between 2018-19 and 2020-21;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of Nano Fertilisers that Government is promoting and how this helps to meet the shortage of urea?

Price cap for Thalassemia drugs

980 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to fix a price cap for the drugs used to cure Thalassemia, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indigenous production of P&K fertilizers

981 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) total indigenous production of P&K fertilizers in Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) for the year 2018-19 till present, State-wise;
- (b) total sale of indigenous P&K in LMT for the year 2018-19 till present, State-wise;
- (c) total number of farmers purchasing indigenous P&K for the year 2018-19 till present, State-wise;
- (d) total domestic production of city compost for the year 2019-20 till present, State-wise and city-wise; and
- (e) total quantity of sales of city compost for the year 2019-20 till present, State-wise?

Fund allocation to Jharkhand to provide subsidy to fertilizer companies

982 # **Shri Deepak Prakash:**

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

- (a) the total amount of funds allocated by Government to provide subsidy to the fertilizer companies of Jharkhand during previous financial year; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated/utilized in Jharkhand, district-wise?

Increase in price of chemical fertilizers

983 # **Shri Digvijaya Singh:**

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

- (a) the chemical fertilizers for which prices have been increased by the Central Government during the years 2020-21 and 2021-22, the reasons responsible for increasing the price of chemical fertilizers;
- (b) the quantity of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) produced in the country and imported during the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively;
- (c) the reasons responsible for reducing the bag size of 50 k.g. chemical fertilizer to 45 k.g.; and
- (d) whether the price of the bag has been proportionally reduced in this regard?

Purchase of fertilizers under DBT of subsidy scheme

984 # **Shri Naresh Bansal:**

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

- (a) the quantum of fertilizers purchased by farmers under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of subsidy scheme during last two years and the details of consumption of fertilizers, State-wise; and
- (b) the extent of increase in fertilizer production made by fertilizer companies?

Compensation for victims of COVID -19 due to Oxygen shortage

985 **Shri Shamsheer Singh Dullo:**

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:

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

- (a) whether Government has or intends to provide monetary compensation to families whose member/s died due to oxygen shortage during the COVID -19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details of the compensation awarded to such families apart from the ex-gratia of ₹50,000 mandated by the Supreme Court to be paid to kin of people who died of COVID-19; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

CSR funds provided to fight against COVID-19

986 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhkar:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry would like to share the details regarding the expenditure made by companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for COVID-19 till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise, sector-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Companies started under Atmanirbhar Bharat

987 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

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

Zero draft on NAP-BHR

988 **Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched the Zero Draft on the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP-BHR) and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the progress so far in finalising the NAP-BHR and the details of the consultations with the stakeholders including the Civil Society Organisations ; and
- (c) when is it likely to launch the final NAP?

Measures to avoid shortage of fertilizers and Urea

989 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

- (a) the total demand and supply of fertilizers and Urea in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is any shortage of fertilizers /Urea in some parts of the country in recent times;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken or being taken by Government in this regard, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has conveyed any meeting with Fertilizer Industry and officials of Fertilizers Association of India on various issues?

Companies funds under CSR for Corona pandemic

990 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

- (a) whether the public and private companies of corporate sector have fully utilized the funds earmarked under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) rules during corona pandemic;
- (b) if so, the amount of funds out of that, spent on the treatment related to corona pandemic and purchase of medical equipments, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether those funds can be utilised for prevention or treatment of Corona or any other pandemic now?

Removal from the Register of companies

991 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that many companies were struck off on account of lack of compliance; and
- (b) if so, the details of number of companies invalidated during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

Regulator for crypto sector

992 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to regulate the cryptocurrency sector instead of an outright ban;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has finalised the regulatory agency which will be regulating the

sector, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Central Bank has expressed grave reservations regarding this sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-performing loans

993 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

(a) the details to what will happen to the Non-performing loans of the two public sector banks that will get privatised this financial year; and

(b) whether Government is planning to take the burden of the non-performing loans or will the private player who will be buying it take the burden, the details in this regard?

Easing the speculative element and accumulation of froth

994 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

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

(a) whether the Ministry of Finance is aware of the RBI's statement of the equity markets being frothy with stretched valuations due to sudden shifts in risk appetite, if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) steps taken or proposed by the Ministry to ease the speculative element and accumulation of froth; and

(c) whether the Ministry is concerned that the Indian stock market's valuations may be too high for an emerging market economy considering it is ranked the highest;

(d) if so, details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Revenue deficit and fiscal deficit of the State of Andhra Pradesh

995 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

(a) whether the Union Government has taken note of the fact that revenue deficit of State of Andhra Pradesh stands at 662.80 per cent in the first half of the financial year 2021-22 and the fiscal deficit stands at 107.70 per cent in the same period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any instruction/warning to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in this connection to rein in its revenue deficit and fiscal deficit; and

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

Loans by banks to companies and corporations owned by Government of Andhra Pradesh

996 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that as many as 10 Public Sector Banks have sanctioned around ₹ 41,029 crore as loan to various companies and corporations owned by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh since 1.4.2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any amount including interest and principal has been repaid by the State Government towards the loan during last two financial years; and

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

Production of AYUSH based diet and lifestyle

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is working closely with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to promote AYUSH based diet and lifestyle and to achieve the ultimate goal of well nourished India; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry under this initiative?

Disinvestment and strategic sale

998 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry would like to share the details of total disinvestment, strategic sale done from 2014 to till date;
- (b) details of the national assets and companies, financial details, shares etc. thereof State-wise and year-wise for the above said period; and
- (c) whether Government has set any disinvestment strategy for the next three years, if so, the details thereof?

Revenue from Long Term Capital Gains Tax on Mutual funds

999 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of revenue from Long Term Capital Gains Tax (LTCG) on mutual funds and equities during 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government would increase the period of LTCG on mutual funds and equities from one year to two years and would abolish taxes on LTCG to boost sentiments of the economy and accelerate speedy recovery after COVID-19;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fall in foreign exchange reserves of India

1000 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the foreign exchange reserves of India have fallen significantly in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and its impact on the Indian economy;
- (c) whether Government has taken any measures to increase the foreign exchange reserves; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

Loans waived off by PSBs

1001 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the details of the amount of loans waived off/written off in Public Sector Banks(PSBs) in the last five years, bank-wise;

- (b) the reasons for such waiver; and
- (c) the total quantum of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in PSBs in 2013-2014 and 2021-22, bank-wise?

Gains of demonetisation

1002 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the details about the benefits of demonetisation to the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the GDP has shrunk due to demonetisation and it is still affecting the development of the country;
- (c) the details of cash in circulation before demonetisation and cash in circulation at present; and
- (d) whether Government believes that demonetisation was a failed move that resulted in little gain and more harm to the country?

Merger of Nationalised banks

1003 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the details of Nationalised banks merged during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government proposes to merge certain more Nationalised banks and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) fresh steps taken by Government to improve the efficiency and lower the operational cost of public sector banks?

Cess collected for different heads

1004 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

- (a) the various Cess collected for different heads and the cess collected for the last five years in the country, State-wise and the cess contribution from State of Telangana towards cess, and
- (b) the details of the cess amount disbursement for the last three years, State-wise?

GST Collection and GST dues to Tamil Nadu

1005 **Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu:**

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

- (a) whether the GST collections for the last two years has increased;
- (b) if so, the details of CGST, SGST and IGST collections made in the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the pending dues to be paid to Government of Tamil Nadu and its breakup; and
- (d) 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?

Features of relief package during second wave of COVID-19

1006 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the Government's relief package announced during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of areas covered under the same;
- (b) the way out planned to overcome the said crisis for the COVID-affected sectors like tourism, hospitality, sports and non-essential manufacturing; and
- (c) the number of people estimated to be benefited from the area-wise relief package?

Status of NPAs

1007 # **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) the details of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in various banks during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the NPAs are increasing continuously, due to which the availability of funds for public welfare schemes are being adversely affected; and
- (c) whether Government is taking help of bad banks to recover the amount of NPAs, if so, the status thereof?

Returning of money of investors of PACL and Sahara

1008 **Shri Sanjay Raut:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has directed the Centre and the States to return the money of the aggrieved investors of PACL Ltd. and Sahara like financial institutions years ago but both the Centre or the States did not pay the victims so far;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and reasons for the delay in paying money the victims;
- (c) whether Government has made any transparent mechanism for the payment to the aggrieved investors immediately; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Service tax evasion by online travel websites

1009 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether online travel websites are being supervised to check service tax evasion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has adopted any measures to prevent tax evasion by such companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in fake currency due to demonetisation

1010 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

- (a) whether the Prime Minister or some other Union Minister had announced that demonetisation would lead to reduction in fake currency in the country;
- (b) if so, whether fake currency seizures have increased from ₹ 15.92 crores in the year

2016 to ₹ 92.17 crores in the year 2020;

(c) if not, the correct details of the fake currency seizures in the last five years; and

(d) whether demonetisation failed in curbing the menace of fake currency?

CAG reports submitted by Government

1011 **Shri Kumar Ketkar:**

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

(a) the details of CAG reports submitted since May 2014 to November 2021 year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that CAG reports came down from 55 in 2015 to 14 in 2020, which is a fall by nearly 75 per cent; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Scheme to regularise cryptocurrency

1012 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to regularize cryptocurrency in the country;

if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to regularize the cryptocurrency purchased by citizens in the last five years, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Mechanism to regulate Cryptocurrency in transactions

1013 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

(a) whether Government is aware of scams that are happening in the country in the form of cryptocurrency;

(b) how Government is planning to regulate cryptocurrency in transactions;

(c) whether Government has any data pertaining to the amount of money in circulation in the country in the form of various digital currencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing inflation

1014 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

(a) the policies to combat the increased retail inflation rate from 4.35 percent in September to 4.48 percent in October according to data released by the National Statistical Office;

(b) the ways to control the high food, fuel and commodity prices; and

(c) the safeguards provided to the most impacted urban poor falling in the bottom 20 per cent income category?

Mental health patients and doctors in the country

1015 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

(a) the number of Mental health (psychiatric) patients in India;

(b) the ratio of male, female and children patients;

(c) the age distribution of such patients;

- (d) the ratio between psychiatric patients and doctors;
- (e) whether there is facility to treat mental illness in all the hospitals;
- (f) whether it is a fact that the number of mental health patients increased in India since 1990's; and
- (g) if so, the reasons for such increase and steps taken to curb it; and
- (f) the steps being taken to spread awareness about mental illness?

Losing of market share of LIC

1016 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that State owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has been losing market share hand over fist to private sector life insurers for a long time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to compete with private sector life insurers?

Recovery from realtors by banks

1017 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether a consortium of Union Bank of India, Punjab National Bank (e-OBC), Bank of Maharashtra and Central Bank of India have issued possession notice in June, 2021 to some realtors for recovery of some several crores of rupees;
- (b) if so, the details of loan amount to be recovered and details of properties of realtors mortgaged to banks;
- (c) whether the builders have sold several units of the projects without informing the consortium and, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether consortium will hand over the case to Directorate of Enforcement for money laundering and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Random scrutiny of tax payers

1018 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether Government has issued guidelines prescribing framework for random selection of scrutiny cases for financial year 2021-2022 through Computer Aided Scrutiny Selection (CASS);
- (b) if so, the percentage of cases fixed for random scrutiny for this year;
- (c) whether generally small tax payers get notices, whereas big tax payers escape the random scrutiny cases; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for targeting small tax payers having less than one crore income; and
- (e) whether Government would revise guidelines so as to include industrial houses in random scrutiny and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Debt burden of Government due to loans

1019 Shri Anand Sharma:

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

- (a) the details of the debt burden of Government due to loans and borrowing from domestic and international institutions;
- (b) the percentage of national debt to India's GDP for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,

2020 and 2021; and

(c) the steps Government is considering to reduce the debt burden?

Ratio of currency in circulation

1020 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of currency in circulation as proportion of GDP has touched a new high of 14.5 per cent for fiscal 2020-21; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Payment of GST compensation to States

1021 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has released ₹ 17,000 crore towards GST dues to various States;

(b) if so, the details of dues released to States, State-wise;

(c) whether the dues have been released upto November 2021;

(d) if not, till which month dues have been cleared and by when the remaining dues are going to be released to States; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to extend GST compensation beyond 2022?

Bank frauds

1022 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

(a) whether bank frauds have increased in the past three years, if so, the details of the number of bank frauds in the past three years;

(b) whether any comprehensive strategy has been formulated by Government to nab the defaulters, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report from banks post completion of forensic audit on big defaulters has been received by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which action against defaulters is likely to be initiated?

Guidelines for banks for credit card holders

1023 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

(a) whether RBI has formulated any guidelines for all the banks for credit card holders to prevent any victimisation of such holders by the banks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any such cases have come to the notice of Government for non-compliance of guidelines by the banks during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

Integrated Ombudsman Scheme

1024 **Shri Derek O' Brien:**

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

(a) the maximum time period within which complaints will be addressed under the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme;

- (b) whether Government has taken into account that integrating the scheme will require more personnel; and
- (c) if so, the measures being taken to address the same and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Information of rupee 2000 notes

1025 Dr. K. Keshava Rao:

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

- (a) the details of ₹ 2000 notes issued after demonetisation that are currently in circulation in the Indian economy;
- (b) whether ₹ 2000 notes issued after demonetisation has been proposed to be stopped; and
- (c) the reasons for a percentage increase or decrease in circulation of ₹ 2000 notes issued after demonetisation?

Tax evaders in Pandora Papers

1026 # Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether Indians are among the tax evaders in the 'Pandora Papers';
- (b) if so, the details along with the list of names thereof;
- (c) whether Government would disclose the names of those whose names have appeared in 'Pandora Papers'; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Direct Benefit Transfers package

1027 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to release an economic stimulus package in the form of Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) in the coming months;
- (b) if so, details thereof and, if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to finance DBT package via market borrowings and direct monetisation by RBI;
- (d) if so, details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government plans to utilise infrastructure such as Jan Dhan accounts to enable DBT;
- (f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (g) steps Government is taking to provide direct aid to low-income households who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Financial package for economy

1028 # Shri Digvijaya Singh:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in order to bring the economy back on track and to provide relief to the people of the country, the Union Government had given a package of ₹ 20 lakh crore during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the sectors to which the amount has been allocated along with the allotment made; and
- (c) the number of people who have been given this benefit?

Undeclared assets detected from Panama Papers and Paradise Papers

1029 **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

- (a) how much amount of undeclared assets from how many entities has been detected by authorities after probing Panama Papers and Paradise Papers;
- (b) after detection of undeclared assets, what action has been taken against the offenders and amount collected; and
- (c) how many Indians and NRIs and their names who have been served notices related to alleged concealment of income after revelation of Pandora Papers?

Decision of the suppliers of medical devices not to bid any contract of APMSIDC

1030 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that important stakeholders in supply of medical devices to Government bodies including Andhra Pradesh Medical Services & Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMSIDC) has decided not to enter in to any contract or participate in the bid called by APMSIDC as it has repeatedly failed in making payment since last few years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard by Government against the APMSIDC?

Central assistance to States during Coronavirus pandemic

1031 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) the details of central assistance released to Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha during the COVID-19 period to deal with the pandemic; and
- (b) whether these States have furnished any information about the utilisation of this amount to the Central Government, if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Representation from handicrafts exporters for lowering tax on some products

1032 **Shri Syed Zafar Islam:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has received representation from some handicrafts exporters association and stakeholders for lowering the tax on some products; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken in this regard?

Negative industrial loan growth

1033 **Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:**

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

- (a) measures to be taken to reverse the contraction of working capital loans in the form of cash credit, overdraft and demand loans as reported by the RBI;
- (b) whether Government is concerned that an overwhelming majority of loan accounts created under scheduled commercial banks as well as outstanding credit comes from the household sector and not the business sector, particularly in Odisha State, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and
- (c) whether Government is aware that despite having 61.2% of total bank credit,

metropolitan bank branches only accounted for 1.4 percent growth according to the RBI?

Upgradation of medical college at Darbhanga in Bihar

1034 # **Shri Ram Nath Thakur:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that an announcement at Government level had been made for upgradation of the medical college which is situated at Darbhanga in Bihar as AIIMS; and
- (b) if so, the current status thereof and by when it is likely to be developed into a fully equipped hospital with state of the art facilities?

Vaccination programme for children and under-18 population

1035 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of the progress in vaccination programme for children and under-18 population, especially considering that schools are being re-opened across the country;
- (b) whether Government will be providing vaccination to children for free; and
- (c) the details of the certification process that Government will follow thereto and details of the vaccines that Government is in the process of approving and/or testing for children?

Vacant posts of doctors in rural areas

1036 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the recent rural health statistics show that some posts of doctors in rural areas are vacant, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that vacancies at all levels have been the biggest stumbling block in National Health Mission ever since its launch in 2005; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Long term plan to address existing disparities in rural health sector

1037 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate any long term perspective plan to address the existing disparities in rural health sector in the country;
- (b) the details of the programmes or schemes being implemented or proposed by Government to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas with regard to availing quality healthcare facilities, modern treatment methods and diagnostic facilities; and
- (c) whether Government has made any study comparing the affordability of healthcare facilities in rural and urban areas of the country along with other factors like ease of access/ availability of healthcare facilities/ infrastructure and manpower in the country?

Implementation of Tobacco Free Educational Institutions guidelines

1038 **Shri P. Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to ensure the implementation of the Tobacco Free

Educational Institutions guidelines;

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

(c) the number of violations reported with regard to Section 6 (a) and (b) of COTPA Act 2003, and how many people/shop owners have been fined/challaned for violating the law?

Grading and classification of private hospitals and nursing homes

1039 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

(a) whether Government has given any thought to grading and classification of private hospitals and nursing homes on the basis of facilities available, to fix reasonable charges in view of these turning into commercial ventures and issue guidelines to the States and UTs accordingly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government maintains and updates data on private hospitals and nursing homes with facilities and specialization available; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Special training to doctors and para-medical staff in handling various types of epidemics

1040 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide special training to the practising doctors and para-medical staff to handle epidemic situations learning from the current COVID-19 experience;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the diploma and undergraduate courses should not be redesigned to include various types of epidemics and their treatment; and

(d) whether ICMR has given any thought to compulsorily introduce specialisation in at least one type of epidemic side by side exclusive branches of medicine and surgery during post-graduation?

Setting up of medical oxygen plants in the country

1041 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

(a) the number of companies which were claiming to treat COVID through fake medicines;

(b) the details about the action taken on such fake claims during the last two years;

(c) the number of oxygen plants set up by Government to meet the demand of medical oxygen in view of the demand of oxygen for the treatment of COVID-19 disease during the last two years;

(d) the State-wise, hospital-wise details thereof; and

(e) whether any target has been fixed for setting up Medical Oxygen Plants in the country and by when will it be completed?

Action against companies falsely claiming treatment of COVID-19

1042 # **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:

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

- (a) the number of companies that were claiming the treatment of COVID-19 virus through fake medicines; and
- (b) the details of action taken on such fake claims during the last two years?

Ministry's response on report given by FICCI and KPMG

1043 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether Government has made any review of the present healthcare system in view of the weaknesses in health system as exposed in the COVID pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the report titled "COVID induced Healthcare Transformation in India" given by FICCI and KPMG emphasized to spend 2.5 to 3.5 per cent of GDP to support healthcare transformation;
- (d) if so, the response of Government; and
- (e) the details of action taken to ensure mandatory health coverage for all to support the Universal Health Coverage targets in the country?

Measures taken to minimise threat of third wave of COVID-19 pandemic

1044 **Shri Vaiko:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any detailed study with experts on how to minimise the threat and likelihood of third wave of COVID-19 pandemic, if not prevention;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether health infrastructure has been strengthened and expanded to meet the challenge throughout the country, including oxygen cylinders, medicines and other equipments;
- (d) whether the vaccination drive is going as per the schedule, as per the affidavit given to the Supreme Court; and
- (e) if so, by what time, the country will achieve Universal vaccination and the details thereof ?

Action plan to standardise product of AYUSH and its manufacturing process

1045 # **Ms. Saroj Pandey:**

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action-plan to standardize the products of AYUSH and its manufacturing practices and to evolve the reasearch in the said area, if so , the number of AYUSH products and intellectual property rights based products which have been produced under the said action-plan during the last five years to the present?

Serological surveys in India

1046 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted serological surveys to ascertain the prevalence of diseases apart from the COVID-19 virus (such as tuberculosis) in the past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has any plans to conduct any such surveys in the future as a public health measure;
- (e) if so, the details thereof ;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the details of funds spent on such serological surveys for the past three years, State-wise?

XDR and pre-XDR TB cases in the country

1047 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of number of drug resistant (XDR) TB and pre-XDR TB cases reported in the country during 2020 and 2021 till date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of normal TB cases reported in the country during 2020 and 2021, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has adopted National TB Elimination Programme in line with the recommendations of WHO;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Death of women due to cervical and breast cancer in the country

1048 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether a large number of women die of cervical and breast cancer in the country every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is taking steps to address the issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocation?

Oncologists in public health institutions

1049 **Shri Mallikarjun Kharge:**

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

- (a) the total number of Oncologists (including Radiation, Surgical, Medical) in public health institutions across India along with their specialisation, category wise;
- (b) whether Government has recognised any deficit in the number of Oncologists especially Radiation Oncologists;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to bridge this gap including improving medical education in the country for Oncologists; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Beneficiaries under PM-JAY

1050 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of the total beneficiaries of the PM-Jan Arogya Yojana over the past three

years;

(b) the total expenditure incurred towards these beneficiaries by Government over the past three years; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries who were benefitted from this programme in the last three years year-wise?

COVID-19 vaccines for children

1051 **Shri Kapil Sibal:**

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

(a) the safeguards that have been put in place, when conducting and approving vaccine trials on children;

(b) the date from which vaccines for children aged 12 -18 years will be administered;

(c) whether Government has considered the ramifications of opening of schools and educational institutions without having vaccinated all school-going children; and

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

Population devoid of Health Insurance

1052 **Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the 30 per cent of India's population is still devoid of any financial protection like Health Insurance;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to cover this 30 per cent of India's population; and

(d) whether Government has conducted any awareness programme about Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana(PM-JAY) scheme in the country?

Celebrations on administration of 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses

1053 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has organized celebrations on the administration of 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses;

(b) if so, the amount of expenses incurred for various programmes and advertisement done on these celebrations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it could have been achieved few months earlier also if Government arranged vaccines for the people on time; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in ordering vaccines?

Fund allocation for Pudducherry under Nation Digital Health Mission

1054 **Shri S. Selvaganabathy:**

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

(a) the details of funds allocated for Puducherry under National Digital Health Mission;

(b) whether digital health card has been supplied to all citizens in Puducherry, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of any proposal submitted by the State Government for issuing digital health card?

Expenditure on procurement of COVID-19 vaccine doses

1055 **Shri Tiruchi Siva:**

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

- (a) whether Government has maintained record for the amount of spending done by it on procurement and administration of the first 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to contain Norovirus

1056 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) the total number of Norovirus cases reported in India till 31 October 2021, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is taking any action to contain Norovirus, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Institutions and manpower of the Ministry

1057 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the number of institutions and autonomous bodies that are working under the Ministry as of 31st October, 2021 and the details thereof;
- (b) the number of employees, permanent and temporary or on contract basis who are working in these institutions/bodies;
- (c) whether the Ministry as a whole has done any manpower needs assessment of these institutions and autonomous bodies, if so, the result of such assessment, if not, the reasons therefor?

Spending funds under CSR for COVID-19 related relief works

1058 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has allowed Governmental and non-Governmental companies to spend funds under the Corporate Social Responsibility scheme for the relief works related to COVID-19, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of funds spent in Uttar Pradesh including Etah and Mainpuri districts by Government and non-Government companies for relief works related to COVID-19 during the year 2020-21?

Export of COVID-19 vaccines

1059 # **Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has exported life saving drugs and medical equipments to more than 150 countries during first wave of global pandemic COVID-19 and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of COVID vaccine doses are exported to about 100 countries during current year; and
- (c) if so, the countries where from India has imported life saving drugs and medical

equipments during COVID-19?

ASHA Workers

1060 **Shri Partap Singh Bajwa:**

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

- (a) the total number of ASHA workers employed as on 20.11.2021, State-wise;
- (b) the data of remuneration paid to ASHA workers for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, State wise;
- (c) the number of ASHA workers beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Beema Yojana (PMJJBY) for the years 2020-21 till present, State wise;
- (d) the number of ASHA workers beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Beema Yojana (PMSBY) for the years 2020-21 till present, State wise; and
- (e) the number of ASHA workers beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan Dhan (PM-SYM) for the years 2020-21 till present, State wise?

“Energy from Urban, Industrial and Agricultural Wastes/Residues and Municipal Solid Waste” programme

1061 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

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

- (a) whether Government has launched the programme on "Energy from Urban, Industrial, Agricultural Wastes/Residues and Municipal Solid Waste";
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned for the implementation of the programme till date and a State-wise break up thereof?

Medical Colleges in the country

1062 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) the total number of medical colleges in the country since April 2014 and at present, State-wise including Government and private sector-wise;
- (b) the total number of medical seats at Undergraduate and Post-graduate levels in the country since April 2014 and at present, State-wise;
- (c) the details of Government and private colleges functioning in Uttar Pradesh since April 2014; and
- (d) the details of medical colleges approved in Uttar Pradesh since April 2014 including date of approval, location, Government or private, scheme, functioning status etc?

Largest COVID-19 vaccination drive

1063 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has started the largest vaccination drive in the COVID-19 period;
- (b) if so, the number of people vaccinated till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking for early completion of vaccination?

INSACOG report on AY.4.2 variant of COVID-19

1064 **Shri Anand Sharma:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that INSACOG has declared that AY.4.2 variant of COVID-19 is not a variant of concern in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of variants considered for concern by INSACOG; and
- (d) the criteria being followed to declare a variant as variant of concern?

Resuming supplies of COVID-19 vaccines to low income countries

1065 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organization, which co-leads COVAX, has been urging India to restart supplies of COVID-19 vaccine for the programme; and
- (b) if so, the response of Government in this regard to help the low income countries?

Financial assistance to poor patients

1066 # **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) the details of the criteria laid down for providing financial assistance to poor patients under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund and other discretionary funds, and the procedure followed for the same;
- (b) whether Government has received complaints regarding delay in processing the applications for seeking financial assistance under the said funds and death of patients due to the said delay;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reformative steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure timely processing of applications?

Efficacy of Covishield and Covaxin

1067 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) whether Government has ascertained the efficacy of Covishield and Covaxin, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of vaccines allowed in India so far against COVID-19; and
- (c) the details of recognition of Covaxin by other countries so far?

Side effects of COVID-19 vaccine

1068 **Shri K. Somaprasad:**

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

- (a) the details of side effects of different kinds being reported or noticed after inoculation with COVID- 19 vaccines permitted in India; and
- (b) whether any death or physical challenges have been reported due to the side effects of vaccine, if so, the details thereof?

World Bank assistance for upgrading secondary health care system

1069 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to provide World Bank Assistance under the State Health Systems Projects for upgrading secondary health care systems for rural hospitals;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided by Government for hospital projects in the country during last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government are contemplating to reserve beds for the poor in the private hospitals, the details thereof?

Ban on Pan Masala, Gutkha, and similar tobacco products

1070 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

- (a) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure the ban on Pan Masala, Gutkha, and similar tobacco products especially in the wake of COVID -19;
- (b) whether the Government received any proposal to ban the usage of tobacco products in public places to encourage COVID appropriate behavior; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Nationwide implementation of disease eradication programme

1071 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing various disease eradication programmes nationwide, if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed and funds allocated in this regard, State/UT wise; and
- (b) the steps taken or being taken by Government to achieve the said target in a time bound manner?

Unutilized COVID-19 vaccines

1072 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

- (a) the data on unvaccinated citizens against COVID-19, State-wise; and
- (b) the number of unutilized COVID-19 vaccines held by various States?

Vaccine drive for children below 18 years

1073 **Shri Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya:**

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

- (a) the reasons for delay in start of vaccination to younger children;
- (b) whether Government is intended to conduct COVID-19 vaccination trial faster among younger children like US, Singapore did; and
- (c) whether measures like 25 million shots given on single day as 'PM's birthday drive' will be organised by Government for COVID-19 vaccine drive for younger children?

Amendment in the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994

1074 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to bring any amendment in the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 to provide easy access to organ donation and increase the organ donation rate across the country;
- (b) if so, the changes proposed by Government;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide tax incentives and additional facilities such as paid leaves to organ donors; and
- (d) if so, by when does Government propose to bring the same, if not, the reasons therefor?

Measures taken to curtail dengue related deaths in the country

1075 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) whether Government maintains a record of dengue deaths in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the steps that Government plans to undertake in this regard in the coming future, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has collaborated with an international organization in this regard, if so, the details of their role therein?

Major research projects of ICMR

1076 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

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

- (a) the details of major research projects started by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the shortage/vacant posts of scientists and experts in ICMR has adversely affected its functioning and the progress of various projects initiated by it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reformative measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government for capacity building and strengthening of ICMR and streamlining its functioning?

Raising money from other sources to fight COVID-19

1077 # **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether Government has raised money from other sources to get rid of COVID-19 virus; and
- (b) if so, the amount raised from the donors, along with the details thereof?

Inclusion of electricity under GST

1078 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'electricity' is not included under GST;
- (b) if so, the reasons for non-inclusion of 'electricity' under GST;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that due to non-inclusion of 'electricity' under GST is costing

consumers ₹ 25,000 crores;

(d) whether as per Coal Controller and Central Electricity Authority, consumer is paying nearly 30 paise per unit on nearly 10 lakh million units produced in 2018-19 through coal and has become a big burden on consumer; and

(e) if so, efforts being made by the Ministry to include 'electricity' under GST?

Inclusion of diseases like COVID-19 and dengue under PMJAY

1079 # **Shri Brijlal:**

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

(a) whether treatment of diseases like COVID-19 and dengue is also included under Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PM-JAY) health insurance scheme;

(b) if so, whether the people suffering from COVID-19 pandemic in 2019-20 have been treated, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) if not, whether the treatment of such pandemics can also be covered under Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme?

Per capita expenditure on healthcare

1080 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

(a) the per capita expenditure on healthcare in the country and the funds spent by Government and private sector separately thereon, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has worked out any action plan to provide healthcare services free of cost particularly to the poor people of the country and, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to launch any new health scheme for the persons who are not covered under Ayushman Bharat Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps taken to reduce Infant Mortality Rate

1081 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

(a) the details of Infant Mortality Rate in India as per the latest SRS (Sample Registration System) data State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to bring down Infant Mortality in the country; and

(c) whether Government of India plans to advise other States to follow the Kerala Public Health System protocols to reduce the Infant Mortality Rates in other States?

New Medical colleges in Bihar

1082 # **Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:**

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

(a) the names of districts selected for the plan of setting up of new Medical colleges in Bihar with the assistance of the Union Government;

(b) the amount of money sanctioned separately for these Medical Colleges and the amount of money released to the States; and

(c) the time-line by which these Medical colleges are to be completed separately and their physical progress so far, the amount of money spent for it, so far?

Death of doctors and other healthcare workers due to COVID-19

1083 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) the details of doctors and other healthcare workers who succumbed to death due to COVID-19 in the first and second wave of COVID-19;
- (b) whether the death of healthcare workers is highly under reported, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has provided or plans to provide any special financial assistance to the family members of doctors and other healthcare workers who succumbed to death due to COVID-19 during the first and second wave of COVID-19; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Waning of vaccine immunity among elderly population

1084 **Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any studies to check if there is a case of declining vaccine immunity amongst the elderly population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the percentage of senior citizens among the COVID-19 deaths reported in the last month;
- (d) whether Government is considering giving booster shots to improve immunity; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that there is currently a demand challenge for vaccines?

Medical and dental colleges in the country

1085 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) the total number of medical and dental colleges in India ;
- (b) the respective number of private and Government run medical and dental colleges in India ;
- (c) the ratio of male and female students in these colleges;
- (d) the number of new medical colleges that have been opened since 2015; and
- (e) the ratio of private medical colleges in South, North and Western India?

Adoption of the new policy on Public Sector Enterprises (PSE)

1086 **Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:**

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

- (a) whether any decision has been taken on new policy on Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the major highlights thereof;
- (c) the manufacturing sectors which Government has identified to play a major role in the near future; and
- (d) whether any decision has also been taken to strengthen such PSUs by way of efficient technology upgradation and modernization of machinery and if so, the details thereof?

Production, cost and import of solar panels

1087 **Ms. Sushmita Dev:**

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

- (a) whether India is capable of producing low cost solar panels to meet its domestic demand;
- (b) the year-wise details of the total number of solar panels made in the country since 2014 to 2021;
- (c) the year-wise details of the average cost of making a solar panel from scratch in the country from 2014 to 2021; and
- (d) the details of the number of solar panels that India imports from, country-wise and year-wise?

Offshore Wind Energy

1088 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to meet the targets of 5.0 GW by 2022 and 30 GW by 2030 for offshore wind energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether there is an expansion plan of offshore wind energy farms in the country and the details thereof?

Displacement of people due to offshore wind farm

1089 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

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

- (a) whether there has been any displacement of people for the purpose of setting up an offshore wind farm;
- (b) whether any measures have been taken for relocation of such persons;
- (c) whether any compensation has been provided to such persons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to formulate Green Tariff Policy

1090 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to formulate a "Green Tariff Policy" which would help the power distribution companies (DISCOMs) to supply electricity generated from clean energy sources at a cheaper rate than those from conventional fuel sources like coal, and if so, the details thereof; and
 - (b) whether the green tax would be marginally lower as compared to conventional fuel sources; and
- if so, the steps taken by Government to further bring down the Green tax so that the use of clean energy can be increased?

National Offshore Wind Energy Policy

1091 **Dr. Amar Patnaik:**

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

- (a) the status of the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy;

- (b) whether there are any ongoing offshore wind energy projects in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has taken any extra measures to promote engagement and encourage collaboration among various stakeholders; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Green Energy Corridor

1092 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) the State-wise status of the Green Energy Corridor Project;
- (b) the steps taken to overcome the low achievement of targets which have also been pointed out in the Standing Committee Report;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal for expanding the proposed Green Energy Corridor Project to other States to meet the 2040 targets for renewable energy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of CNG and H-CNG

1093 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) the use of CNG in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of CNG produced domestically and imported during the above said period, year-wise;
- (c) the difference between CNG and H-CNG;
- (d) the details of countries that are using H-CNG and the manner in which H-CNG is less polluting and economical than CNG; and
- (e) the efforts being made to produce more H-CNG in the country?

Renewable energy initiatives in India

1094 Shri Sanjay Singh:

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

- (a) the details of the initiatives taken by Government to push renewable sources of energy in the country;
- (b) the total budget allocated by Government towards these initiatives; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to reduce carbon footprints in the country?

Promotion of Green Hydrogen projects

1095 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) the steps Government is taking for the promotion of Green Hydrogen in the country; and
- (b) the status of bids and projects recently announced by Government for Green Hydrogen and the details of plans to invite bids for converting the fuel in ships to Green Ammonia Fuel Cells?

Research and development in renewable energy sector

1096 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri P. Bhattacharya:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) the status of Research and Development (R&D) in the field of renewable energy in the country in comparison to other countries;
- (b) whether Government has signed any agreement with national and international institutions for promoting R&D, if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the potential development in the said sector; and
- (d) the outcome of R&D activities?

Energy generation from garbage

1097 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the names of cities and towns where the project of generating energy from garbage waste has been started;
- (b) the details of municipalities awaiting to take off this project but NOC is pending from the Government;
- (c) the efforts taken by Government to encourage more and more municipalities to go for such plants for recycling and energy generation;
- (d) whether the specific grants are being given to various municipalities for starting such projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of solar parks

1098 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

- (a) the number of solar parks developed by Government in the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has any future planning to solarise the industrial belt of Gujarat to reduce pressure on thermal power stations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Clean energy sources in India

1099 **Dr. K. Keshava Rao:**

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

- (a) the State-wise list of clean energy resources used to generate electricity;
- (b) whether Government has prepared any plan or schemes to promote clean energy resources in the country, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce coal dependency for electricity generation in India, if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has invested in any clean energy resource for electricity generation in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

Subsidy utilisation and funding of renewable energy projects in India

1100 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

- (a) State/UT/sector-wise details of subsidies granted to the renewable energy sector, and the utilisation thereof, since 2015;
- (b) whether Government has made State-specific grants for meeting the renewable energy target of 450 GW by 2030, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is redirecting amounts received by levying tax on coal production and sale for renewable energy promotion, and if so, the details of the amount received and disbursed since 2015, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) steps taken to promote private investment in renewable energy?

Production of solar energy

1101 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

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

- (a) whether the production of solar energy has increased in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the State/Union Territory-wise details thereof; and
- (c) whether any step has been taken by Government to reduce per unit cost of solar energy, if so, the details thereof?

Inland water transport

1102 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Inland Waterways Project / Inland Water Transport will develop an efficient river transport system which would be sufficient for the large volume of passengers and cargo carried by vessels moved through Inland Water Transport as well as by private boat owners and operators;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the schemes implemented by Government for the development of inland waterways have not achieved the desired results; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action plan taken by Government for better and effective inland water transport in our country?

Matters related to handling of cargo

1103 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that one of the major port operators has announced that it will not handle cargo from Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan mentioning that no port operator can examine a container;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and who will be responsible for examination of containers;
- (c) whether any operator can announce that it will not handle the cargo due to lack of proper examination; and
- (d) the steps Government is taking to make changes in the rules for proper examining of cargo at the ports to control illegal activities at ports?

Inclusion of Muziris Heritage project under Sagarmala

1104 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any request from the Government of Kerala to include Muziris Heritage Project under Sagarmala; and
- (b) whether Government is ready to consider Muziris Heritage City Project in Kerala under Sagarmala?

Development of a Major port in Andhra Pradesh

1105 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

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

- (a) a list of all ports in Andhra Pradesh in public and private sectors with details such as capacity, traffic, profitability etc.;
- (b) the proposals received from Government of Andhra Pradesh as an alternative to Dugarajapatnam port found unviable by NITI Aayog;
- (c) the Ministry's response to proposals received from the State Government;
- (d) the details of location the Ministry considers suitable for the construction of a Major port in Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) whether the approval by the Ministry is getting delayed due to lack of demand or viability for establishing another Major port; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Shipping projects in the country

1106 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

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

- (a) the details of ongoing shipping development projects in the country, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether a large number of ongoing shipping projects with private participation have missed their deadline for completion in the country and if so, the details thereof, along with the reasons therefor, project- wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to review such projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the process of such review is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government for strengthening the shipping sector and make it internationally competitive?

Inland navigation in Kerala

1107 **Shri M.V. Shreyams Kumar:**

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

- (a) the details of the projects approved by Government for the development of Inland navigation in the State of Kerala; and
- (b) the present status of development of the ongoing Inland navigation projects in Kerala?

Development of new ports in the country

1108 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

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

- (a) the details of new ports being developed in the country; and

(b) the total investment/expenditure being incurred by Government on this account and the expected revenue therefrom?

Generation of renewable energy in thermal power plants

1109 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether Government has recently issued revised guidelines providing for thermal generation companies to set up renewable energy generation capacity either by themselves or through developers by open bids and supplying it to the consumers under the existing Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this will enable the replacement of fossil fuel based energy by renewable energy under the existing PPAs;
- (d) whether the gains from bundling of renewable energy with thermal power will be shared between the generator and distribution companies/other procurers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Fast Track Power Projects

1110 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

- (a) the progress related to the eight Fast Track Power Projects and out of them, the number of Power Projects that have started generating power in the country;
- (b) the specific details of the power project operated by multinational company and their detailed aspects-related to efficient functioning;
- (c) the quantity and the tariffs of the power generated;
- (d) whether the concerned State Governments have started purchasing power from the above said company or because of the default in the Power Purchase Agreement, the same is paying penalty to the power company; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of power in rural areas

1111 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been an acute shortage of power in rural areas of many States from last year;
- (b) if so, whether any new power generation projects have been set up to provide more power to needy States; and
- (c) if so, the names of the places where work for setting up of new power generation projects was initiated during last five years, alongwith the year-wise details thereof?

Status of thermal power station of NTPC

1112 Shri Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to close down NTPC at Talcher, Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the present status of the aforesaid Thermal Power Station of NTPC?

**Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd
(TANGEDCO)**

1113 Shri P. Wilson:

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

- (a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has sought financial assistance from Power Finance Corporation and Rural Electricity Corporation, if so, the action taken thereon;
- (b) the details of reforms for power sectors in Tamil Nadu which was hit by pandemic and to increase the viability of more number of private players in the sector;
- (c) whether Government has any plans in place to tap the available resources of the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the steps taken to exploit more Nuclear Electricity Energy from Kalpakkam Power Plant and Kudankulam Power Plants; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Uniform electricity pricing structure

1114 # Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to review the policy of uniform electricity pricing structure across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the said review is likely to be done?

Incomplete coal-based power plants

1115 Dr. Vikas Mahatme:

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

- (a) the total number and locations of incomplete coal-based power plants in the country; and
- (b) by when Government proposes to complete these power plants?

Shortage of electricity

1116 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) whether the country is facing a shortage of power;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures that Government is taking to prevent such shortage if any, the details thereof?

Schemes undertaken by the Ministry since 2014

1117 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) the details of all the schemes undertaken by the Ministry since 2014 till date along with a brief description of the targets set and the achievements made under each of the schemes; and
- (b) whether Government has fixed any time limit to complete the pending schemes and, if so, the details thereof?

Integrated Power Development Scheme

1118 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) the salient features of the Integrated Power Development Scheme(IPDS) and the status of its implementation in the country;
- (b) the total budgetary allocation made, along with the quantum of funds released under the said scheme, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) the steps taken by Government under the scheme to reduce Aggregate Technical & Commercial(AT&C) losses and to ensure 24x7 power supply as mentioned under the objectives of the scheme; and
- (d) the details of completion of work in different towns of Karnataka under the said scheme?

Status of National Power Grid and its expansion

1119 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) the status of National Power Grid in the year 2014;
- (b) the details of additions made in last seven years;
- (c) the benefits accrued because of its expansion; and
- (d) the plans of expansion for the next three years?

Impact of LED bulbs on market and environment

1120 Shri Prakash Javadekar:

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

- (a) the prices of LED bulb in 2014 and at present;
- (b) the number of bulbs distributed under Government's UJALA scheme;
- (c) the number of bulbs purchased in private and public sector; and
- (d) the environmental benefits of this initiative?

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