

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, December 18, 2018/Agrahayana 27, 1940 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 160

Rotational Transfer Policy for AYUSH doctors

801. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rotational Transfer Policy has been framed for AYUSH doctors from Ministry of AYUSH to CGHS and *vice-versa*, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether many CGHS AYUSH doctors are working in the Ministry of AYUSH since past 10 to 15 years and their transfer is due since long;

(c) whether the transfer guidelines of CVC and DoPT are being ignored by Ministry of AYUSH and as a result the transfer of AYUSH doctors from CGHS in Ministry of AYUSH is pending since long; and

(d) by when the rotational transfer policy will be implemented for a fair transparency in the Government?

Indo-Japanese agreement for promotion of Yoga and Ayurveda

802. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has entered into an agreement with Japan to promote the Indian traditional medical system of Yoga and Ayurveda, if so, the details thereof?

AYUSH hospitals

†803. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is formulating any plan to set up Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and

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Homoeopathy (AYUSH) hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Academic studies conducted under
AYUSH Ministry**

804. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of studies conducted by the Ministry, especially through randomised double-blind trials and in large survey cohorts of varied categories, that prove the efficacy of Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic medicine for any disorder or disease;

(b) whether such studies have been peer-reviewed and cross-verified with international studies and standards, if so, details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether any prescribed medications, or medications promoted by the Ministry or its statutory bodies, had a recorded instance of side-effects, or been shown to cause side-effects by any independent study; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**AYUSH hospital and Yoga Wellness
Centre in every district**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

plans for an AYUSH hospital and a Yoga Wellness Centre in every district of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the status of the said proposal and whether AYUSH hospital and Yoga Wellness Centre have not been set up so far in every district; and

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

**AYUSH hospitals in every district of
Maharashtra**

806. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up AYUSH hospitals with indoor patient facility and clinics in all the districts of Maharashtra to provide AYUSH treatment to the people; and

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

**Co-locating AYUSH facilities with
PHC/CHC/DH**

807. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to co-locate AYUSH facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs) and District Hospitals (DHs) in all the States across the country; and

(b) if so, details of the States and the districts therein in which facilities of alternative medicine *i.e.*, AYUSH facilities are available alongwith allopathy medical facilities at PHCs, CHCs and DHs?

Committee on penal provision of Companies Act, 2013

808. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a Committee to review the Penal Provision of Companies Act, 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the move will reduce the burden of trial courts in the country and rather allow them to concentrate on more serious offences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CSR funds invested in Aspirational Districts

809. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the CSR funds invested in Aspirational Districts during financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

(b) respective percentage of total amount of CSR funds invested?

Competition Law Review Committee

810. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted

a Competition Law Review Committee to review the Competition Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Action against shell companies under Companies Act

811. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of shell companies and entities that are primarily used as conduits for dealing in black money and hawala transactions have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof including companies identified by Government;

(c) whether Government has served or proposes to serve show cause notices to such companies and deregister them under various sections of the Companies Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unspent CSR funds of private sector

812. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of CSR funds spent by the private sector since last three years till date, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is huge unspent funds under CSR, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the private players are suggested to fund CSR activities which are related to the various schemes of Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Resignation by auditors of listed companies

813. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN:
SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that auditors in as many as 204 listed companies have submitted their resignation between January 1 and July 17, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this startling data is now the subject of an investigation by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fire safety measures in museums

814. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the fire safety measures in its museums; and

(b) how often is fire safety audit done?

Source of funds for maintenance of historical monuments

815. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds received through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) is the only source for the maintenance of historical monuments apart from the funds generated through sale of tickets;

(b) if not, the other sources of the funds

for the maintenance thereof and the percentage contribution of the different heads through which the funds are generated; and

(c) the amount that has been received through CSR, and the percentage funding by corporates under the same?

Funds for cultural activities and heritage preservation in Kerala

816. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allotted for various cultural activities and heritage protection projects in Kerala from 2015-16 to 2017-18; and

(b) whether any financial aid is granted for the renovation or construction of Ayyankali monument at Venganoor, Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala?

Restoration of Konark Sun temple by ASI

817. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has carried out restoration work on the 13th century Konark Sun Temple in Odisha, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the original stone carvings of the monument have been removed and replaced with plain stones as reported in the print media, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Measures to preserve Victoria Memorial

818. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any preventive measures for preservation of Victoria Memorial and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been an increase in footfall and revenue generated by way of entry tickets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or being taken by Government?

Institution for promoting Gandhian philosophy and ideals

819. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been drawn by Government for 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Mahatma Gandhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what concrete measures are proposed to be taken to create permanent institutions in the country to propagate and promote Gandhian philosophy and ideals; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to establish any exclusive interactive museum of international standards on several facets of the life of Mahatma Gandhi in the country, if not, the reasons therefor?

Revenue from monuments under ASI

820. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments that fall under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) the number of monuments that charge a ticket for entry;

(c) total revenue generated through entry fee for monuments in the last three years, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) total amount spent by ASI for maintenance and upkeep of these monuments in the last three years, the details thereof, year-wise?

Vacancy of monument attendants in Maharashtra

821. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether watch and ward and day-to-day maintenance of protected monuments has been mainly left to daily-wagers or contractual workers in Maharashtra because most of the regular posts are vacant;

(b) if so, the number of sanctioned and vacant regular posts of monument attendants for protected monuments in Maharashtra;

(c) the reason for keeping posts vacant; and

(d) whether there is any time-frame that Government has fixed to fill-up the vacant posts?

Implementation of project Mausam

822. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched project Mausam to revive cultural ties with countries in the Indian Ocean region;

(b) the year-wise allocation of funds to the project; and

(c) the status of implementation of project Mausam?

Protection of monuments and sites by ASI

823. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical monuments/ temples and other sites protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country as a whole and in Jharkhand and Gujarat in particular;

(b) whether Government proposes to strengthen ASI to enable it to protect all the historical monuments and heritage sites and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is considering to provide more funds to protect/recreate/ restore these monuments/sites and develop the peripheral area within the range of 500 metres and if so, the details thereof?

Charges imposed by banks on transactions

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

(a) the details of zero balance accounts opened in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that banks are charging for every transaction including for withdrawal of one's own money; and

(c) the number of banks deducting the money from accounts for such transactions, the details thereof?

Adverse impact of demonetisation on MSME

825. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with two years in retrospect, recent reports indicate that micro and small business firms are still reeling under the impact of demonetisation with a rather bumpy start for the GST regime;

(b) whether the latest RBI figures show that the loan default margin of these firms doubled over last year — from ₹ 8249 crore by March, 2017 to ₹ 16118 crores by March, 2018; and

(c) whether as statistics indicate, demonetisation has failed to reduce the size of the cash-based economy with ATM withdrawals from 66 different banks in April 2018, up by 22 per cent from the same period last year?

Committee for passing reserves of RBI to Government

826. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent board meeting of RBI to sort out issue of passing on reserves of RBI to centre every year as was being done during last five years based on recommendations of YH Malegam Committee, it was resolved to set up a committee;

(b) whether the membership and terms of reference of the Committee will be jointly decided by the Centre and RBI leaving no scope for either side to complain of biasness; and

(c) whether Government has chosen to wait for another few months to effectively seek transfer of RBI reserves?

Exemption to agricultural co-operative societies from income tax

827. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received from various States regarding exemption to agricultural cooperative societies from income tax;

(b) if so the names of the States; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

Reduced credit supply to exporters from gems and jewellery industry

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

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

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

Chit fund and ponzy schemes scams in West Bengal

829. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken

cognisance of various chit fund and ponzy schemes scams which took place in West Bengal, like Saradha Scam and Rose Valley Scam;

(b) if so, the details of all such scams and investigations carried out till date;

(c) the details of all persons whose name came out during the investigation of these scams; and

(d) the details of action taken by securities market regulator SEBI to ensure that such fraudulent schemes no longer take place again?

Electoral Bonds purchased

830. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the electoral bonds scheme;

(b) the details of the electoral bonds purchased by the citizens and other entities so far;

(c) the details of electoral bonds collected and encashed by the political parties so far, party-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has raised concerns on the issue of electoral bonds, if so, the details thereof as well as the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to address the concerns?

Granting Special Assistance Measure to Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government is considering

to grant Special Assistance Measure (SAM) to Andhra Pradesh State through NABARD/HUDCO/Banks;

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

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds received by Telangana under
Devolution and Transfer of
Resources Head**

832. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telangana has received 50 per cent more funds under the head, Devolution and Transfer of Resources from Centre in the year 2017-18 over the previous financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds received by the State during last three years under this head, category-wise?

Funds from NDRF to States

833. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted to different States during 2015-16 to 2017-18 from National Distress Relief Fund (NDRF) from the Central Government, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of financial aid allotted to Kerala for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood affected areas from NDRF?

**Loans sanctioned by special cell of
OBC**

834. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials working in the special cell created for sanctioning of loans in the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) and the details of loans sanctioned by them during the last three years;

(b) whether complaints for extracting commission from the clients for sanctioning loans were received against any official, if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the number of officials who have completed their two year tenure in the cell as per orders of the Banks and the reasons for keeping them there despite serious complaints against them?

**Disinvestment target for current
fiscal**

835. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set by Government for disinvestment during the financial year;

(b) the proceeds received due to disinvestment of public undertakings in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of undertakings where disinvestment took place, either fully or partially, in the corresponding period; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to restructure and re-finance the undertakings to revive before taking a decision of disinvestment and the details thereof?

Acquisition of IDBI Bank by LIC

836. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDBI Bank which is one of the worst performing Bank in the country with bad debts of ₹ 55,000 crore is being taken over by LIC; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the specific purpose for taking over this sick bank?

Consortium of Banks to deal with stressed assets

837. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Banks have agreed to resolve stressed assets quickly;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the leading lenders of the country signed an agreement among themselves to grant power to the lead lender of the consortium to draw up a resolution plan for stressed assets;

(c) whether the plan would be implemented in a time bound manner before bankruptcy proceedings kick in as was the mandate of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Loan given to Punjab

838. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total central loan given to Punjab Government as on date, indicating principal amount and interest separately;

(b) the loan paid back to the Central Government during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the loan?

Law to check scams in Banks

839. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is likely to formulate any strict law to check scams in nationalised banks, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has instructed the banks to bring changes as per its new guidelines to strengthen their monitoring mechanism; and

(c) if so, whether Government is likely to take strict action against the Banks not complying with the guidelines of the RBI?

Dollar deposit scheme

840. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a Dollar deposit scheme for non-resident Indians to stem the decline of the rupee by increasing Dollar inflows; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of the software for ATMs

841. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in the country will shut down within two or three months due to unsupported/outdated software prone to fraud and lack basic security features;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of such ATMs to total operational ATMs, Bank-wise; and

(c) whether Government/Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed the Banks to upgrade the software for ATMs or face penalty, if so, the details thereof?

Development of new return filing system by GSTN

842. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) will focus on development of new return filing system, improving the user interface and business intelligence and analytics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that GSTN is already doing simple analytics by matching GSTR-3B and GSTR-1 returns, based on which tax officials are sending notices to tax payers under GST; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Invoking Section-7 on RBI

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

(a) whether Government has invoked Section-7 of RBI Act for reckless lending policy adopted by RBI which led to bad loan crisis gripping the country's Banks and driven the economy to the present state of affairs;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is not the move to snatch the monetary policy from RBI;

(d) whether Government has not

noticed such situation before demonetisation;

(e) whether Government is of the view that demonetisation has given good results and RBI's lending policy only led the country into the present state of affairs; and

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

Schemes to pass benefits of agricultural loans waiver

844. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of farmers of the country have not been given benefits of loan waiver under agriculture loan waiver scheme during the last three years as announced by Government particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether Government will provide the benefit of loan waiver by bringing a fresh scheme in this regard so that large number of farmers may be covered under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Repatriation of fugitive economic offenders

†845. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's policy on fugitive economic offenders has failed, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, by when Government would be able to repatriate fugitive economic offenders; and

(c) the details of the number of persons

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who fled the country along with the amount taken by them during the last three years and the action taken against them by Government?

Reimbursement to Tamil Nadu from GST collection

846. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has generated income as expected from GST collections since the introduction of GST;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the GST collected in the last one year, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has paid any refunds to the States/ UTs from the IGST collections; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the amount reimbursed to Tamil Nadu?

Interest free loan to meritorious students of technical and professional studies

†847. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide interest free loan through financial institutes to those students who pass competitive exams in their pursuit of technical and professional courses so that they can complete their studies;

(b) whether it is in the interest of the country to provide such facility to such meritorious students; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Outstanding credit of large enterprises

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Economic Survey, out of the total outstanding credit of ₹ 2.6K billion, 82.6 per cent was for large enterprises, MSMEs on the other hand received only 17.4 per cent of the total credit outstanding; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of employment percentage provided by MSMEs and the large enterprises?

Increase of excise duty on petroleum products

849. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefits of fall in the petroleum prices in international markets are not passed on to the consumers due to repeated increase in the Central Excise Duty;

(b) the steps taken by Government to bring the petrol and such products prices under control;

(c) whether it is also a fact that rise in petroleum prices is badly affecting Aviation industry and airlines are facing sharp losses; and

(d) whether Government proposes any intervention to provide relief to the Aviation industry?

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Bringing petroleum products under GST

850. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to bring petroleum products in GST regime under the theme One-Tax-One-Nation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of petroleum products are high in India as compared to other Asian countries; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal to give relief to the consumers?

Proposal of farm loan waiver from Government of Karnataka

851. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested Government to waive 50 per cent of the agricultural loans availed by the farmers from commercial Banks/RRBs/cooperative Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government on the above mentioned proposal;

(c) whether any other State Government had requested Government for waiver of the agricultural loans availed by the farmers from Banks/RRBs/cooperatives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government to other State Governments' proposals?

Investment in foreign countries by Indian companies

†852. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total investments made by Indian companies in foreign countries during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the top five countries which draw investments from Indian companies; and

(c) the reasons for Indian companies making investments abroad instead of doing the same in domestic market?

Austerity measures in Government Departments

†853. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently directed Government Departments to observe austerity measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of annual savings made by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government has undertaken measures to achieve the desired level of savings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pollution caused by thermal power stations

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Thermal Power Stations are major contributors of pollution in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that several

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thermal power stations under Central and State Governments are unable to arrange pollution control equipment due to lack of funds; and

(c) the total number of thermal power stations in operation in the country, the number equipped with proper pollution control systems and the number to be equipped with pollution control systems and the estimated expenditure to upgrade them?

Surplus amount of RBI transferred to Government

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

(a) the details of RBI's Currency and Gold Revaluation Account (CGRA) and Contingency fund for the last five years; and

(b) the surplus amount of RBI transferred to Government during the last three years; the details thereof?

Impact of use of RBI reserve fund by Government

856. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approached RBI for extra funds from its surplus reserves to meet fiscal deficits;

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

(c) whether such a move or request by Government could affect AAA rating of our central bank?

Fund sharing pattern for Odisha under CSS

857. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government will allow for Odisha the fund sharing pattern of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) at par with the North Eastern and Himalayan States?

Disinvestment of securities for SUUTI

858. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of disinvestment plans to manage fiscal deficit; and

(b) whether Government plans to disinvest securities from Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) before the end of the financial year 2018-19?

Closures of ATMs

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

(a) whether Government is aware that almost 50 per cent of ATMs will be closed down throughout the country *w.e.f.* March, 2019 which will cause major inconvenience to the public;

(b) if so, whether Government will increase the number of ATMs in the country

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instead of closing them for the convenience of the public;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the ATMs being closed?

India becoming world's fastest growing economy

†860. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a historic increase in the share of Indian economy towards world economy after 2014 and whether the Indian economy is leading the fastest growing economies of the world at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a positive impact on the per capita income in the country as a result of increase in Indian share to world economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

States under severe fiscal stress

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

(a) whether it is a fact that several States are under severe fiscal stress due to schemes like loan waivers and higher borrowings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which are having severe fiscal stress and highest debt-Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) ratio; and

(d) the name of the State which tops the spending under non-development expenditure?

Divestment of PSUs through IPO

862. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to divest PSUs through Initial Public Offer (IPO) sale process;

(b) if so, the details of sale target and further proceedings therefor;

(c) the present account status of PSUs and their Government sharing in comparison to year 2012 thereof; and

(d) the details of fund utilisation which have been raised through sale of PSU shares during the last three years therein, year and company-wise?

Companies involved in money laundering and tax evasion

863. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies under the scanner of Government for violating taxation and money laundering laws;

(b) the names of companies deregistered on the charges of money laundering; and

(c) the action taken/to be taken by Government against these companies found to be involved in money laundering and evading of tax?

Cost of recalibration of ATMs

864. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the troubled banking industry will have to pay another

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₹100 crores to recalibrate ATMs for dispensing the new ₹ 100 notes across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that introduction of ₹ 200 note is already expected to cost Banks over ₹100 crore for ATM recalibration;

(d) whether the Banks had already spent over ₹ 110 crore for recalibrating ATMs after the introduction of the new ₹ 500 and 2,000 notes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Beneficiaries under Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme

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

(a) whether Government has recently made any changes under Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme for the farmers of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said scheme has benefited farmers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the details showing the number of farmers benefited by these schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise?

RBI guidelines for agencies to deposit money in ATMs

866. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RBI has recently issued guidelines/directives to

private agencies which deposit money in ATMs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that RBI has directed Banks to fill cash, as per denomination, in cassettes and hand it over to the private agencies and those agencies have to just replace the cassettes and hand over empty cassettes to Banks;

(d) whether it does not burden Banks as they have to purchase huge number of cassettes; and

(e) the response of Government to the concerns expressed by consortium of ATM industry?

Role of the Department of Financial Services and RBI *vis-a-vis* performance of PSBs

867. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Department of Financial Services of the Ministry and the RBI *vis-a-vis* the performance or lack of it in Public Sector Banks; and

(b) who is ultimately responsible to the stakeholders that is the tax paying citizen of India?

Budget allocation for Delhi Government

868. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Government received ₹ 36,776 crores from Government as budget in 2014 and ₹ 48,000 crores in 2018 as claimed by some MPs; and

(b) if not, the actual amount the Delhi Government received from Government in 2014 and 2018 respectively?

Formulation of reform agenda for Banks

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

(a) whether Government has announced a Public Sector Banks (PSBs) reform agenda;

(b) if so, the details and salient features of the same;

(c) whether Government has formulated any such agenda for Regional Rural Banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Diversion of cess

870. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess collected by Government during the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, the details thereof, year-wise;

(b) the amount of cess, out of cess collected that remained unutilised during the aforesaid financial years, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether the unutilised cess so collected for specific schemes like Swachh Bharat were being diverted for other purposes and schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the status of the unutilised amount of cess at present?

States' Investment Potential Index, 2018

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently National Council of Applied Economic Research released States' Investment Potential Index, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof and parameters that have been adopted to arrive at rankings;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Andhra Pradesh has slipped four ranks and Telangana slipped three ranks when compared to the last year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Import Duty cut on gold and diamond

872. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to cut the Import Duty on Gold from 10 to 4 per cent;

(b) whether Government is also in consideration to reduce the Import Duty on Diamond from 7.5 to 2.5 per cent; and

(c) the manner in which Government plans to curtail Current Account Deficit (CAD) so as to keep imports under control?

Task Force to review Direct Tax Legislation

873. SHRI RIPUN BORA:
DR. BANDA PRAKASH:
SHRI SAMHAJI
CHHATRAPATI:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR
KALITA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a Task Force in order to simplify and review the Income Tax Act, 1961 and to draft a new Direct Tax law in consonance with the economic needs of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame given to submit the report;

(c) whether the Task Force has submitted its report;

(d) whether Government has examined the recommendations; and

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

Study to assess the volume of demonetised notes with people

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the elapse of demonetisation period the demonetised currency notes in denomination of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 are still with the common people and they, being unable to use their hard-earned money, are distressed;

(b) whether Government is conducting any study to assess the volume of such currency notes with the people; and

(c) whether Government proposes to take back those demonetised currency notes in denomination of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 remaining with the people so that they may

deposit such money lying unspent with them in Government exchequer?

Handing over of loss-making IDBI to LIC

†875. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISAMBHAR PRASAD
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic experts are expressing apprehensions that handing over of the huge loss-making IDBI Bank to the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) would cause loss to it in the long term;

(b) whether the constant absence of accurate assessment of financial investment by LIC is being reflected in its investment in stock market;

(c) whether the policy holders' money has been stuck in the stock market due to the absence of proper assessment by LIC in modalities of granting loans; and

(d) whether due to the same reasons, LIC has not been able to maintain stability of its products in stock market?

Use of poor quality paper for printing currency notes

876. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new currency notes of ₹ 2000 and ₹ 500 which were printed and

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circulated after demonetisation have become unusable within two years of circulation due to poor quality of papers used and ATM censors are not able to recognise these notes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the steps Government proposes to take in this regard; and

(d) the details of expenditure incurred on printing and circulation of new currency notes after 8th November, 2016 till date, denomination-wise?

Protection of wilful loan defaulters from disclosure

877. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether former Governor of RBI had submitted a list of wilful loan defaulters to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the date on which it was submitted to Government;

(c) the details of action taken against the above wilful defaulters by Government till date;

(d) whether Government is not divulging the names of above defaulters; and

(e) if so, under which rules/law Government is shielding the defaulters?

Negative impact of demonetisation on economy

878. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonetisation was a massive, draconian and monetary shock that accelerated economic slowdown and economic growth was 6.8% for seven quarters after demonetisation against 8% prior to demonetisation;

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

(c) the details of measures Government would take to compensate the economic loss to the country and ultimately the people due to demonetisation?

Amalgamation of RRBs within a State

879. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government initiated consolidation of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) along with public sector lenders;

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

(c) whether there is a proposal for amalgamation of RRBs within a State, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of efforts taken to improve the financial strength of RRBs?

Adulterated milk and milk products

880. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 60 per

cent of milk and milk products in Punjab and other States have been found unfit for human consumption;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite abundant milk, available in the States, sizeable number of illegal factories/units are manufacturing spurious milk and milk products; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government against such illegal manufacturers in the country?

Eat Right Movement

881. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently launched the Eat Right Movement in a bid to encourage food companies to make accurate disclosures of the nutritional values or calorific value of foods;

(b) whether the movement also aims to make consumers aware of the salt, sugar and sodium levels or fat content in the products they purchase or foods they consume; and

(c) whether companies are also being advised to take it up themselves to self assess and monitor, if so, the details thereof?

Centrally sponsored health schemes

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

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored health schemes formulated and

being implemented in various States of the country during the last two years;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, released and actually utilised under the scheme during this period State-wise and District-wise; and

(c) the details of the achievements made in this regard?

Complaints over food adulteration

883. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of adulteration and using harmful chemicals in various food items are rising every year in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints reported to Government during the last three years;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check incidents of adulteration in food items; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to curb adulteration and penalise the people involved in such activities?

Shortage of Lab Assistants in CGHS Dispensaries of Rajasthan

884. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Lab Assistants in the CGHS Dispensaries across the entire State of Rajasthan; and

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

Rise in cases of non-contagious diseases

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of serious non-contagious diseases is increasing constantly in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any strict and effective step to stop it;

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing the number of Deen Dayal Pharma stores

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the number of Deen Dayal Pharma stores;

(b) if so, whether any step has been taken in this regard so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Affordable healthcare facilities

887. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the high costs of healthcare and exorbitant overcharging by hospitals from distressed patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for making affordable and standard healthcare facilities for the patients in the country?

Disparity in doctors practising across States

888. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States in the country have more doctors than WHO norm of one per 1000 people, while other States are facing acute shortage of doctors and also cannot find enough doctors for rural public health system;

(b) if so, the number of States with more doctors than the prescribed norm and the States facing acute shortage of doctors;

(c) the percentage of doctors serving in Bangalore city and in remaining part of Karnataka; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to address the shortage of doctors in rural public health system and details thereof?

Setting up of herbal medicine-based industry in Gujarat

†889. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any effort to set up medicinal herbs based industry in Chhotaudepur district of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto?

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Budgetary allocation for vaccination

890. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allotted for the key vaccinations in the country;

(b) the budget allotted for polio vaccines in the country;

(c) the status of allocation and utilisation of funds allotted to key vaccines in India, State-wise and district-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry has approached a foreign funder, as it is facing lack of funds for polio vaccine; and

(e) if so, how much amount has been sought for the same?

HIV infected people in the country

891. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India with 2 million estimated HIV infected people is third on the list of countries with HIV infected patients;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an HIV estimation exercise conducted in 2015 projected that there would be around 21.1 lakh people living with HIV in the country in 2016;

(c) whether India had declared its aim to decrease new HIV infections by 75 per cent in the period between 2010 and 2020; and

(d) whether India is committed to eliminate AIDS by 2030?

Allocation of funds for AIIMS, Guntur

892. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) project was laid in the month of December, 2015 at Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds allocated/ granted towards this AIIMS project;

(c) the details of funds released during the last three years;

(d) the details of funds yet to be released by the Ministry; and

(e) the present status of the said AIIMS project?

Ban on sale of e-cigarettes

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

(a) whether Government is aware about the harmful effect of e-cigarettes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a need to ban the sale and manufacturing of e-cigarette which is freely available in hotels, pubs, bars and clubs; and

(c) the details of action taken to save young generation from the harmful effect of smoking?

Addressing healthcare needs of the Scheduled Tribes

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

(a) whether the Committee set up by Government in 2013 to assess the gaps and special health needs of the country's Scheduled Tribes has submitted its report recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the main findings and recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government on the findings/recommendations of the Committee and to bridge the health divide between the tribals and non-tribals?

**Long waiting list for patients at
AIIMS, New Delhi**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of people are waiting in a queue for operation in AIIMS which includes cancer patients, and the details thereof;

(b) whether the waiting period for these patients is from one to two years due to shortage of facilities; and

(c) if so, by when the new Surgical Block is likely to begin functioning so as to reduce such waiting list?

PMJAY

896. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism under which the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY), world's largest health protection scheme which was launched recently will finance hospitalisation of underprivileged families to the extent of ₹ 5 lakhs annually and the details thereof;

(b) whether proper infrastructure, monitoring mechanism, Grievances Cell etc. are in place and the details thereof; and

(c) the details of how empanelment of Government and private hospitals have been done and selection criteria adopted?

ISO certification of CHCs and PHCs

897. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Community and Primary Health Centres in the country including Goa;

(b) whether Government proposes to make all Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs), ISO-certified and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of CHCs and PHCs in Goa which have been made ISO certified so far; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the quality of services in these health centres of the country?

Central healthcare schemes

†898. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the health schemes launched by Government since 2015 till date under the Ministry, year-wise and achievements under each of these schemes?

Testing of imported pulses for toxins

899. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported

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pulses were found to be unfit for human consumption recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had asked the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to test imported pulses for toxins; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the findings, if any, made?

Cases of Diphtheria in Delhi

900. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Diphtheria cases detected/reported in the various hospitals in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) the number of deaths caused by the disease during the same period; and

(c) the steps which have been taken by Government to prevent this dangerous disease?

Initiatives to encourage use of generic medicines

901. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to encourage the use, supply and distribution of generic medicines in our country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, mentioning the percentage of people or patients taking generic medicines, in comparison to the other medicines?

Yoga therapy in CGHS Chikitsa Kendras

902. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Yoga therapy given in the CGHS Chikitsa Kendras is the equivalent of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani therapies;

(b) if so, the details of regular Yoga practitioners in the CGHS Chikitsa Kendras as on date;

(c) if not, since when the posts of Yoga practitioners are lying vacant; and

(d) whether any initiative to upgrade the regular Yoga instructors of CGHS Chikitsa Kendras in Delhi to the post of Yoga practitioners is being considered and if so, by when it will be finalised?

Budgetary allocation for spacing methods under NHM

903. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total budget allocated for spacing methods under family planning component in the National Health Mission;

(b) the total expenditure registered for spacing methods in the previous financial years since 2015-16 till date, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is planning to increase expenditure on spacing methods since Government has introduced three new methods (injectable contraceptive, centchroman and progestin only pills) in basket of choice?

Framing of Food Safety regulations

904. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 2016 regulations for proprietary foods were framed without consulting scientists of FSSAI;

(b) reasons why the 2016 regulations on proprietary foods allow manufacturers to sell food by combining pre-approved ingredients in desired ratio without being assessed by scientists of FSSAI for their safety, as the safety of processed food products depends not only on safety of its individual ingredients but also the ratio of their combination; and

(c) the list of such proprietary foods made up of combination of pre-approved ingredients, that have been passed by FSSAI without scientific scrutiny in labs mentioning the corresponding manufacturers too?

Advisory to States on regulating ENDS

905. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued an advisory to all States to ensure that Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) including e-cigarettes, vape, etc. are not manufactured, imported, distributed, sold and advertised in any manner;

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

(c) the reaction of State Governments thereto;

(d) whether Government has framed/ proposes to frame regulations on ENDS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the further action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Data on availability of sanitary napkins

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

(a) whether the Ministry has any data on availability of sanitary napkins;

(b) whether the Ministry has any data on sale of sanitary napkins in the States, the rural and urban area-wise and details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has data on the number of diseases that use of sanitary napkins can prevent and the details thereof?

Health and Wellness Centres

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

(a) the number of Health and Wellness Centres which have been set up so far; and

(b) the deadline for setting up 1,53,000 such centres?

Breast Milk Banks

908. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any positive outcome of the Breast Milk Banks set up in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, under National Health Mission (NHM) and the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government plans to set up Breast Milk Banks in other States as well and if so, the details thereof?

Handling of emergency cases

909. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to equip hospitals to deal with the emergency cases specially those occurring due to road accidents or natural disasters; and

(b) the total number of deaths registered/reported in Government hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir through road accidents and the preventive measures taken to minimize the death toll?

Hospital for women and children in rural areas of Bihar

†910. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having any plan to open any hospital for women and children in the rural areas of Bihar keeping in view the fact that 60 to 70 per cent population in Bihar live in villages, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Vision loss due to infections

911. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there could be a permanent vision damage to the patients

of dengue, chikungunya and bacterial infections like typhoid and rickettsia;

(b) whether the possibility of damage to the vision can be ruled out through early detection and treatment of the above said infections; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for its early detection and how it propose to deal with it nationwide and the details thereof?

Survey on consumption of generic medicines

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

(a) whether any survey has been conducted on the use/consumption of generic medicines all over the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether majority of private hospitals are reluctant to prescribe generic medicine due to huge incentives provided by branded pharma companies; and

(c) if so, the action taken against those hospitals prescribing branded medicines and charging more from the patients?

Measures to reduce anaemia in women and children

913. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government has taken/ plans to take to reduce anaemia among women and children especially in the State of Bihar, Gujarat and Haryana, and the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is aware of India's low ranking on the Sanitation Index,

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if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Affordable cancer treatment

914. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increase in number of cancer cases countrywide that has gone up in the last six years by 15.7 per cent, if so, State/UT-wise details of cancer cases reported since last three years and corrective measures taken to curb its spreading and affordable treatment;

(b) details of State Cancer Institute (SCI) and Tertiary Cancer Care Centre (TCCC) functional in country along with proposed such Cancer Hospitals/Institutes/Treatment Centres in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(c) details of funds allocated and utilised by Government for setting up and strengthening of such Hospitals/Institutes/Treatment Centres during last three years, State/UT-wise?

National Leprosy Eradication Programme

915. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increasing prevalence of Leprosy cases across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the target to eliminate Leprosy under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme is being achieved, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government for prevention and affordable treatment of such diseases and to spread awareness in this regard?

Upgradation of PHCs, CHCs and SCs to HWCs

916. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) salient features of the Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Scheme;

(b) estimated budget required to implement the scheme fully, State-wise details and contributions, if any, required from State Governments;

(c) progress in upgrading existing Public and Community Health Centres (PHCs and CHCs) and rural sub-Centres (SCs) to Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) under NHPS, State-wise details, as well as budget allocated and spent;

(d) whether Ministry has taken concrete steps to address the staff shortages within PHCs, CHCs and SCs while upgrading them to HWCs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including timeline of implementation and tangible results obtained?

Schemes to check high child mortality rate

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

(a) the latest data on infant mortality rate in the country, category-wise, that is rural and urban, SC, ST and others, for each State;

(b) the latest data on neo-natal mortality rate in the country, category-wise, that is

rural and urban, SC, ST and others, for each State;

(c) the latest data on under five mortality rate in the country category-wise that is rural and urban, SC, ST and others, for each State; and

(d) the scheme/programme/funds launched/released to check high child mortality rate during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise?

Rise in obesity cases among children

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

(a) the measures the Ministry intends to take in collaboration with other overlapping departments to tackle obesity which is a rising problem both among urban and rural population especially children and young adolescents as there are increased outlets of junk food at entertainment centres visited by them;

(b) whether UK Government has recently taken specific steps to reduce the portion of junk food served and the calorie content taken by them; and

(c) the specific activities envisioned by Government to improve and promote healthy eating habits among school children?

Quality checks on imported pulses

919. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tests

conducted by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India over imported pulses found that the imported pulses are safe and free from residue of glyphosate in these commodities, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to put some more conditions for import of pulses to make sure that pulses, if imported, are fit for consumption, if so, the details thereof?

Regulatory body for overseeing standard of healthcare provided by hospitals

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

(a) whether any regulatory body has been established by Government to oversee the standard of healthcare provided by hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred by Government on healthcare in India in the last three years; and

(c) the number of deaths that have occurred in the last three years because of mismanagement in the hospitals?

Hospitals for senior citizens

†921. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish separate hospitals for aged persons in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such hospitals are proposed to be established and by when, if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) the details of facilities to be provided in these hospitals?

Effective implementation of Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY

922. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY has been launched to provide coverage of upto 5 lakh rupees per family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to over 10 crore poor families;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the provisions for both public and private empanelled hospitals, the scheme has been unsuccessful in taking private hospitals on board;

(c) if so, the manner in which the centre will ensure the effectiveness of the scheme; and

(d) the details of the insurance companies given the responsibility to grant insurance coverage and the premium amount granted until now, since the implementation of the scheme, month-wise?

Launch date for NHPM

923. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Health Protection Mission will provide annual health cover of ₹ 5 lakh each for 10.74 crore families, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that IT (Information Technology) stabilisation is the limiting factor in announcing a launch date for NHPM, if so, the details thereof?

Healthcare infrastructure in rural areas

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

(a) whether healthcare is a major concern in the rural areas of the country;

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

(c) the details of availability of healthcare infrastructure including manpower and affordability of facilities by the rural people; and

(d) the details of steps taken to address the problems of rural health both at macro and micro level and to improve healthcare sector in rural areas of the country?

Injectable contraceptives

925. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to roll out injectable contraceptive (DMPA) at a pan-India level; and

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

Swasthya Suraksha Yojana in Telangana

926. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of Swasthya Suraksha Yojana has been taken up in the State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds released so far for the projects under this scheme to Telangana; and

(c) the status of these projects as on date?

Guidelines for diagnostic tests

927. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any guidelines/ protocols for various diagnostic tests conducted in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether Government intends to bring guidelines or rules for such tests across the country;

(c) whether there is any monitoring mechanism to check prices for such tests; and

(d) if not, whether Government proposes to devise any mechanism for monitoring rates of various services and facilities in private hospitals and the details thereof?

Hiring of consultants by the Ministry

928. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government uses consultants for carrying out work of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of consultants, and corresponding projects they have been hired on, and the fees paid to them, in the last three years?

Medical college in Kupwara District, J&K

929. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to open any medical college in the rural areas of Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will become operational; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quota for Government in-service doctors in DNB courses

930. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons due to which the National Board of Examination has refused to allocate seats to in-service candidates for Diplomate of National Board (DNB) courses run in Government hospitals;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has been requesting to provide seats to in-service candidates working in rural areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Ministry is going to take to give weightage for Government or rural service before deciding the eligibility for DNB courses before NEET and/ or quota for Government in-service doctors in DNB courses?

Insurance cover for ASHA and anganwadi workers

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

(a) whether Government has taken any

decision to provide free insurance cover to ASHA and anganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has taken any other decision to incentivise ASHA and anganwadi workers, if so, the details thereof?

Scholarships for students belonging to minority communities

932. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for students belonging to minority communities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of minority communities that are under purview of these schemes;

(c) the total estimated budget for these schemes for upcoming year; and

(d) the number of students who are expected to benefit from these schemes annually?

Scholarship and Free Coaching Schemes for minority communities' students

933. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the problems being faced by minority communities in the country;

(b) the schemes aimed to empower the students belonging to minority communities in the country;

(c) whether Government has recently

reviewed the centrally sponsored Scholarship Scheme and Free Coaching and Allied Schemes for minority communities' students;

(d) the details of coaching institutions providing free coaching to minority students in the country, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the students benefited under Scholarship Scheme and Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the last two years and the current year, State-wise?

Road map to augment production of renewable energy

†934. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any road map to increase the production of renewable energy, if so, the nature of this road map; and

(b) the details of rise in the generation of renewable energy in the last three years under the said road map?

Boost to indigenous solar manufacturing capacity

935. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has scaled up its renewable energy capacity target, if so, the additional expenditure over and above the allocated expenditure in the budget;

(b) the portion of this energy capacity from solar projects and the required expenditure for this investment; and

(c) the details of initiatives taken by

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Government to boost indigenous solar manufacturing capacity as the safeguard duty on Chinese solar panels has been imposed?

Efforts to boost renewable energy generation capacity

936. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that renewable energy generation of country is inadequate and slow, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that experts advised to step up the scale and speed up the efforts in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to achieve the stepped up renewable energy generation capacity of the country?

Share of clean energy in total power production

†937. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTIYA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expansion in the capacity of production and factual production of new and renewable energy in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) its share in the total power production of the country and the quantum of production that will be done from each source of new and renewable energy in the ensuing five years?

Bringing renewable energy projects under priority sector lending

938. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in current scenario, lenders are reluctant to fund renewable energy projects, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to classify renewable energy projects under priority sector lending?

Loans extended by IREDA

939. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans provided by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for renewable energy projects in the country during each of last three years and the current year, the details thereof, company-wise;

(b) whether the loans disbursed by IREDA have been utilised properly; and

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

Cost of renewable energy production

940. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of solar, wind and other renewable energies per unit at present;

(b) in what manner costs of erection of

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power plants for these are compared with those of power plants of traditional energies;

(c) whether a situation has arisen where traditional energies do not have much advantage over renewable energies; and

(d) whether all these power plants are fully utilised and the details thereof?

Status of International Solar Alliance

941. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by Government under the International Solar Alliance till date and the nations that have joined the alliance;

(b) whether any future plan of action has been decided and whether any multilateral event is being planned;

(c) the targets that Government wishes to achieve under the framework of the Alliance; and

(d) the details of the projects under which the solar projects have been set-up, State-wise?

Funds and incentives under National Solar Mission

942. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:
DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken by Government to support the use and promotion of renewable energy;

(b) the funds allocated and disbursed under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar

Mission in the current financial year and the last three years;

(c) the steps taken to incentivise people to use solar energy;

(d) the details of companies which have applied for the incentives under the plan along with the subsidy claimed by the respective companies; and

(e) the details of funds given under the special incentives plan during the current financial year, company-wise along with the measures taken to prevent misuse of subsidy by defunct/fraudulent companies?

Smart Meters Installation under UDAY

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

(a) whether distribution companies have failed to meet the smart metering targets in different consumer categories under UDAY;

(b) if so, the details thereof as well as the reasons therefor, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated to the distribution companies for this purpose so far, year-wise and State/UT-wise; and

(d) the challenges faced by the distribution companies during its implementations?

Reduction of AT&C losses of States under UDAY Scheme

944. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses

in the States and Union Territories participating under the Ujjawal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) stood at 21.9 per cent as on 30 September, 2018, marginally less than what it was an year ago;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to achieve its target of reducing AT&C losses to 15 per cent in the next financial year;

(c) whether the gap between the average cost of supply and the revenue realised (ACS-ARR gap) is widening; and

(d) whether ineffective metering and billing has been hindering the reining in of the (AT&C) losses?

Power penetration in Uttar Pradesh

945. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of villages and towns where electricity has not been provided or partially provided in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of villages and towns where electricity has been provided or partially provided in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) by when the remaining villages and towns would be provided electricity, if so, the details thereof?

Progress of Saubhagya Scheme

946. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Saubhagya Scheme launched by Prime Minister with a view to provide electricity facility to all households in the country, launched by Government,

is being implemented in the country as per the schedule and targets, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the States where this scheme has achieved considerable progress in providing electricity to the households and achieved its targets, the details thereof?

Funds to States for hydroelectric power projects

947. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government proposes to extend financial assistance to State Governments for hydroelectric power projects, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Union Government is implementing programmes in power sector with the aid of foreign agencies, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the schemes and programmes introduced by Government for increasing the power generation and the projects approved for the purpose, State-wise including Assam?

Pending power projects

948. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power projects from various States are pending for approval with Government, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for sanctioning of these projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which country is likely to become fully self-reliant in the power sector?

Implementation of UJALA in Andhra Pradesh

949. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LED for All (UJALA) Yojana in whole of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of LED bulbs supplied so far; and

(c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding saving of power after the implementation of this Yojana, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Dandi under heritage circuit scheme

†950. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work done by Government regarding Dandi under heritage circuit scheme;

(b) the amount of money allocated/used by Government for these works till now; and

(c) the place-wise details of the works done by the amount till now?

Development of new and renovation of old tourist sites

†951. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any action plan for developing new tourist sites and renovating old tourist sites with a view to promote tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, the number of new tourist sites that have been developed and old tourist sites that have been renovated during the last three years and the amount of money spent for this scheme?

Progress on the rural circuit of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme

952. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any submissions regarding specific regions made by the States for the rural circuit under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons that no project has been sanctioned till now under the rural circuit of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and

(c) whether Government has come up with a timeline for the achievement of certain goals under the said scheme?

Statistics of tourists including medical tourists

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

(a) the number of persons coming in the country for tourism during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the countries wherefrom tourists are coming for tourism and the number of tourists, country-wise;

(c) the details of tourists coming for medical tourism along with the names of their countries;

(d) the foreign exchange received from entire tourism including medical tourism to the country; and

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(e) the steps being taken by Government to boost medical tourism and measures to remove difficulties in getting medical visa?

Development of tourist circuits under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes

954. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether tourist circuits are being developed on priority basis under these Schemes; and

(c) if so, the details of tourist circuits being developed in the country under these Schemes, State- wise including Goa?

Development of nature tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

955. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir may become a hub of tourism industry, as many of the natural tourist spots in terms of mountains, snowfall and greenery are here but commensurate development of tourism has not taken place;

(b) whether Government has any comprehensive plan to improve the overall tourism industry across Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(c) total funds allocated and utilised for development of tourism during the last two years in Jammu and Kashmir State, the details thereof for Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh?

Funds for tourism and hospitality sector in Tamil Nadu

956. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made allocation of funds for the development of tourism and hospitality industries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and loans sanctioned and allocated through Tourism Finance Corporation of India (TFCI) in the last three years;

(c) whether Government has any new initiatives to provide adequate funds for the development of Tourist and pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total amount disbursed till date by Centre for development of same in Tamil Nadu, place-wise; and

(e) steps taken by Government for the development of tourism and hospitality industries in Tamil Nadu?

Inclusion of Konkan region temples in Central list of tourist places

†957. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state whether Government has taken or prepares to take any steps to include Lord Ganapati temple famous as Kadyavarcha Ganapati in Anjarle, Keshwaraj temple belonging to Lord Vishnu and Vyagreshwar temple belonging to Lord Shiva located in Aasood village 7 km. away from Anjarle road; Dapoli, Tamas Teerth, Shri Datta temple and ancient Veleshwar temple located in Ladhar and Lord Shiva temple in Velneshwar and Harihareshwar temple on the bank of Tambi (Tamrapani) river 45 km away from Gondhlale village Chiploon

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in Konkan area, in list of Central tourist places and to provide essential civic facilities over there, details thereof?

Safety measures for tourists in Konkan region

†958. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether sea beaches, water falls, hills, valleys and forests in Konkan region are major tourism attraction but there are no safety measures and accidents *i.e.*, incidents of drowning of tourists occur in these places; and

(b) whether Government has taken or intends to take steps for making these places safe by adopting necessary security measures and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for development of tourism in Bihar

†959. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of funds released for development of tourism in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the time-limit prescribed to complete these projects; and

(c) the places where the tourist facilities would be available in Bihar after completion of these projects?

Development of birth place of Sita

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

(a) whether any plan proposal of Bihar Government related to the development of birth place of Sita at Sitamarhi in Bihar is under consideration of Central Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said plan proposal has been accorded sanction to and the proposed amount has been released, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by when the said proposal will be given sanction and the proposed amount will be released?

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