

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, February 7, 2017/Magha 18, 1938 (Saka)*

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**(Ministries: Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy  
(AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and  
Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Free parking facility to airline passengers**

†\*46. MAHANT SHAMBHUPRASADJI  
TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION be pleased to state whether  
any plan is under consideration of  
Government for the provision of free  
parking facility to airline passengers at  
airports and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Third party safety audit of hospitals and clinics**

\*47. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the  
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated  
the process of getting the third party  
safety audit of various hospitals and  
clinics in the country conducted; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Meeting of Central Board of RBI**

\*48. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether any meeting of Central  
Board of the Reserve Bank of India had  
taken place during last six months to decide  
any matter under section 26(2) of Reserve  
Bank of India Act, 1934;

(b) if so, when was the meeting held  
and what was the agenda of the meeting;

(c) how many Directors attended the  
meeting;

(d) at what time the meeting was held;

(e) what were the recommendations, if  
any, made by the said Central Board to  
Government; and

(f) when were the recommendations  
conveyed to Government?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Acquisition of land for expansion of  
Thoothukudi Airport**

\*49. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to acquire 586 acres of land which is required for widening and extending the runway of Thoothukudi Airport in Tamil Nadu; and

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

**Withdrawal of charges on digital  
payments**

\*50. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal to withdraw the surcharge/ service charge or convenience fee on digital payments like credit/debit cards etc. to reduce cash transactions; and

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

**Encouragement to use debit cards**

\*51. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all Government departments, public sector firms and autonomous bodies to encourage their employees to use debit cards for personal transactions and serve as ambassadors for Government's push for a digital payments economy; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministries have been asked to liaise with banks to ensure that employees who do not have a debit card can get one and if so, the details thereof?

**Improving living conditions and  
fighting capabilities of soldiers**

\*52. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to improve the conditions of the brave soldiers by providing superior quality food, modern equipments and clothes, helmets etc. to ensure National security and unity; and

(b) the details of the action taken by Government on the issue of grievances of soldiers?

**Advice of expert body for  
demonetisation**

\*53. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any responsible official body had assessed that monetary situation in the Country was so grave that immediate demonetisation of currencies of highest denominations was warranted, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Reserve Bank of India informed Government that it had made all arrangements for such a step; and

(c) whether Government sought advice of any other expert body in this regard?

**Refusal to exchange/deposit damaged currency notes**

\*54. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI counters are not exchanging/depositing the damaged/intact demonetised currency notes of resident Indians as assured by Prime Minister while addressing the Nation on demonetisation on 8 November, 2016, inspite of furnishing affidavits/undertakings;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware that PSBs refused to deposit those currency notes in accounts before 30 December, 2016 and RBI counters had assured that damaged currency notes will be deposited/exchanged after 1 January, 2017;

(d) if so, the reasons for not implementing the assurances; and

(e) the action proposed in this regard and fate of these hard earned currency notes?

**Clearence of tracks by Commission of Railway Safety**

\*55. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) is mandated to

inspect and approve railway lines, old and new;

(b) if so, to what extent CRS is responsible for recent accidents/derailment of trains;

(c) whether those tracks were given necessary clearance by CRS; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Non-utilisation of NHM funds by States**

\*56. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds released under National Health Mission (NHM) are not being utilised by the States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred by the States during the last three years?

**Recovery of black money post demonetisation**

\*57. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have so far been arrested/identified/apprehended by Income Tax Department and Enforcement Directorate for keeping black money after the announcement of new demonetisation policy;

(b) the details of names, particulars and amount of black money recovered from each of the persons; and

(c) whether any cases are registered against them, if so, the details thereof?

**Efforts to bring black money stashed abroad**

\*58. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of black money stashed by Indians abroad, Country-wise and how much so far Government has been able to bring back; and

(b) what efforts are being made to bring the entire black money stashed abroad and by when it would be done?

**Acceptance of deposits from DCC banks by commercial banks**

\*59. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry and RBI is aware that farmers of Karnataka deposited around ₹ 535 crores old currency notes after demonetisation in District Central Cooperative (DCC) banks;

(b) the reasons for issuing letter on 17 November, 2016 by RBI directing all commercial banks not to accept any cash deposits from DCCBs; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chief

Minister of Karnataka requested the Finance Minister to ask RBI to withdraw above letter and permit commercial banks to accept cash deposits in old notes from DCC banks?

**Mobile medical vans and dispensaries**

\*60. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States/UTs where mobile medical vans/dispensaries/units are presently in operation;

(b) whether Government has received proposals from various States for setting up mobile medical vans/dispensaries/units, if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken by Government thereon, State/UT-wise including Himachal Pradesh;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which the said service is likely to be introduced in all the uncovered areas including rural and tribal areas of the country?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 1st February, 2017*  
Magha 12, 1938 (Saka)

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
*Secretary-General.*

**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

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| <b>Ayurveda, Yoga &amp; Naturopathy, Unani,<br/>Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)</b> | : | —                               |
| <b>Civil Aviation</b>  | : | 46, 49, 55,                     |
| <b>Corporate Affairs</b>   | : | —                               |
| <b>Defence</b>   | : | 52,                             |
| <b>Finance</b>   | : | 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, |
| <b>Health and Family Welfare</b>   | : | 47, 56, 60.                     |
| <b>Minority Affairs</b>  | : | —                               |
| <b>Youth Affairs and Sports</b>  | : | —                               |