

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 14, 2017/Phalguna 23, 1938 (Saka)*

**(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 — 160

Special innovative scheme for cultivation of natural medicinal herbs

1277. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to introduce any special innovative scheme for the cultivation of natural herbs and medicinal plants in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds earmarked and allocated for such projects during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has provided funds for development of infrastructure, Research and Development and training facilities in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu to prepare for the AYUSH systems of medicine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the list

of projects pending approval from the Ministry during the last three years?

Increasing the number of Ayush Centres

†1278. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan for encouraging Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy Centres for ensuring the wellness of the people of the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the programme formulated as per the target for imparting training to the instructors and doctors of the yoga and naturopathy centres, their training and for increasing the number of such centres, as on date, and for the next three years, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Scientific studies to prove efficacy of plant extracts

1279. DR. VIKAS MAHATME : Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific studies have been undertaken to prove the effectiveness of Ayurvedic, naturopathy, unani and homoeopathy medicines; if so, the details thereof including the details of the Research papers published in index journals and patents obtained, year-wise for the last three years;

(b) whether due to lack of high standard scientific studies calibrating the usage, dosage and side effects of these medicines which are otherwise very effective in treatment of diseases people have to go by their experiences of how these felt after using such medicines; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to undertake such studies?

Providing insurance facility for Ayush treatments

1280. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementing the insurance facility to treatments in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy systems to medicines; and

(b) whether Government proposes to address the request of the Ayurveda practitioners to introduce a legally bound well organised system for providing

insurance facility to Ayush treatments to protect them from casual denial by the insurance organisations, and if so, the details thereof?

Integrating Ayurveda with modern medicine

1281. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ayurveda is meeting modern medicine with a little help from genomics;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per study conducted by Institute of Genome and Integrated Biology, if Ayurveda is integrated with modern medicine, a much more effective treatment can be given to patients;

(c) if so, the details of such study; and

(d) how Ministry is planning to push it forward?

Promoting Indian systems of medicines

1282. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry is promoting AYUSH in other countries of the world;

(b) what new schemes/programmes AYUSH has undertaken to promote and spread Indian Systems of Medicines in other countries during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether any MoUs have been signed

with other countries, if so, the details thereof?

Incentives for promoting herbal farming

1283. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing any incentives to the farmers to promote herbal farming; and

(b) if so, the types of assistance being provided and the details thereof, State-wise?

Ayurvedic institutes functioning in Bihar and Jharkhand

†1284. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ayurvedic institutes accorded approval in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) how many out of them are operational at present;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to make all the institutes operational in a full-fledged manner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, phase-wise?

Patents relating to ayurvedic medicines

1285. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come across cases where traditional Indian medical science has been patented by foreign companies abroad, if so, details thereof;

(b) the details of patents filed by Indian based companies and individuals based on ancient Ayurvedic knowledge; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to safeguard the ancient knowledge of Ayurveda from being commercialised by foreign corporations?

Expansion of flight services in Madhya Pradesh

†1286. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities of Madhya Pradesh which have been connected with other cities, including Delhi by Air India;

(b) the time table of its flights and whether it has been scheduled in accordance with the public convenience;

(c) the places from where flights of other airlines are available for Madhya Pradesh with time table thereof;

(d) with reference to "a" above the expansion plan of flight services proposed for Madhya Pradesh in future; and

(e) the measures taken to maintain the punctuality of flight services effectively?

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Use of robotic arms to wash and clean aircrafts

1287. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present, more than 20 people have to work for 10 hours at a stretch on each airplane to ensure that every bit of the aircraft is clean, to provide flyers with the best hygiene possible;

(b) whether Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL) and Air India have joined hands to bring in a new technology from Sweden, which will use robotic arms to wash and clean an aircraft inside out;

(c) by when this new technology is likely to come to enable them save time, helping the airlines to increase their frequency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for expansion of IGI airport

1288. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (DIAL), for the expansion of the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the total area of the airport at present and whether for expansion any additional land is required;

(c) whether the proposal of DIAL is to raise passenger and cargo capacity from its current capacity and includes expansion of existing T1, T2, and T3 terminals and construction of a new terminal T4; and

(d) the details thereof including the total cost involved for the expansion work?

Travelling time between Ahmedabad to New Delhi

†1289. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about correct travelling time by air between Ahmedabad and New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Staff crunch at ATCs in major airports

1290. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Traffic Control (ATC) at major airports in the country are reeling under staff crunch resulting in delayed air traffic control; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to expedite the appointment process?

Acquisition of Dreamliner by AI

1291. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite being plagued by recurring technical glitches, the national carrier Air India would complete acquisition of the 27 Dreamliners from Boeing before April and will take delivery of the 23rd B-787 in early January, 2017 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India will have the last batch of four more Dreamliner by the end of this fiscal year, putting an end to the process that started more than a decade ago and if so, the details thereof?

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Invitation of bids under Regional Connectivity Scheme

1292. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received 45 proposals from 11 bidders covering more than 200 routes under its Regional Connectivity Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has now invited counter bids against these initial proposal that cover 65 under served or unserved airports;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government expects the first flight under the scheme to take off in late February or March this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Operation of wide bodied aircrafts from Calicut Airport

1293. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has examined the reasons for the inordinate delay in restarting the operation of wide bodied aircrafts even after the completion of re-carpeting of the runway at Calicut Airport ;

(b) whether Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by the gulf workers from northern Kerala due to the unavailability of wide bodied aircrafts; and

(c) whether Government would take necessary steps to restart operation of wide bodied aircrafts at the earliest?

Disposal of complaints received through Air Sewa

†1294. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints received on digital platform, Air Sewa, launched in November for the disposal of complaints regarding airlines and flights;

(b) the number of complaints received against all the Government/private aviation companies/service providers, the details thereof separately; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to dispose of these complaints?

Cargo facilities at Raipur Airport

†1295. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cargo facility is proposed at old terminal of Raipur Airport of Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, whether Government would consider the same so that the valuable and perishable agriculture based goods could be transported from the State located far from coastal areas?

International flights from Madhya Pradesh

†1296. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Airports under Airports Authority of India in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of airports out of the

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above that are proposed to be developed to International standard and the action taken in this regard, the names of the airports that have been expanded and converted into international standard airports; and

(c) by when the international flights would begin operation from the State after expansion of the airports?

VRS for AI employees

1297. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to introduce VRS for its employees if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether financial crunch of the Air India comes in the way of implementing this scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Privatisation of Ahmedabad Airport

1298. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans for the privatisation of Ahmedabad Airport in the next three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Helicopter services at tourist places in Tamil Nadu

1299. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to introduce

Helicopter service at tourist places in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Helicopter service from Madurai to Kanyakumari/Rameshwaram, Kodaikanal etc.; and

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

Mechanism for foolproof security at airports

1300. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether catering licence is biggest worry for security agencies at our airports;

(b) if so, the instances causing security scare at airports recently; and

(c) the steps taken and mechanism for ensuring foolproof security at airports?

Installation of full body scanner at airports

1301. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the full body scanner that has been recently installed at Delhi airport has been a success, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government plans to install full body scanners, at other airports in the country, and if so, the airports that have been identified for this purpose; and

(c) the details of the total cost outlay for introducing full body scanners at airports?

Rejection of open sky offer by Nepal

1302. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal has rejected India's open sky offer to allow operation of unlimited flights between the two nations, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they rejected the offer saying that it was not yet ready for the open sky agreement and it might consider the proposal two years later; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Nepal has requested for developing new air routes and air entry points at Janakpur, Bhairahawa and Nepalgunj?

Charging of predatory fares for certain sectors by Air India

1303. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is charging huge fares for certain sectors like Visakhapatnam-Delhi-Visakhapatnam and Chennai-Delhi-Chennai;

(b) what are the reasons for Air India levying predatory fares even when planes are only forty per cent booked;

(c) whether Air India has received complaints on predatory fares on some sectors; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to bring down fares on these and other sectors?

Revival of dormant airports

1304. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's Regional Connectivity Scheme is going to revive some dormant airports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many operators have submitted plans under this scheme, and the details of airports to be revived;

(c) whether Kadapa in Andhra Pradesh along with other airports are to be benefited, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time, the scheme would be implemented?

Constitution of specialised team to bring down court cases

†1305. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted or proposes to constitute any specialised team for setting up a mechanism to bring down the number of pending cases related to the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether a serious concern has been raised on the rising number of court cases in various courts and if so, the details thereof?

Registration of fake companies in West Bengal

†1306. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey, Kolkata tops in registration of fake companies in the country and if so, number of such fake companies registered;

(b) whether these fake companies are mostly connected with wholesale trading and real estate business;

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(c) whether these companies are used for converting black money into white; and

(d) if so, whether Government is taking any action against these companies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Organising of air show at Mopa, Goa

1307. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is proposing to organise an air show at Mopa in Goa;

(b) if so, whether a request to this effect has been made by the Ministry to the State Government of Goa;

(c) whether the Ministry would require any land for the purpose;

(d) if so, the quantum of air space and land area that would be required; and

(e) whether request for land, air space, logistics and other related matters has been made with Government of Goa and if so, the details thereof?

Defence manufacturing unit in Goa

1308. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any defence related manufacturing unit is proposed to be set up in Goa;

(b) if so, whether any place has been identified for the purpose;

(c) if so, the area proposed to be acquired;

(d) whether the proposed project would be in public, private or Public Private Partnership mode; and

(e) the details as to the cost of the project, its share holdings and other details in this regard?

Irregularities in purchase of helicopters

1309. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has scrapped the VVIP helicopter deal and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether CBI has also filed a case regarding irregularities in purchase of 197 Light Utility Helicopters (LUHs) recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has cancelled the deal regarding purchase of LUHs, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Short supply of medals

1310. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of medals in the details Armed Forces from 2013 to 2016;

(b) the number of medals supplied to Armed Forces during the above period;

(c) whether there is a short supply of medals for soldiers of the Armed Forces;

(d) if so, what steps Government has taken to meet the backlog of medals;

(e) by when Government will cover backlog of medals; and

(f) the measures undertaken or planned to be taken by Government to address the problem of delay and short supply of medals?

**Protection of Defence installations
and Intranet from cyber attacks**

1311. SHRI RAJEEV
CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister
of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has in place security measures and risk management plans to protect Defence installations and Defence Intranet from cyber-espionage and cyber-attacks; and

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

Improving functioning of DRDO

1312. SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of contribution made by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the development and upgradation of defence equipment in the country;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by DRDO on various defence projects during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there are adequate number of scientists and other employees in DRDO and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government proposes to set up any Commission to suggest measures to improve functioning of DRDO and if so, the details thereof?

**White shipping agreement with
Indonesia**

1313. SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and name of countries with which India has signed white shipping agreements;

(b) whether Government has approached Indonesia to sign the white shipping agreement to improve data sharing and providing advance information about vessels moving around in the area and if so, the response of Indonesia in this regard; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to prevent 26/11 Mumbai like situation, human trafficking and piracy in Indian coastal waters?

**Purchase of defence equipments from
private companies**

1314. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to purchase defence equipments from private companies in the current financial year 2017-18, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is concentrating more in purchasing defence equipments from private sector instead of Defence PSUs, and if so, the reasons therefor?

**High quality care for personnel
suffering psychological trauma**

1315. KUMARI SELJA: Will the
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to ensure that Armed Forces personnel receive high quality care and support for psychological conditions and disorders such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder acquired during military service, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate any scheme to spread awareness and remove stigma around psychological conditions acquired during service for Armed Forces personnel and if so, the details thereof?

Schedule for acquisition of Rafale jets

1316. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) present status of acquisition of Rafale Fighter Jets from France for the Indian Air Force;

(b) by when the jets would start coming and the time to be taken for the last batch of fighter jets to arrive in India; and

(c) whether the acquisition would be completed as per the revised schedule or there is any change?

Replacing outdated Cheetah helicopters

†1317. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not willing to replace the outdated and accident-prone Cheetah helicopters, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, the major reasons due to which Cheetah helicopters meet with accidents frequently; and

(c) the number of Cheetah helicopters involved in accidents and the number of soldiers who died in those accidents during the last three years and the details thereof?

Production of F-16 jets in India

1318. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lockheed Martin has offered to shift its production of F-16 jets to India in partnership with a company, if so, the details thereof;

(b) to what extent this helps India and what would be the employment opportunities once Lockheed Martin comes to India;

(c) whether it has put a condition of big order of F-16s from IAF;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Boeing and Saab have also agreed to set up their manufacturing units in India; and

(e) if so, what the Ministry has done so far in this regard?

Review of pilot training manual

1319. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MIG 27 crash on 13th June, 2016 in Jodhpur was due to mechanical fault or a human error;

(b) how many fighter aircrafts have crashed in the last three years;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in each of the crash cases, if so, what does the report reveal in general in all the cases; and

(d) whether the Ministry is considering review the training method in order to minimise the crashes to save the precious lives of the pilots?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Night vision equipment for the armed forces

1320. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is enough night vision equipment present with our armed forces to tackle emergency situations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of soldiers in the army along with the number of such night vision goggles that are present with the army; and

(c) whether the Ministry has hastened up the procurement process of such equipment, if so, the funds that have been sanctioned for the same and the targets set by the Ministry?

Policy for extending assistance to martyrs' families

†1321. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to help the families of martyrs;

(b) the financial assistance and other facilities provided to the families of martyrs during the last three years;

(c) the number of families of martyrs who received full financial assistance; and

(d) the names of the martyrs' families who have not received this assistance amount and the reasons therefor?

Non-utilisation of budgetary allocation

1322. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry

has been unable to utilise ₹ 54,416 crore from its capital acquisition budget in the previous and current financial years; and

(b) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to overcome the problem of delays in defence procurement, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in firings across LoC

1323. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani militants have stepped up their attacks recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of casualties on our side;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has moved lakhs of people on the border to a safe location fearing Pakistan retaliations, which has virtually made their lives hell; and

(d) if so, whether Government has adopted any other strategy to deal with Pak militants and if so, the details thereof?

Upgrading of strategic highways

1324. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of threat perception of war, Government has planned improvement and widening of roads and construction of expressways upto borders with China and Pakistan; and

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

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Staff shortage in MES

1325. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Military Engineering Services (MES) were facing shortage of staff in the Barracks and Stores Cadre, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the MES is losing revenue from cantonments because of shortage of staff in Barracks and Stores Cadre; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill up the vacancies in Military Engineering Services?

Different valuation methods for sale of PSUs

1326. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs that are going to be put on sale by Government;

(b) the number of PSUs in which Government is planning to bring down its stake;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating five different valuation methods for the sale of PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how such methods are helpful to PSUs?

Treating the cost of EAPs in Andhra Pradesh as grants

1327. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has taken a decision to treat 90 per cent cost of the Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) in Andhra Pradesh as

grants instead of loan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this scheme is implemented for all ongoing EAPs or only on newly sanctioned EAPs?

Action against unrecognised political parties for misuse of contribution

1328. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Election Commission had sent communication to the Central Board of Direct Taxes to look into the finance of 255 registered but unrecognised political parties for not contesting polls in the last one decade; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such political parties and the action taken against them for misuse of contribution taken by them?

Gender budgeting

1329. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the concept of gender budgeting;

(b) the norms followed in making the gender budget; and

(c) whether the gender budget is spent *in toto* in 2014, 2015 and 2016?

Retrieving black money from foreign banks

1330. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Government had promised, when it was elected, to retrieve the black money of the

tax evaders of this country from foreign banks;

(b) how far Government has succeeded in retrieving the black money from foreign banks;

(c) whether Government is negotiating with those foreign countries for retrieving the black money;

(d) whether Government has been able to identify the names of those tax evaders who have stacked their black money in foreign countries; and

(e) if so, whether Government is willing to reveal the names of such individuals and by when?

Currency printing by foreign company

1331. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign company is involved in the process of currency printing of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any currency printing or material supplying foreign company is blacklisted by Government in the last fifteen years;

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

(e) whether any such foreign companies blacklisted earlier are removed from the blacklist and given contract for printing or allied services; and

(f) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Monitoring of Private Partners in PPP projects

1332. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and the details of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in place for the last three years including the current year till date;

(b) whether Government has planned or is planning to introduce legislation to bring the accounts of PPP projects directly under the sectorial regulators;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of mechanisms Government has evolved or is going to evolve to monitor the private partner in PPP who use public funds to deliver services?

Working of DRTs in Bihar and Jharkhand

†1333. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) working in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) the details of debts of banks and financial institutions recovered by these Tribunals in last three years;

(c) whether any audit has been conducted to analyze the working of these Tribunals; and

(d) measures being made to enhance the efficiency of these Tribunals?

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Disbursal of new Indian currency

1334. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy adopted in releasing the new Indian currency to various States and Union Territories;

(b) the details of disbursal of new Indian currency with dates State-wise/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) whether it is a fact that currency disbursal was decided by the Ministry of Finance, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of new ₹ 2000 notes

1335. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has introduced new ₹ 2000 notes after Government banned the use of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 notes;

(b) if so, what is the logic behind introducing notes of higher denomination, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government conducted any study/consultation before deciding to release notes of higher denomination, if so, the details thereof?

Regulation of NGOs spending practices

1336. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the apex court has ordered an audit of accounts of 30 lakh NGOs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is mulling to set up a proper machinery in the country to lawfully regulate their activities and

spending practices and to see that the NGOs do not escape the tax net; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof?

Handling of communications received from MPs

1337. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of letters received by Secretary (Finance) and Secretary (Expenditure) from the Members of Parliament (MPs) in the month of October, 2016;

(b) whether they have replied to all the letters received from MPs and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of letters from MPs pending for reply and by which date pending letters would be replied;

(d) what are Government's instructions concerning handling of communications received from MPs; and

(e) what action Government proposes to initiate against officers for not following Government's instructions concerning handling of communications received from MPs?

Assessment of black money

1338. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether unearthing black money was one of the objectives behind demonetisation;

(b) if so, how does Government define black money, and the laws from which this definition is taken;

(c) how will Government assess which and how much of the deposited money is black money as per this definition; and

(d) what was Government's assessment of existing black money as on November 8 as per this definition and how much black money Government could trace after the demonetisation drive?

Purchase of insurance policies through e-accounts

†1339. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of customers who opened e-accounts under the scheme wherein insurance regulators had permitted certain funds that customers can transfer to their existing insurance schemes from e-accounts and purchase new policies through opening this e-account;

(b) whether Government is considering to amend/review its policies to further reduce the risk of losing the physical documents; and

(c) the extent to which rural policy holders have access to the electronic format for existing policies spoken about by Government?

Irregularities in sanctioning of loans by cooperative banks to farmers

1340. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loans provided by cooperative banks to the marginalised and small farmers from various States including Haryana during the last two years;

(b) whether any irregularities have been found in sanctioning the loans during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/ UT-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to stop such irregularities?

Purchase of paper for new currency notes

1341. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for printing of new currency notes of ₹ 2000/- and ₹ 500/-, paper shall be purchased from same or new company;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the company has agreed not to supply same paper to any other country in the world; and

(c) if so, the details of the contractual agreed obligations?

Expenditure from Green Cess Fund

1342. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue collected so far on account of Green Cess by Government;

(b) the details of expenditure made from Green Cess Fund, year-wise during the last two years State-wise; and

(c) the further plan of Government for expenditure from Green Cess for the next three years?

Cost of printing of new currency notes

1343. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of new

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currency notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 printed as on 10th March, 2017, separately;

(b) the printing cost of each piece of new ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 currency notes;

(c) the details of total printing cost incurred for printing of new currencies of ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000;

(d) the number of total new currency notes ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 to be printed to remonetise the old demonetised notes, separately;

(e) the details of total demonetised notes deposited as on 10th March, 2017; and

(f) the details of loss to Government due to demonetisation?

Refusal to exchange/deposit damaged currency notes

1344. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to SQ 54 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 07/02/2017 and state:

(a) whether RBI, New Delhi had refused to exchange/deposit mutilated/damaged demonetised notes of resident Indians who were in the country from November, 08 to December, 30, 2016 and had assured to exchange and deposit it after 30th December, 2016 and SBI summarily refused to deposit mutilated notes in accounts;

(b) if so, whether Government would extend the facility to exchange/deposit legally earned mutilated demonetised currency notes to resident Indians as promised by Prime Minister on 8th November, 2016;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons for declaring the legal money as black money?

Recovery of loans from big Industrialists

†1345. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of such bank loans that are due to banks from big industrialists with little hope of their repayment, the details of the banks and borrowers;

(b) whether Government has remitted or rescheduled the loans of few big debtors, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to recover the due amount?

Declaration of income under amnesty scheme during demonetisation

†1346. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who declared their undeclared income under the amnesty scheme during demonetisation, the details thereof;

(b) the revenue earned by Government in view of declaration of 50-50 per cent during demonetisation, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is going to take legal action against the persons who applied under the above scheme and could not pay their tax due to some reasons the details thereof?

Inflow and out flow of capital

1347. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the inflow of capital in form of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Foreign

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Institutional Investors (FII) and Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) during the period from 1st April, 2016 to 31st December, 2016;

(b) the outflow of capital in the form of FII and FPI for 2nd and 3rd quarter; and

(c) the external commercial borrowings by Indian corporate for the last two years, 2015-16 and 2016-17?

Setting up of Payment Banks

1348. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has granted approval for setting up of Payment Banks in the recent past, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Applications received and approved by RBI; and

(c) whether Reserve Bank of India/ Government has prescribed any guidelines in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Re-caliberation of ATMs

1349. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recalibration of all the ATMs of Public Sector and Private Banks across the country have been completed after demonetisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government received huge number of complaints regarding non-functioning of ATMs post demonetisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Mandated expenditure under Central laws

1350. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from Government of Rajasthan on the issue of mandated expenditure under Central laws;

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dilution of autonomy of RBI

1351. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Forum of Reserve Bank of India Officers and Employees have expressed their dismay over the reported interference of the Ministry in the day to day affairs of the Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps have been taken to ensure that autonomy of RBI is not diluted in any manner?

Deletion of CCTV footages by banks during demonetisation

1352. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Co-operative and other banks are reported to have deleted the CCTV footage recorded during the demonetisation in the country;

(b) whether the Income Tax authorities have written to the Reserve Bank of India in this regard;

(c) whether any action has been taken to unearth the truth in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is the progress so far in this regard?

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Demand and availability of new currency notes

†1353. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even half of the new currency notes are in circulation *vis-a-vis* their demand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the existing ratio of demand and availability of new currency notes?

Impact of decline in inflation rate

†1354. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inflation rate declined to 3.17 per cent as per the retail prices in the month of January;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the core businesses of the country were affected due to the decline in inflation rate, if so, the details thereof?

Relaxation in norms for travelling of Government officers

1355. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has relaxed the norms of travelling for the officers by permitting them to travel in private airlines; and

High rate of prevalence of nutritional anaemia

1356. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the prevalence of nutritional anaemia is among the highest in the South Asian countries and the prevalence in India is relatively higher than that of other developing countries, affecting nearly 50 per cent of the population; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for the same?

Paytm Bank

†1357. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to permit Chinese company Paytm to open its bank in India;

(b) if so, the places where Paytm has requested for opening its branches in its application; and

(c) the percentage of profit Government is going to permit Paytm to take back to its country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Criteria for declaration of loan as fraud

1358. SHRI BISHNU CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 573 dated 7th February, 2017, Unstarred Question 1519 dated 29th November, 2016 and Unstarred Question 212 dated 6th August, 2013 and to state:

(a) the details of criteria for declaring a loan as fraud by SB1;

(b) the details of specific criteria which fraudulently secured loans under KCC in 2008 and 2013 do not fulfill and for which FIR No. 486/2013 was filed;

(c) whether Government is aware of specific order of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No. 1580 of 2013 which states that recovery of loans does not condone frauds and is equally punishable; and

(d) if so, details of action Government would take against officials for not declaring the referred loans as fraud in view of the directions of Supreme Court?

Impact of demonetisation on tax collection

1359. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received their tax collection of direct and indirect taxes during the past three years;

(b) if so, whether the tax collection are falling short due to demonetisation; and

(c) if so, the action taken to increase the tax collection in the country?

Chit fund companies in West Bengal

1360. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of chit fund companies have raised a huge amount of money in West Bengal in the last five years; and

(b) if so, the number of such companies and how much money has been raised by them?

Vacancies of workmen Directors and Officer Directors in PSBs

1361. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of workmen Directors and Officer Directors in Public Sector banks;

(b) the reasons for not filling up the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

Debarring of Judicial Member of CESTAT

1362. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Judicial Member of CESTAT has been debarred from hearing cases of a particular Law Firm;

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

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against the said Member, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Irregularities in restructuring PSB loans

1363. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints regarding irregularities in restructuring of loans in public sector banks have come to the notice of Government in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) the details of action taken by Government on such complaints during the said period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loan portfolio of NE States clients under SIDBI

1364. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of clients from North-Eastern States in the Small Industries Development Bank of India till 31 March, 2016; and

(b) the total loan portfolio of the clients from North East States in that Bank till 31st March, 2016?

Conversion of Jan Dhan accounts in saving bank accounts

†1365. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Jan Dhan Accounts opened in the country, the amount deposited to these accounts prior to and after the demonetisation, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Jan Dhan accounts which have been converted into general savings accounts on account of deposit of more than ₹ 50,000 following demonetisation, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount deposited in the saving accounts converted from Jan Dhan Accounts, the details thereof?

Prevention of flow of black money

1366. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much black money has been unearthed by the Income Tax Department domestically during the last three years;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent flow of black money into gold and real estate; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to adapt and upgrade the investigation and enforcement wings of Income Tax Department in view of the greater penetration of digital technologies in financial transactions, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Post-demonetisation issues and challenges

1367. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) major issues and challenges being faced by the Indian economy post demonetisation;

(b) whether India is better placed in the backdrop of fragile world economy; and

(c) if so, how the macro fundamentals appear during the last quarter of 2016-17?

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Strategic disinvestment of CPSEs

1368. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved many Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for strategic disinvestment during the year 2016-2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof, CPSE-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that these CPSEs are providing employment to many youths in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, CPSE-wise; and

(e) the reasons for disinvestment of these CPSEs?

Impact of demonetisation on different sectors

1369. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demonetisation of higher currencies like ₹ 500, ₹ 1000 have had multifacet effects on the country's economy after 9th November, 2016;

(b) if so, the details of its effects on sectors like-agriculture, service, automobiles, trade and tourism etc.;

(c) whether the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the demonetisation period has been affected severely; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bridging the per capita income gap

1370. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per-capita income of the poor and middle class has been

decreasing steadily during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trajectory of economic growth is only helping a few; and

(d) if so, the details of steps/remedial measures Government is taking to bridge this widening gap?

Raising capital by PSBs through preferential shares

1371. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has permitted 12 public sector undertaking banks to raise close to ₹ 3,000 crore via preferential shares over and above the ₹ 22,915 crore capital support committed to them in July last year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had already infused a sum of ₹ 25,000 crore in 19 Public Sector Undertaking banks during financial year 2016, if so, the details thereof?

Rural households under debt

1372. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 per cent households in rural India are indebted currently; and

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

Control over increasing NPAs

1373. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the

increase in Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in Public and Private Sector Banks in the country, causing big problem to our economic growth, if so, the action taken by Government against loan defaulters so far;

(b) the number and percentage of banks which reported increase in their Non Performing Assets (NPAs) between the period from January to June 2016; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to help banking sector to overcome the problem of NPAs in future?

Loss of lives during demonetisation

1374. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans on giving/has paid any compensation to people who lost their lives while standing in the queues of banks/ATMs post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) details of the people who died while standing in the banks/ATMs queues for cash in the month of November and December, 2016, State/UT/date-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any data regarding the average time spent by people while standing in the banks/ATMs queues to collect/exchange cash post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Merger of subsidiary banks with SBI

1375. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Cabinet has approved the merger of subsidiaries of State Bank of India with the parent bank (SBI); if so the details thereof;

(b) the time to be taken by merged entity to come into effect with the reasons for the merger; and

(c) whether Government will merge other Public Sector Banks in order to face global challenge, if so, the details thereof?

Financial exclusion of weaker sections of society

1376. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banking sector has failed to meet the targets set for the weaker sections of the society;

(b) whether it is also a fact that economic reforms have reinforced financial exclusion of the landless belonging to the weaker section who would suffer from agrarian crisis and uprooting as a result of industrialisation and urbanisation;

(c) if so, whether Government is taking any action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Curbing as black money through demonetisation

†1377. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of various banks and other financial institutions found involved in mismanagement in the investigation regarding implementation of demonetisation and the nature of action taken against them;

(b) whether Industries and other financial experts are of the view that industries have been forced to face financial slowdown for a long time due to demonetisation decision; and

(c) the extent to which Government has succeeded in achieving the targets fixed by it to curb the black money through demonetisation, and the details thereof?

Proposals pending from Chhattisgarh

†1378 CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry during the last three years from the Government of Chhattisgarh for development projects and the amount involved therein, scheme-wise and the details of action taken thereon;

(b) the reasons for which proposals received from the State Government are still pending;

(c) whether any time limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals; and

(d) whether long time taken in the execution of proposals hamper the development works and how the cost escalation related to projects is adjusted, the details thereof?

Health insurance for all

1379. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of people paying out of their pocket in our country is very high at about 79 per cent as compared to other countries;

(b) whether Social security or health insurance for everyone is up to ₹ 50 thousand only;

(c) whether Government is considering to have health insurance for all; and

(d) whether Right to Health is also being considered by Government, if so, details thereof?

Reforms in medical education

1380. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to modify the medical course to get the degree of a Doctor in the country;

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

(c) whether Government apart from the internship, proposes to make two years compulsory rural appointments for the Medical students to qualify for National Exit Test (NEXT) therefor; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Delay in launching of HIV prevention project

1381. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the launch of HIV prevention project in the country is delayed by about 9 months' time;

(b) if so, present status of the first ever Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis medicine testing project therein;

(c) the report of WHO on the project and availability of medicines therefor; and

(d) the initiative of the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) on the project and their technical support therein?

Spurious drug trade in Gujarat

†1382. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding spurious drug trade in Gujarat during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken against them?

Grants to cancer hospitals

1383. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to enhance the grants to cancer hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of grants released to various cancer hospitals in the country during the last two years, institution-wise?

Reuse of disposables by empanelled hospitals

1384. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that CGHS empanelled private hospitals are reusing disposables like catheters, guide-wires and balloons used in every angioplasty and billed repeatedly without the consent of patients and making profit of rupees 20,000 to 30,000 on every procedure with simple reuse and rebilling,

(b) if so, what action has been taken against them including withdrawal of CGHS empanelment;

(c) whether reusing disposable items is a criminal act; and

(d) whether Government has issued any Office Memorandum warning against reuse of disposable surgical items and the details thereof?

New AIIMS in Odisha

1385. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up an AIIMS in western Odisha in Jharsuguda, as Odisha is a very big State and only one AIIMS in Bhubaneswar is established; and

(b) whether Jharsuguda would be the best place as an airport is coming up there?

Cancer patients in the country

†1386. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of cancer patients in the country;

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(b) whether it is a fact that only 20 per cent cases of cancer are detected in first and second stage in the country;

(c) whether some experts have suggested to declare cancer as a notified disease like tuberculosis;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check the rising number of cancer patients?

Chemical in anti-bacterial soaps and body wash liquids

†1387. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a chemical, Triclosan, is being added in anti-bacterial soaps and body wash liquids which harms the hormones related to human body activities, sex, thyroid etc. and leads to dryness of skin; and

(b) if so, whether Government would immediately ban the use of the chemical Triclosan and if not, the reasons therefor?

Medicines found deficient by drug controllers

1388. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many medicines made by private as well as Government pharmaceutical manufacturers have been found to be deficient by State Drug Controllers of various States in 2016;

(b) if so, the details for each such medicine along with their manufacturers and the reasons for deficiency and action taken against such companies;

(c) whether some of the manufacturers have alleged that the medicine tested was a fake medicine being sold under another brand;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to check circulation of fake medicines; and

(e) whether drug regulators are suitably equipped to deal with the menace of sub-standard medicines?

Cancer treatment for economically weaker section

†1389. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cancer patients who are economically weaker, die every year for want of expert doctor's opinion and treatment being costly, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any initiative has been taken by Government recently to provide expert doctor's opinion to the cancer patients of economically weaker sections and to make the treatment cheaper and if so, the details thereof?

Vigilance investigation in AIIMS

1390. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite corruption and vigilance investigation conducted by Central Vigilance Commission in AIIMS, the Ministry has not acted against AIIMS; and

(b) if so, what is the reason for non action by the Ministry on the recommendations of the Central Vigilance Commission?

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Action plan to achieve SDGs

1391. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India ranks 143 out of 188 countries on the Health Index with even Syria and Iraq ranking much higher on the first global analysis of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), if so, what is Government's plan of action to achieve the SDGs; and

(b) by which year India would be able to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of low under-five mortality?

Invention of artificial kidney

1392. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists of the University of California have invented an artificial kidney recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is under human trials and very soon going to hit the market; and

(c) if so, details of the invention and how it is similar to kidney functioning, what would be the price structure and to what extent this is helpful to poor patients in the country, more particularly for those who are undergoing dialysis?

Decline in healthcare expenditure

1393. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the healthcare funding in our country is low compared to other developing and developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as a percentage of GDP;

(c) whether it is a fact that it is declining over the last few years, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to increase expenditure on healthcare, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of funds and to provide proper healthcare facilities to all the citizens of this country?

Upgrading of Thoothukudi Medical College

1394. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to upgrade Government Thoothukudi Medical College under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY); and

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

High consumption rate of tobacco products

1395. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the second largest consumer of tobacco in the world and about one million Indians die annually from tobacco-related diseases;

(b) whether 35 per cent of Indian adults in age group of 15 years and above use tobacco, 33 per cent adult males and 18 per cent adult females consume smokeless tobacco products;

(c) whether according to Global Youth Tobacco Survey-2006, 14.6 per cent of students aged 13-15 years use some form of tobacco, 4.4 per cent smoke cigarettes and 12.5 per cent use other forms of tobacco; and

(d) the action taken to protect Indians from adverse effects of tobacco?

Death due to poverty

‡1396. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased state:

(a) whether according to the World Health Organisation poverty is a major cause of diseases;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) whether the World Health Organisation has given any suggestions to prevent deaths occurring due to poverty and if so, the details thereof?

Improving infrastructural facilities in Government medical colleges

1397. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seeking to improve infrastructural facilities in Government medical colleges/hospitals in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has received any proposals from other State Governments including Rajasthan for the improvement of infrastructural facilities in their Government medical colleges and hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the proposals?

Withholding of permission to start medical colleges

1398. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any application to start medical colleges in the academic year 2017-18 received under Section 10 of the MCI Act, 1965 is still pending with Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for not granting permission?

Legal framework for e-pharmacy business

1399. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been considered for framing separate guidelines for the sale of medicines online (e-pharmacy) in order to outline a legal framework for e-pharmacy business, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government plans to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 to differentiate between online and offline pharmacies, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the problem of validity of prescriptions in e-pharmacy business; and

(d) the difficulties faced by start-ups in the ease of doing e-pharmacy business and the steps taken by Government to address these problems?

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Measures to improve health indicators

1400. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified the reasons behind the latest Global Burden of Disease (2015) Report which shows that despite economic growth, health indicators in our country have not improved as much as in the past decade and, taken any action to tackle this menace, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether self-harm deaths have increased over the years, if so, the details thereof along with the measures undertaken by Government to deal with the same; and

(c) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to improve the health indicators and status along with State/UT-wise budget allotment and utilization during the last three years?

Use of hazardous chemicals in products used in daily life

1401. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn on the scientific studies conducted to conclude that causes for cancer are somehow also connected to use of certain chemicals in insecticides, fungicides, additives to plastic, PVC and polycarbonate products like food containers and water bottles, biocides used in hand washes, cosmetics, etc.; and

(b) if so, the steps Government has taken to conduct further research in this direction and make recommendation to restrict use of hazardous chemicals in

manufacture of goods directly connected to human life in India?

Kidney ailments in Uddhanam region and Prakasam District

1402. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the chronic kidney ailments afflicting Uddhanam region of Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what are the reasons due to which doctors are finding it difficult to find out causes behind kidney ailments in this region;

(c) whether the kidney ailments are also being reported for many decades and more than 420 kidney-related deaths have been reported during the last two years from Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the reasons for not announcing a special package for both Uddhanam and Prakasam Districts as the people are facing severe kidney-related problems?

Steps to promote Indian pharmaceutical companies

1403. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how will Make in India benefit Indian pharmaceutical companies, the details thereof;

(b) what are the steps taken to promote invention and innovation in medicine manufacturing in the country and the details thereof;

(c) what steps are taken to promote

private Indian companies to invest more on research and development of essential medicines and the details thereof; and

(d) what are the concessions and benefits provided to them and the details thereof?

Poor condition of CGHS Dispensary, Pitampura, New Delhi

1404. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of poor functioning of CGHS Dispensary (81) in Pitampura, Delhi due to malfunctioning of server, depleted strength and absence of Doctors/staff, discontinuation of visit of Medical specialist, lack of drinking water and sitting facility for senior citizens and non-availability of medicines daily;

(b) if so, details thereof and action taken thereon;

(c) whether large number of dispensaries including Pitampura, Dwarka are functioning in rented buildings;

(d) if so, details thereof and steps taken/ being taken to construct their own buildings; and

(e) details where newly constructed buildings exist but dispensaries have still not shifted, with reasons, place-wise?

Recognising camel milk as food

†1405. 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 recognise the milk of camel as food;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this regard till date; and

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

Spread of Chikungunya

†1406. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chikungunya is fast spreading in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take steps for its prevention; and

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

Fund given to NIOS for ASHA training project

1407. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided fund to run the ASHA training project to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the fund given to NIOS in the last three years and expenses incurred by NIOS in last three years?

High rate of caesarean surgeries in the country

1408. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an online petition was signed by more than 1.3 lakh people seeking accountability and Government intervention over alarming rise in caesarean surgeries mainly in private hospitals;

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(b) whether it alleges that doctors in private hospitals are increasingly pushing unsuspecting women towards surgical deliveries to fleece more money for hospitals; and

(c) whether according to National Family Health Survey 2015-16 conducted in 15 States and Union Territories, rate of C-section surgeries in some States were found as high as 87.1 per cent whereas WHO norms prescribe C-section deliveries to be at 10-15 per cent of total number of deliveries?

Saathiya project to demystify social taboos

1409. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has designed very sensibly the resource material to aid and assist around 1.72 lakh peer educators called Saathiya aimed to demystify several Indian social taboos;

(b) whether the material prepared with UN Population Fund approaches many sensitive issues boldly and sensibly like same-sex attraction with gentleness and wisdom;

(c) whether beyond the misconceptions over Section 377 declaring homosexuality a crime, the material talks frankly about safe sex, abortions and contraception, causing no moral embarrassment; and

(d) whether Saathiya concepts deserve emulation by other social welfare establishments of Government?

Progress in establishing new AIIMS like Institutes

†1410. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced

the establishment of medical facilities akin to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in various States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposal is not able to make any progress in many States as land is not being provided for the same?

Health policy based on need based services

1411. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India has a health policy, not health service and the need based services have primarily catered to the urban population, which houses 32 per cent of the National population and the doctor population ratio stands less than prescribed by WHO, if so, the details thereof?

Making treatment of AIDS a legal right

1412. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make the treatment of AIDS a legal right;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what other measures have been taken, so far for redressing the problems of AIDS patients in accessing proper health care?

Bridging gap between demand and supply of quality healthcare

1413. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is attempting to bridge the gap between demand and supply of quality healthcare through Public Private Partnership keeping in mind the population pressure in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a need to improve the quality of healthcare through tertiary, primary and secondary healthcare systems; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Assessing implementation of JSSK

1414. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed/assessed the implementation of the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) at various levels in the country;

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

(c) the shortcomings noticed during the said reviews/assessment; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/being taken by Government to remove the said shortcomings and plug the loopholes?

Categorization of vitamin supplements as drugs

1415. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has proposed to bring some of the popular vitamin supplement brands under the category of drugs, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons why DCGI wanted to bring them under regulation instead of putting restrictions on pricing and marketing?

Mandatory rural service by specialist doctors

1416. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, specialist doctors are not coming forward to serve in rural areas in spite of handsome salary, additional incentives and relaxations by both State and Central Governments;

(b) whether Government in consultations with State Governments proposes to make rural service mandatory for every specialist doctor; and

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

Assessment of working of NRHM

1417. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the working of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the country;

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

(c) whether Government has formulated any strategy for effective implementation of NRHM in the country, including Maharashtra where expensive medicines and other health facilities are still inaccessible to the poor people, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to empower the local bodies for the effective management of the health schemes and if so, the details thereof?

Caesarean operations

1418. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of caesarean operations conducted in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the numbers are available for rural and urban India separately;

(c) if so, whether there is any perceptible difference in occurrence of caesarean operations between rural and urban regions; and

(d) whether the incidence of such operations is substantially higher in some States, if so, the reasons therefor?

Maternal Mortality Rate in Telangana

1419. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maternal Mortality Rate is reported high in Adilabad District of Telangana during last two years; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any specific strategy to ensure safety of the mother and child in interior tribal areas?

Payment system for Asha workers

1420. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the payment system to the Asha workers;

(b) whether grants are given to States for payment to Asha workers; and

(c) if so, the grant released for Asha workers during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

1421. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has released ₹ 150 crores for the projects under this scheme for Anantapur and Vijayawada, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) since when these projects are being taken up and the details thereof?

Newborn deaths in the country

1422. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a UNICEF report released recently has highlighted India as ranking a low sixth in newborn-care services among eight countries in the region and accounted for 26 per cent of newborn deaths in the world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the newborn deaths per thousand in India as against the neighbouring countries;

(c) what is the percentage of Diphtheria Pertussis Tetanus (DPT) vaccine for immunisation given to children, as against other neighbouring countries; and

(d) various measures taken/proposed to be taken to make significant improvements to bring down newborn death rates?

Steps taken by Government to curb tobacco

1423. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India hosted World Health Organization "Framework Convention on Tobacco Control" in 2016 and would lead the world in 2018 Conference of Parties (COP);

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government to curb tobacco as a result of the 2016 meeting and to set an example to the world in 2018; and

(c) by when Government is coming up with their Delhi Declaration to curb tobacco and the details thereof?

Steps to check food adulteration

†1424. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taking adulteration in food items seriously, Law Commission has suggested stringent provisions in its 264th report, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry in this regard and Ministry's opinion on points suggested in the report; and

(c) the number of deaths caused every year due to adulteration in food items and the details thereof?

Non-working of internet facility in CGHS wellness centres

†1425. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries always have to wait for hours or to return without taking treatment due to non-working of internet in CGHS wellness centres operational in Lutyen zone including North Avenue, South Avenue, and Telegraph lane and in Dwarka area of Delhi;

(b) number of time work of these centres got hampered due to non-availability of internet during the last six months and the details thereof, centre-wise; and

(c) whether any additional facilities or Dongle etc. have been provided at Wellness Centres, centre-wise details thereof?

Dilapidated conditions of connecting corridor at Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi

†1426. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that corridors connecting new emergency building of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital,

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New Delhi to its old building, burn unit and other buildings have been in a dilapidated condition since long due to which a lot of problems occur while transferring patients through stretcher and wheel chair and many a time patients fall down from stretcher; and

(b) whether laxity is being committed to renovate these corridors since long and if so, the details thereof?

Waqf properties in the country

1427. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Waqf properties in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce a new Bill on Waqf properties;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Ministry on the Report submitted by JPC on Waqf?

Fund allocated under Nai Manzil Scheme

1428. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Muslim students studying in madrasas who have availed the benefits of the Nai Manzil Scheme;

(b) whether the funds allocated for this scheme been fully utilized; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the non-utilization of the funds?

Maulana Azad Education Foundation Scholarships

1429. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maulana Azad Education Foundation Scholarships for the last academic year has been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students who received the scholarships and the total amount sanctioned and if not, the reasons therefor?

ITI under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme

1430. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any plan to set up one ITI under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) for welfare of Minorities at Cuttack Municipal Corporation Area/Salepur to meet the requirement of ITI training for the dense population of Minorities?

Reduction in Haj subsidy

1431. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to reduce the Haj subsidy from 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Spreading awareness of Welfare Schemes for Minorities

1432. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to

spread awareness of welfare schemes meant for minorities;

(b) what is the level of implementation of each scheme/programme launched by Government for educational empowerment of minorities, including number of scholarships issued, amount disbursed etc.; and

(c) the scheme related to Economic Empowerment for Minorities, the details of each scheme and its implementation in various States, including the number of beneficiaries?

Upliftment of sportsmen and women in tribal areas

1433. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state what action the Ministry is planning to take for the upliftment of sportsmen and women in tribal areas for National and International events and competitions?

Condition of Youth Hostels in the country

1434. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Youth Hostels situated in different parts of the country are in bad shape; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the

Ministry to improve the condition of Youth Hostels?

Sports Authority of India Centre in Jharkhand

1435. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres functioning in the State of Jharkhand and how much money has been sanctioned to these SAI centres by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Restructuring of National Service Scheme

1436. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently restructured the National Service Schemes (NSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the new changes made/initiatives taken in the new restructured scheme; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for development of personality and character of student/youth through voluntary community service particularly in rural areas of the country?

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