

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 21, 2017/Phalgun 30, 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

Promoting AYUSH systems of treatment

†2077. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for promoting Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy treatment;

(b) whether Government would, on the lines of many States, also consider allowing Ayurveda graduate physicians to use Allopathic medicines; and

(c) whether Government would consider to impart education of Allopathy along with Ayurveda at graduate level as was done earlier?

Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

2078. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beds sanctioned in Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road, New Delhi in male and female wards, as on date and the number of actual beds available;

(b) whether there is shortage of paramedical staff in Panchkarma unit and, if so, the sanctioned posts of nurses and paramedical staff and actual strength working in each category;

(c) the steps taken by Government to fill the vacancies in the Hospital; and

(d) what steps are planned to install modern machines with upgraded facilities in that Hospital in place of outdated ones?

Research in the field of Ayurveda

2079. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme in place to safeguard ancient palm leaf manuscripts by digitising the same, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether there has been increased research in the field of Ayurveda, if so, the details of efforts taken by Government to make it mainstream;

(c) details of any tangible outputs of such research, if any, during the past year; and

(d) funds allocated and disbursed for the same over the past three years, State-wise?

Non-allocation of funds for AYUSH hospitals

2080. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had given approval for setting up of 50-bedded AYUSH hospitals, under National AYUSH Mission at Gadag and Mangalore in 2014-15 itself;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not allocating a single paisa in 2014-15 and 2015-16 for these hospitals; and

(c) how much money has so far been released out of the ₹ 23 crores approved in 2016-17, and by when these two hospitals would be ready?

Need for guidelines for AYUSH drugs

2081. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States that do not have AYUSH inspectors;

(b) the reasons due to which there is no proper definition of what a new AYUSH drug is and no guidelines for the manufacturing and licensing of AYUSH drugs; and

(c) whether the Ministry is aware that due to these reasons, absured combinations are being sold in the garb of Ayurveda which could pose a potential threat to consumers, if so, the details thereof?

Opening more AYUSH Hospitals

2082. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ayurvedic Hospitals run by the Ministry in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any plan to open more Ayurvedic Hospitals run in all the States for the benefit of the Central Government employees; and

(c) whether employees under CGHS can directly go to such Ayurvedic Hospitals, for treatment?

Setting up of a National AYUSH Council

†2083. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism to regulate medical education, including AYUSH, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to set up a National AYUSH Council on the

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lines of Medical Council of India, if so, the details thereof and by when the same is expected to be set up; and

(c) whether Government proposes to allow AYUSH practitioners to undertake general medical practices, if so, the details thereof and by when?

Setting up of All India Institute of Ayurveda

2084. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) across the country including the State of Tamil Nadu on the lines of AIIMS; and

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

Development of airports in Chhattisgarh

†2085. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of airports being developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for which land has been provided by the Chhattisgarh Government and the present status of these airports;

(b) whether Government of Chhattisgarh has been asked for additional land by the Airports Authority of India for these airports, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of airports in Chhattisgarh which fall under the AAI; and

(d) the number of airports out of those which are proposed to be upgraded to international standard and by when international flights are likely to operate from these airports?

Operationalisation of new Airports

2086. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Airports to be made operational in next three years, State-wise; and

(b) the amount of funds made available for the purpose, State-wise?

Funding of Regional air connectivity

2087. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to charge a levy upto ₹ 8500 per flight on major routes to fund the ambitious Regional Air Connectivity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Air Passenger Association of India (APAI) has termed the move as regressive and unwarranted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the regional connectivity plan packed as a scheme to make flying a reality for the small-town common man is more a welfare and inclusive measure, which should be spearheaded by the Central and State Governments according to APAI; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

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Air connectivity of Jodhpur and Jaisalmer

2088. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for air connectivity of Jodhpur and Jaisalmer;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the status of the above proposal at present and the details regarding the time by which commercial flight between the above places will materialise;

(c) whether Government has any plans to connect Jodhpur by air with any other remote locations in Rajasthan; and

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

Parking fees at Ahmedabad airport

†2089. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the rule under which Government has allowed parking contractors to charge the parking fee for minimum four hours in one go instead of charging the same on hourly basis at Ahmedabad airport; and

(b) whether Government has received any complaint, in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Unused airstrips in the country

2090. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unused airstrips in the country, State/Union Territory-wise and the steps taken by Government to make these airstrips operational;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to develop the air infrastructure across the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise alongwith the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred for the purpose?

Hiring of aircrafts from private entities

2091. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is hiring aircrafts from private entities to undertake operations on various sectors;

(b) if so, the details of the Sectors where leased out aircraft are being used;

(c) whether Government is paying more amount than the prescribed rate for leasing the aircrafts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of airports in Andhra Pradesh under Regional Connectivity Scheme

2092. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for inclusion of airports in Andhra Pradesh under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) and also taking up development of airports as Greenfield airports on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and

(b) if so, when the proposal was submitted and the details of the present status of the same?

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Implementation of UDAN Scheme

2093. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently introduced Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) Scheme and if so, the details thereof including the air fare fixed for 500 K.M. distance and other distances;

(b) what are the names of cities which are likely to be covered under this scheme; and

(c) whether Government proposes to provide some subsidy to the airlines and if so, the details thereof?

Adequate safety of airports

†2094. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airports are not being protected properly;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take some concrete steps for adequate safety of our airports; and

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

Recovery of unclaimed items at various airports

2095. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Industrial Security Force had recovered unclaimed items worth ₹ 150 crore in the past five years from various airports in the country;

(b) whether at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport alone, unattended

items worth over ₹ 5.5 crore were recovered in 2016 out of which items worth ₹ 1.78 crore were returned to the passengers who approached the force or airport authorities claiming it after proper verification and the rest had to be submitted with the airport operator to the lost and found stock; and

(c) what happens to the remaining unclaimed items kept in the lost and found stock?

Direct flight from Amritsar to Birmingham

2096. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced to start direct international flight of Air India from Amritsar to Birmingham from 1 April, 2017, if so, whether all arrangements have been made by the airline to start operation of this flight;

(b) whether the airline has started ticket booking for the said flight; and

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

New domestic flights to and from Amritsar

2097. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to start new domestic flights to and from Amritsar in view of the fact that Amritsar City is a tourist place and people from all walks of life come to visit Golden Temple, Durgiana Temple, Wagah Border, Ram Tirath and other historical places; and

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

MoU signed under RCS-UDAN scheme

2098. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has signed any MoU with the Ministry for the implementation of Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS-UDAN) to develop airports and to provide affordable air travel to common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance provided so far by the Ministry to the Government of Maharashtra for the proper implementation of RCS-UDAN scheme?

Flight service from Bhagalpur

†2099. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to start flight service from Bhagalpur in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Sharing of trained staff by Airlines for security related roles

2100. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed allowing airlines to share trained staff for various security related roles at airport;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a common security pool will help airlines to reduce costs by utilising trained staff from other airlines;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this type of arrangement in other countries worked very well known as buddy system; and

(d) whether Government has made any consultation with the airlines in this regard?

Suspension of licence of Indigo's Aviation Security Training Centre

2101. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has suspended the licence of Indigo's Aviation Security Training Centre; and

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

Biometric identification for entry into the airports

2102. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to introduce biometric identification for allowing entry into the terminal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Hyderabad Airport has done a pilot project under the aegis of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had asked all airports' operators such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru to study the pilot project introduced at the Hyderabad Airport; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government is yet to receive the final report on the biometric identification introduced at the Hyderabad Airport?

Training school for employees of Air India

2103. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to reduce the frequent flight delays and address the staff indiscipline complaints, in view of the fact that Air India has been rated as the third worst airline in the world by the Flight Status Report, which is not just detrimental to the country's image but also diminishes its usage by flyers, further adding to its losses; and

(b) whether Government has any plans to ask Air India to start training schools for employees on the lines of what hotel industry is doing?

Grounding of private air charter service

2104. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has ordered grounding of a private air charter service used for ferrying demonetised currency notes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the

grounding of private air charter service does not go well with the license issued to them; and

(d) if so, the views of Government in this regard?

Construction of Bhogapuram International Airport

2105. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made announcement for starting work on Bhogapuram International Airport near Visakhapatnam on fast-track mode, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the process of land acquisition is completed and if so, by when the work would be started;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred for the construction of Bhogapuram Airport, and the pattern of funding; and

(d) whether both Visakhapatnam Airport and the proposed Bhogapuram International Airport would be operational, once commissioned, for the convenience of Visakhapatnam and adjoining people?

Use of CSR fund for middle and poor class people

2106. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government has any data regarding the use of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for the benefits of the people of middle and poor classes by Indian companies and if so, the details thereof?

Rank parity between civilian and military officers

2107. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently changed the rank parity between the civilian and military officers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such a change has resulted in downgrading the ranks/status of military officers *vis-a-vis* civilian officers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to redress the grievances of the Army personnel?

Protecting defence personnel from natural calamities

2108. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence personnel who died or got injured due to natural calamities during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to protect defence personnel from such natural calamities like avalanche/flood/head, etc., if so, the details thereof?

Audit of food served at defence canteens

2109. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study/audit of the quality and nutrition of food served at the canteens in the light of the recent news of inferior quality food being served at the defence canteens; and

(b) if so, details thereof and if not,

whether Government proposes to conduct such a study/audit?

Committee on rank and pay parity

2110. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed three-member Committee to look into the issue of pay and rank parity with regard to the military; and

(b) if so, what is the status of the Committee and what is the timeline for the Committee to submit its findings?

Resolution of anomalies in the 6th CPC Report

2111. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the anomalies in the Sixth Pay Commission Report still remain unresolved including anomalies relating to military demand for a non-functional upgrade, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has laid down a timeline for submission of Pay Commission Anomalies Committees to submit their reports and also for implementation of the recommendations of the report; and

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

Scrapping the post of orderlies in the Army

2112. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy and Air

Force have discontinued the practice of retaining orderlies in their ranks long back;

(b) whether the Indian Army still retains an estimated 20,000 to 25,000 such orderlies in its rolls;

(c) whether scrapping the post of orderlies and inducting them into frontline duties would bolster the morale of these men; and

(d) whether in the past Committees headed by two Generals suggested renaming the orderlies as Sahayaks or to abolish the post and hire civilians instead?

Establishing new ordnance factories

2113. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish new ordnance factories in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Final status of INS Virat

2114. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) month by which INS Virat is going to be decommissioned;

(b) whether it is a fact that it was initially decided by Government of Andhra Pradesh, Defence Ministry and Eastern Naval Command to convert INS Virat into tourist destination/maritime museum and Star Hotel on the lines of the only submarine museum in the country at Visakhapatnam;

(c) if so, the reasons why State Government now wants to make it a hotel;

(d) whether the State Government has requested the Ministry to share financial burden; and

(e) if so, what decision the Ministry has taken thereon?

Justification for deployment of Sahayaks/Buddies

2115. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any justification for deployment of Sahayaks/Buddies with officers of the armed forces;

(b) whether such a practice is against the morale of the concerned personnel in the armed forces; and

(c) whether Government has evaluated the cost to the exchequer by deploying thousands of Sahayaks/Buddies especially after the Seventh Pay Commission, if so, details thereof?

Complaints of harassment and discrimination filed by women officers

2116. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of commissioned women officers in various branches including medical and nursing, Service-wise;

(b) the number of complaints of harassment and discrimination received from women officers during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to encourage women to join the Services and make necessary changes in recruitment in this regard?

Development of new airports in the States

2117. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new airports to be developed in different States, State-wise;

(b) the names of the States where airports of international standard are proposed to be set up; and

(c) the estimated cost on the proposed plan for setting up of small and big airports in these States?

Defence export policy

2118. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has framed any defence export policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons why a well-defined export policy has not been evolved?

Payment of arrears under OROP

2119. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether One Rank One Pension has been implemented by Government; and

(b) if so, the total amount of arrears calculated as per the new scheme and disbursed to the pensioners till date?

Disability pension for soldiers

2120. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 687

given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 2016 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a Government notification issued in September last year the disability pension for soldiers is less than half that of bureaucrats, if so, details of pensions provided to both groups;

(b) the measures suggested, if any, to bring the pensions of soldiers at par with those of bureaucrats, if not, the reasons why soldiers are awarded a smaller amount of disability pensions than bureaucrats, despite the former's job being more hazardous; and

(c) details of increase, if any, in amount of disability pensions awarded to various groups after passing of Seventh Pay Commission recommendations resolution?

Becoming self-reliant in Defence manufacturing

‡2121. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on import of defence equipments and weapons during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the steps being taken on the issue of becoming self-reliant/indigenisation in manufacturing of weapons are proving to be inadequate, due to which the import of weapon is increasing year after year; and

(c) the steps taken to make the country self-reliant in the matter and by when self-reliance will be achieved, and the details thereof?

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Leakage of question papers of Army Recruitment Board

2122. SHRI ANIL DESAI:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that question papers of an examination for recruitment to some lower level posts conducted by Army Recruitment Board, were leaked in Maharashtra and Goa, which led to cancellation;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken against the culprits;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this regard; and

(d) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to avoid such incidents in future?

Overseas remittances to Kerala

2123. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of money remitted by overseas Indians to the State of Kerala during each of the last three years?

Impact of demonetisation on economic growth

‡2124. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether economists had estimated that the economic growth rate (GDP growth rate) of the country will be adversely affected due to demonetisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the recent figures of economic growth rate have made it clear that demonetisation did not have any

negative impact on the economic growth rate, if so, the details thereof?

Concessional rate of interest on loan from cooperative institutions to farmers

‡2125. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large part of small and marginal farmers get loans from cooperative institutions, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has made provisions for special concessions to farmers on interest of loans taken from cooperative institutions, if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to States to provide employment

2126. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide financial assistance to States for providing employment to the unemployed youths of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with number of States who have been provided financial assistance for the purpose?

Use of huge money deposited during demonetisation

2127. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are flushed with huge sums of money deposited by citizens during the demonetisation exercise; and

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(b) if so, how does Government plan to use this money to spur the growth in economy, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of small Public Sector Enterprises

2128. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering strategic disinvestment of Government stakes in four small public sector enterprises in construction field such as the Hindustan Prefabs, Engineering Projects India Ltd. (EPIC), NPCC Ltd. and HSCC Ltd. probably by merger with the State owned NBCC Ltd. in the same field;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the amount of money expected to be earned by this disinvestment?

Debt restructuring to stem NPAs

2129. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Debt restructuring schemes to stem NPAs of banks have failed in their objective;

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

(c) what further steps are proposed to be taken to reduce the NPAs of the banks?

Restoration of old pension system in place of Contributory Pension System

2130. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly introduced Contributory Pension System

is not beneficial to the employees and so the employees unions are requesting Government to re-introduce the old pension system in its place, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any representation has been received in this regard by Government, if so, the details thereof and the stand of Government in this regard?

Non-adherence of RBI guidelines by private banks

2131. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the private and nationalized banks are charging on cash transactions from the customers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether various decisions of private banks do not adhere to RBI guidelines and in violation of RBI policy; and

(c) if so, the action taken on such banks during the last three years?

Capital infusion in Bhartiya Mahila Banks

2132. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Bhartiya Mahila Banks established in the country; and

(b) the total amount provided for capital infusion in Bhartiya Mahila Banks?

Recovering of outstanding dues of banks

2133. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total outstanding dues of industrialist Vijay Mallya to Banks;

(b) what action/attempt has been taken to recover the outstanding dues from Vijay Mallya; and

(c) the total amount recovered by conducting online Mega auction by selling from seized properties from defaulting loan borrower Vijay Mallya?

Fall in demand and production due to currency shortage

2134. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to decline in the demand of consumer goods and fall in consumption due to currency shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely impact on industrial production and loss caused to the formal and informal sectors of the economy; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to revive demand and industrial production?

Beneficiaries under MUDRA Yojana

†2135. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targeted loan amount to be disbursed to entrepreneurs under MUDRA Yojana and the allotment of budget and expenditure incurred thereon each year in compliance with target thereof, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries, State-wise;

(b) the applications for loan under MUDRA Yojana received and the number

of applicants provided with loans, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries under MUDRA Yojana belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women and the details of the loan amount disbursed in this regard, State-wise?

Speedy settlement of insurance claims

2136. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority monitors the claims and payment position of the insurance companies by collecting the claim and payment data regularly; and

(b) if not, the steps taken/being taken to protect the interest of public for getting speedy settlement of their insurance claims?

Involvement of politicians in chit fund scams

2137. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of politicians are involved in the multi crore Sarada and Rose Valley chit fund scams;

(b) whether any of them have been arrested; and

(c) whether any initiative has been taken to realise the looted money, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Settlement of bad debts of PSBs

2138. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has taken any measures to settle the bad debts of Public Sector Banks, if so, the details thereof, Bank-wise;

(b) the details of the major Corporate bad debtors who owe the Banks large amounts of money; and

(c) the action taken by Government, Corporate-wise, Bank-wise?

Online frauds in Banks

2139. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed any mechanism to detect online frauds in Banks before their reporting by customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the cases of frauds in Banks have increased during the said period, if so, the details thereof, Bank-wise and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any Bank employee have been found involved in such cases during the said period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, Bank-wise along with the action taken by Government/ respective Banks against such employees?

Sector-wise disbursement of loans by PSBs

2140. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total loans disbursed by the Public Sector Banks in

the last two years and in the current year; and

(b) the disbursement of such loans to the agricultural sector, industrial sector, services sector and MSMEs?

External aid/loan to Gujarat

2141. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received by Government from the State of Gujarat for external aid/loan for proposed/ ongoing projects for infrastructural developments in various sectors; and

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

Introduction of plastic currency

2142. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce plastic money, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the printing or manufacture of the plastic currency will be outsourced to any foreign companies, if so, the details thereof?

Recovery of black money from abroad

2143. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of irregularities in exchanging old currency in banks/post offices during demonetisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any effective action plan to bring back black money from abroad and if so, the details thereof?

Prepayment of loan by Odisha

2144. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government has accepted the request of Government of Odisha for making prepayment of ₹ 901.38 crore loan carrying the interest rate of 10.50 per cent per annum in view of high cost of the loan from National Small Savings Fund?

Methodology for estimation of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)

2145. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government will adopt the methodology prescribed by the Fourteenth Finance Commission for estimation of Gross State Domestic Product for calculation of annual borrowing ceiling of the State Governments for the coming years?

Disbursement of agricultural loans

2146. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms fixed by Government for disbursement of agricultural loans;

(b) the percentage of agricultural loans to the total loans disbursed by the Scheduled Commercial Banks during the last three years and the current financial year;

(c) whether the said Banks are lagging behind in achieving targets for agricultural loans during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, Bank-wise and State-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat?

Recommendations of the Committee Constituted for review of FRBM

2147. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to review Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) has submitted its report recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the recommendations made by the Committee with regard to fiscal discipline and budget management?

Recovery of NPAs through seizures and auction of properties

2148. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public and private sector Banks as in December, 2016, Bank-wise;

(b) the details of measures taken to recover NPAs;

(c) the quantum of NPAs recovered during the last three years;

(d) whether Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 allows Banks and other Financial Institutions to auction residential and commercial properties when borrowers default on their payments; and

(e) if so, the details of properties seized

and auctioned by Banks to recover NPAs during the last three years, Bank-wise?

Reservation of SC/ST in higher posts of Banks

†2149. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who are holding the posts of Chairman/ Chief Managing Director and Regional General Manager out of the total posts in the Banks in the country as in January, 2017, post-wise and Bank-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether this is in proportion to the prescribed reservation of 15 per cent and 7.5 per cent respectively for SCs and STs, if not, the reasons therefor?

Replication of Andhra Pradesh for Start-up success

2150. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of appreciation of World Bank on Andhra Pradesh's Single Desk Bureau for giving quick approvals to Prime Minister's Start-up India initiative;

(b) if so how the Ministry look at this and how it is proposing to replicate it in other States to make Start-ups success;

(c) whether Government is also aware that World Bank's has judged Andhra Pradesh to be the best place in India for doing business; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry will help Andhra Pradesh to push it further so that it does not become dependent on Government?

Smuggling of Chinese fireworks

2151. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Chinese fireworks are being smuggled into India through main Indian Sea Ports namely Kandla, Nhava, Shova, Chennai etc. under false declaration in the name of toys or electronics goods;

(b) what are the details of smuggled Chinese fireworks confiscated by Government since the imposition of ban thereon; and

(c) what action Government has taken against the persons found involved in the smuggling of fireworks?

Money regularised during demonetisation drive

2152. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any reports about the money regularised/ formalised by the private higher educational institutions/trusts/trustees/office bearers of such institutions during the demonetisation drive, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total amount regularised/ formalised by such individuals/ organisations during demonetisation drive?

Financial help sought by States post demonetisation

2153. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the States have sought financial help, enhanced outlays for social sector schemes and expansion of

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banking sector post demonetisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how Government proposes to meet their demands?

Money for Blue Revolution Scheme

†2154. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether the amount for implementation of Department run schemes under Blue Revolution Scheme is being provided as per proposal by Government in the financial year 2016-17?

Disbanding of FIPB

2155. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to disband/abolish the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government plans to set up a new mechanism/arrangement in place of FIPB, if so, the details thereof?

Recouping losses of cooperative institutions on account of crop loans

2156. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to declaration by Government to provide crop loan to farmers at subsidised rates of interest, Cooperative Credit Institutions are incurring losses, if so, the details thereof State-wise, including Rajasthan; and

(b) whether Government proposes to

provide financial assistance at subsidised interest to recoup losses incurred by cooperative institutions?

Loss suffered by Bank on account of mutilated and counterfeit notes

2157. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has said that Banks need to bear the loss arising from mutilated and counterfeit notes parked with the RBI, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the total amount of loss suffered by the Banks on account of mutilated and counterfeit notes parked by them on account of demonetisation?

Scrutiny of deposit of higher advance tax post demonetisation

2158. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of advance tax deposited during financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) whether advance tax received post demonetisation has increased, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government anticipates that actual tax which will be retained by Government after refunds will be more than that collected in the previous Financial Year, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has plans to scrutinise accounts which have either paid advance tax for the first time or the tax deposit is higher than the previous financial year, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Availability of banks and ATMs in North-Eastern States

2159. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Banks available in the districts of North-Eastern States along with category of Banks, State-wise;

(b) the details of ATMs at Urban/Rural/District level along with the data regarding the ATM serving to percentage of population;

(c) the details of schedule fillings of these ATMs;

(d) the details regarding industrial units closed in these States post demonetisation along with the number of employees affected; and

(e) the plans of Government for the people of North-Eastern States rendering help post demonetisation?

Bailout package for sugar industries

2160. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided/proposes to provide a comprehensive relief/bailout package to the sugar industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with steps taken to improve sugar industry's financial condition, State-wise?

Increase in subsidy due to rise in price of natural gas

2161. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increase in the price of natural gas would increase the subsidy liability of Government; and

(b) if so, the expected increase in subsidy factor by the increase of price of natural gas by one rupee?

NABARD assistance to non-State entities involved in PPP projects

2162. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is ready to extend financial assistance even to non-State entities engaged in infrastructure development under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in rural areas;

(b) in what ways the NABARD proposes to achieve this goal; and

(c) whether the NABARD is also working on a pilot project for intra-village infrastructure development which may fill all missing links for a fully integrated rural infrastructure development, if so, the details thereof?

Action against IT defaulters

2163. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted IT raids and documents search in the premises of the suspected Companies/Individuals in the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the money/gold/other wealth confiscated from such IT raids and searches;

(c) the current status of investigations in the aftermath of such raids; and

(d) whether Government has taken any strict action against the Companies/Individuals/Trusts/others for breach of

law and tax evasions in last two years; if so, the details thereof, Companies/ Individuals/Trusts-wise?

TDS on online sales

2164. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to deduct TDS on online sales, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that these proposals are being protested by e-Commerce companies, if so, the details thereof; and the stand of Government in this regard?

Waiver of loans of small and marginal farmers

2165. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of small and marginal farmers, who take loan to produce their agricultural product, have incurred heavy losses due to demonetisation; and

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to consider waiver of their loan borrowed from the Banks or Financial Institutions for farming purposes; if so, the details thereof?

Drought assistance to Telangana

2166. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drought assessment Team of the Centre had visited the drought affected areas in the State of Telangana to

assess the actual loss suffered by the farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Team has submitted its report to Government for release of suitable financial assistance to the States, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of financial assistance requested by Government of Telangana for this purpose;

(d) the quantum of funds proposed to be released to Telangana on account of drought assistance the details thereof; and

(e) by what time this assistance will be released?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2167. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified its PSUs (Public Sector Undertakings) for disinvestment in the year 2017-18; and

(b) if so, the target of disinvestment set and the details of targets achieved during the last three years?

Spreading benefit of health insurance schemes

†2168. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated population in the country which is getting benefited with various health insurance schemes being run by general insurance companies; and

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to provide the benefit of these health insurance schemes to more and more population of the country and if so, the details thereof?

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Rise in NPAs due to demonetisation

2169. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), or bad loans, of State owned Banks are increasing very drastically during the last one year and appear set to rise further in the next two quarters with many units, especially in the small and medium sectors, struggling to repay loan after being hit by the Government's decision of demonetisation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

Robots in PSBs

†2170. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering introduction of robots in Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, the details of works for which robots would be deployed, Bank-wise;

(c) whether deployment of robots would increase unemployment in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Collusion between Bank staff and other agencies in disposing off currency notes

†2171. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such cases that

surfaced during demonetisation where currency notes were disposed off in collusion with the staff of different Banks and RBI and other financial organisations; and

(b) whether the common public had to suffer a lot due to this collusion of staff and the credibility of Banks was questioned, the details thereof?

Damage to economy due to bad loans by banks

†2172. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of businessmen who were declared fugitives after they took loans from Government Banks and the amount of loans that were not repaid by them which have been assumed to be irrecoverable or NPAs by Banks;

(b) the quantum of loans given to farmers during the above period and the percentage of that loans which became irrecoverable; and

(c) the damage to economy due to the bad loans of the Banks, the details thereof?

Overcoming the deteriorating NPAs

†2173. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI:
SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total Non-Performing assets of Public Sector Banks increased from 5.43 per cent in March, 2015 to 7.3 per cent

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in December 2015, the details thereof for the last three financial years;

(b) the amount required for improving the deteriorating condition of Public Sector Banks and the amount allocated by Government, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government for improving the condition of Banks?

GDP growth rate of the country post demonetisation

2174. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the actual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country has grown less than what was estimated earlier during the Fiscal Year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the figure of actual GDP growth of the country during the four quarters of the Fiscal Year 2016-17;

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to achieve higher GDP growth; and

(d) whether Government considers demonetisation as the only factor for slowing down of industrial and economic growth of the country, if not, the reasons therefor?

Irregularities in sanctioning loans by PSBs

2175. SHRI RAM KUMAR
KASHYAP:
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
SWAIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints received by Government and RBI during the last three years concerning sanction of loans by Public Sector Banks in violation of laid down guidelines;

(b) whether Government and RBI have enquired into the complaints, fixed responsibility and taken suitable penal action, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to inquire into the conduct of nominee Directors of RBI/Ministry on the Bank Boards as well as the CMDs/MDs of Banks who have sanctioned loans in contravention of the laid down guidelines?

Opposition to merger of SBI with Associate Banks

2176. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal of merger of State Bank of India with its five Associate Banks was opposed by Employees Association, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government examined all aspects/pros and cons before deciding for merger of Associate Banks, if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the merger is going to hurt the staff and the small customers; and

(d) if so, the details of measures proposed to be taken to address the challenges?

Benefits of merger of SBI with its Associate Banks

2177. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given its approval for the merger of State Bank of India with its own five Associate Banks and the time by which merger will take place;

(b) the details of benefits that will accrue to the Bank and its customers as a result of the merger;

(c) whether the merger can fix the problem of bad loan and provision for pension liability;

(d) whether India needs more payment banks and small banks to achieve financial inclusion rather gigantism; and

(e) if so, what steps Government is taking to achieve financial inclusion?

Extension of net banking facility to all Bank accounts

2178. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to enable all the Bank accounts with net-banking facility, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is the total percentage of net-banking enabled Bank accounts at present, the details thereof, State-wise?

Implementation of GST

2179. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of GST Bill;

(b) the details of the hurdles identified so far for implementation of GST;

(c) the details of the deliberations done by GST Council with various stakeholders to remove these hurdles; and

(d) how far GST Council has reached so far removing these hurdles and the stand of Government in this regard?

Measures to bailout States from debt-trap

2180. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the debt situation of the States including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of debts of the States including Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during last three years, State-wise, year-wise; and

(c) the measures proposed by Government to bailout the States from the debt-trap?

Discouraging intake of junk foods

2181. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Junk Foods, Cold Drinks and Tobacco are serious threats to human health and causing serious human diseases like blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, etc.; and

(b) if so, the steps Government contemplates to take to discourage such products in the market, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Eradication of measles

2182. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to eradicate measles in the country; and

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

Upgradation of Government Medical College, Jagdalpur, Bastar

†2183. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to upgrade the hospital of remote area of Jagdalpur, Bastar, affiliated to Government Medical Colleges as a super speciality hospital;

(b) if so, by when the approval would be accorded; and

(c) whether establishment of Cancer Institute is required in Bilaspur of Chhattisgarh, if so, by when the approval thereof is expected?

Acquisition of land for AIIMS-Jammu

2184. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the current status of land acquisition for setting up AIIMS in Jammu and what is the expected dateline for starting the project?

Standardizing and regulating stent quality

2185. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Healthcare Federation of India has suggested that Government needs to form Health Technology Assessment Board for standardizing and regulating stent quality in the country;

(b) whether Government has announced formation of a Medical Technology Assessment Board for the purpose; and

(c) whether medical procedures in India are among the most affordable in the world, which is due to a combination of cost of devices and services?

New health policy

2186. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government proposes to implement new health policy in the country particularly for the poor and those living in backward and remote areas, and if so, details thereof, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Opening of CGHS wellness centre in Alwar

‡2187. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wellness centres functioning under CGHS in National Capital Region and locations thereof;

(b) criteria to open a new wellness centre under CGHS;

(c) whether it is a fact that the facility of wellness centre under CGHS is not available in Alwar (Rajasthan) to the large number of working and retired officials of Central Government living there; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to open wellness centres under CGHS in Alwar (Rajasthan)?

Ban on use of potassium bromate

2188. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 254 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19 July, 2016 and state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to ban the use of "Potassium Bromate" in the food items;

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

(c) the details about the steps taken to enforce this ban in a holistic manner to prevent serious health hazards like cancer?

Revamping of Rainbow Mission for Child Vaccination

2189. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to revamp the Rainbow Mission for Child Vaccination in the country;

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

(c) details of new vaccines to be added in the above Mission?

Funds to Andhra Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

2190. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry for release of funds under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any decision in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

Existence of super bugs

2191. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has named 12 super bugs most of which are present in India; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to check the spread of drug resistant infections in hospitals particularly in tribal and backward regions of the country?

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**Making medical education
accessible to all**

2192. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed that the graduate and post-graduate medical courses have become extremely expensive and are not within the reach of poor and middle class people; and

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan to make medical education accessible to all?

Data on child healthcare indicators

2193. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest data on infant mortality rate in the country, category-wise, *e.g.*-Rural and Urban, SC, ST and Others, for each State;

(b) the latest data on neonatal mortality rate in the country, category-wise, *e.g.*-Rural and Urban, SC, ST and Others, for each State;

(c) the latest data on under five mortality rate in the country, category-wise, *e.g.*-Rural and Urban, SC, ST and Others, for each State; and

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

**Setting up of AIIMS like institute in
Punjab**

2194. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to set up AIIMS like institution in Punjab;

(b) if so, details thereof and the budget outlay for the same;

(c) whether the requisite quantum of funds has been released to the State, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any irregularities in the utilisation of funds or implementation of the programme has been found, if so, details thereof?

**Re-registration of medical
practitioners**

2195. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of some developed Nations having norms for compulsory re-registration for medical practitioners after some years to check their professional skills;

(b) if so, whether there are norms for medical practitioners in India to enhance their professional skills; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of medical practitioners submitting information about their participation in professional meeting as a part of continuing Medical Education?

Sanction of MD & MS courses to Mother Teresa Institute of Health Sciences

2196. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Puducherry Government for sanction of MD & MS courses to Mother Teresa Institute of Health Sciences, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the stand of Government in this regard?

Expanding inexpensive treatment facility

†2197. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for expansion of treatment centres for various types of serious ailments including diseases of the heart, kidney and liver and for providing inexpensive treatment facility to the people of the economically weaker sections; and

(b) the details of the assistance given to the States and the special assistance provided to Madhya Pradesh with regard to the above?

Quality of stents supplied to CGHS

2198. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any mechanism to regulate the quality of stents that are being supplied under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), if so,

the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry is taking steps to provide for higher quality stents for patients under the scheme?

Universalization of Maternity Benefit Programme

2199. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Maternal Mortality Rate and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(b) the status of implementation of the National Health Mission and the timeline for the implementation of the National Urban Health Mission, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Ministry has set targets for universalization of the Maternity Benefit Programme, improved quality of services for safe childbirth and neonatal care and protected early child development as per the funds allocated in the Union-Budget 2017-18, if so, the details thereof?

Filaria Control Programmes

2200. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Filaria Control Programme has been implemented, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the fund allocated and released for implementation of the said programme; and

(c) the other steps taken by Government to curb filarial menace in the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

High standards of vaccine regulation

2201. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts in multiple disciplines drawn from WHO Headquarters in Geneva and National regulators from US, Italy, Germany and Netherlands visited India recently to assess the National Regulatory Authority of India;

(b) whether the World Health Organisation has given the Indian vaccine regulatory structure the highest possible rating of 4 on a majority of qualifying parameters; and

(c) whether with this ranking of 4 out of 5, India has been classified as a stringent regulator of vaccines, alongside developed Nations such as US, Japan and EU member States?

Mandatory display of food safety display boards

†2202. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to make installation of food safety display boards mandatory for all the traders dealing in food products;

(b) if so, whether any steps has been taken by Government in this direction; and

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

Protecting rights of surrogate mothers

2203. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission for Women has sought for surrogacy ban on NRIs, Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) or Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) besides foreigners; and

(b) what regulatory measures Government proposes to take to protect the rights of surrogate mothers and child born through surrogacy in India, and details thereof?

Protecting patients from exploitation

†2204. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that patients are not informed about the cost involved in their treatment before the treatment starts and thus they are exploited in hospitals, particularly in private hospitals, and in some hospitals even dead bodies are subjected to treatment for grabbing money;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to protect patients from exploitation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor by when such steps would be taken?

Activities conducted under JSK

2205. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the activities under Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) and objectives achieved so far in attaining goals of National Population Policy, 2000 since its implementation, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the details of the utilization of the

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fund allocated in supporting project, schemes, initiatives and innovative ideas under the Family Planning measures?

(e) whether there is any problem in getting funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, if so, the details thereof?

HIV/AIDS patients in the country

2206. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many HIV/AIDS patients are there in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many patients are under Anti-Retrovirals treatment;

(c) whether it is a fact that NACO is far behind in adding new therapy lines for HIV/AIDS patients forcing them to depend on private people;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) how Ministry is planning to improve the situation?

National Framework for Malaria Elimination

2207. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME);

(b) when the NFME was started and the results of the projects, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether India will be able to eradicate Malaria by 2022 at this present pace;

(d) if not, what special emphasis is required to be given to achieve the same; and

Nursing colleges in the country

†2208. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any such scheme for opening at least one nursing college in the Districts that do not have a medical college, so that the reach of medical facilities could be expanded;

(b) if so, the number of medical colleges to be opened in Bihar out of the proposed 58 medical colleges in the first phase under the scheme for opening new medical colleges, affiliated to the existing District/referral hospitals and the Districts where they are proposed to be opened; and

(c) the number of Districts that will be left out and the scheme for opening nursing colleges therein?

Research Centre for Communicable Disease and Virology in Gujarat

2209. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a Research Centre for Communicable Disease and Virology in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government has received a proposal from Government of Gujarat in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the status of the proposal; and

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(d) the reasons for not establishing this Centre so far?

Promoting use of iodised salt

2210. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to the UNICEF Report, only 57 per cent people of Jharkhand use iodised salt; and

(b) if so, how Government intends to reach the target of 100 per cent and stop the small vendors from selling non-iodised salt and the details thereof?

Expenditure on public healthcare

2211. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the spending on public healthcare as the percentage of GDP at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that it is worse than some of the poorest countries in the world;

(c) what is the budgetary allocation and expenditure under the National Rural Health Mission for the last three years;

(d) what is the doctor-patient ratio at present and how Government is planning to bridge the gap between the number of doctors per patient; and

(e) whether Government has made any study about the Health Model followed in Sri Lanka for its replicability in India?

Botched family planning operations

2212. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of family planning operations and other surgeries are held in a botched manner in the rural villages of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such cases reported during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has made any efforts to create awareness among the rural people and setting up of more medical and health services there, if so, the details thereof?

Reviewing of PC and PNDT Act

2213. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will review certain provisions of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC & PNDT) Act, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this issue was discussed in the 25th Central Supervisory Board meeting of PC & PNDT; and

(c) if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting?

AIDS/HIV fatalities

2214. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) details of the number of HIV related cases and HIV related deaths in India during past three years, State/UT-wise;

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(b) whether such cases have increased over the years, if so, details and reasons thereof;

(c) steps undertaken by Government to increase awareness about AIDS and to reduce the stigma surrounding it especially in rural areas;

(d) whether any special provisions have been made for the LGBT community suffering from HIV, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any public health camps have been set up to combat AIDS, if so, details thereof?

Proposal to ban use of microbeads in natural health products

2215. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to ban "microbeads" found in natural health products like toothpaste, cream and non-prescription drugs as exfoliators, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

Upgradation of medical colleges in Gujarat

2216. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government has identified any medical colleges of Gujarat for upgradation under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) Phase IV;

(b) what is the tentative capital cost ceiling for upgradation of each Government college;

(c) what will be ratio of Centre and State Government funding;

(d) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal and given its commitment as required for upgradation of medical colleges in the State; and

(e) whether Government has given sanction and included any colleges of Gujarat for their upgradation under Phase-IV of PMSSY?

Dental colleges and hospitals

2217. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:•

(a) whether Government is planning or proposing to set-up more dental colleges and hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the target fixed for this; and

(c) how many dental hospitals and colleges are functioning presently in the country?

Projected rise in cancer patients

2218. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of recent research findings that the number of cancer patients in the country may more than double in the course of next few years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons;

(c) what steps Government has taken to prevent such an increase in number of patients and consequent deaths; and

(d) whether Government would adopt a holistic approach so far as healing cancer is concerned?

Regulating kidney donation

2219. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplates
to regulate kidney donation by suitable
legislation in view of unscrupulous elements
entering in kidney transplantation;

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

(c) if not, how Government proposes
to control trade in kidney transplantation?

**Complaints against functioning of
NRHM**

†2220. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH
NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government has received
any complaints regarding implementation
of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)
from various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly
about incidents of irregularities in procuring
medicines at higher rate;

(c) the corrective measures taken by
Government to stop bogus activities of
procuring and distributing medicines under
NRHM by agencies of States and Union
Territories; and

(d) whether Government proposes to
issue new guidelines for implementing
NRHM schemes with more transparency?

Indians suffering from depression

2221. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:
SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

(a) whether over 5 crore Indians suffer
from depression as per a World Health
Organisation study, if so, the details thereof;
and

(b) the steps being taken by
Government to check the same?

**Strategies to contain diabetes and
hypertension**

2222. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that over 20 per
cent of Indians suffer from diabetes and
hypertension, according to a health survey
conducted by a Government agency;

(b) if so, plans, schemes and strategies
being proposed by Government to deal
with the situation, including public
awareness campaign and details thereof;

(c) whether World Health Organisation
has given any advisory for reducing the
incidence of diabetes and hypertension
among the common people; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed by
Government including higher allocation of
funds in the Budget and details thereof?

**Status of implementation of USTTAD
Scheme**

†2223. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRA-
BUDDHE: Will the Minister of
MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of people trained in the year 2015-16 under Upgrading Skills and Training in Traditional Arts and Crafts for Development (USTTAD) scheme, State/ Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of needy people trained in the year 2015-16 under Hunar se Rozgar scheme, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the number of people who got employment in the country/abroad after getting trained under both the schemes, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the total amount spent by Government on both these schemes for training during the year 2015-16?

Crack down on chemist shops run by unqualified people

†2224. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reviews that have been done so far from the date when a provision of recruiting inspector has made in pharmacy policy so as to check the unqualified people from selling medicines in chemist shops of the country;

(b) whether sufficient number of inspectors are available across the country to check such type of shops which are being run in large number in the rural/urban areas; and

(c) If not whether Government is seriously considering to make up for the shortage of inspectors so as to check corruption occurring in such a sensitive matter?

Maulana Azad Education Foundation scholarships

2225. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) scholarships for the last academic year have been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students who received scholarships and total amount sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hunar Haats in Odisha

2226. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Hunar Haats have been organised for the minorities so far;

(b) what is the idea behind Hunar Haats; and

(c) whether there are plans to organise Hunar Haats in Odisha in the near future?

CSR spending by companies

2227. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by companies under CSR since its implementation, sector-wise, year-wise, company-wise;

(b) whether the top 50 companies spent ₹ 4,600 crores in 2014-15 on CSR activities

(c) expenditure made in 2015-16 and 2016-17 by top 50 companies under CSR;

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(d) whether there are companies which have not spent their entire CSR funds;

(e) why companies are only concentrating in States where they have business interests and neglecting backward States;

(f) whether it does not contribute to imbalance growth which Government wants to reduce; and

(g) if so, how Ministry is planning to address this aberration?

Financial assistance to minority students under NAI UDAAN scheme

2228. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make changes in the scheme 'NAI UDAAN' and start providing financial support to meritorious students belonging to Minority Communities before the prelims exam rather than after it, the details thereof;

(b) if so, by when and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of students from the Christian, Muslim and Sikh community who have been provided financial assistance under the scheme, the details thereof?

Funds for development of minorities

‡2229. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation under schemes for

minorities like Research studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity, Merit cum Means scholarship, free coaching and Allied Scheme for Minority Community Students, Multi-Sectoral Development Programme for minority dominated districts and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, State-wise during the last three years; and

(b) whether Chhattisgarh has been released less funds under the above schemes during that period, if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of playground at secondary schools

‡2230. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 31 per cent secondary schools in the country do not have playgrounds, if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government in this direction, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make games and sports an integral part of education system and providing basic facilities of games and sports in all the schools of the country, the details thereof?

International standard stadium in Jammu and Kashmir

2231. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to have an International Standard Stadium in Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the details thereof;

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(b) whether a Special Grant of ₹ 200 crore was announced for upgradation of Sports Infrastructure in the State; and

(c) if so, the details of plans submitted by the State Government for its utilisation?

Sports Complex under RGKA in Andhra Pradesh

2232. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sports complex under Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) has been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry thinks that one sports complex, that too at the Block level helps in promoting sports, that too at a time when Andhra Pradesh literally does not have sports facilities after bifurcation?

Training centre for sportspersons

†2233. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to improve the medal tally in the next Olympics;

(b) whether Government proposes to increase funding for training of sportspersons;

(c) if so, in what manner and by when;

(d) whether Government has set up any training centres to impart proper training to sportspersons; and

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

Discovery of sporting talents among boys and girls

†2234. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of the NIS trained trainers for Central as well as State scheme earlier provided by Sports Authority of India (SAI) would be started again; and

(b) whether Government proposes to bring out the hidden sports talent among boys and girls only in the age group of 9 to 14 by selecting tribal players in the popular sports of the States, by setting up popular sports academy in the States and by providing them intensive training so that their standard can be raised upto maximum level?

Abuse of athletes in sports camps

2235. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report on abuse of athletes in different sports camps in the Country;

(b) if so, the details of cases that have been registered during the last two years; and

(c) the action taken by Government to safeguard the victim athletes and the details of punishment meted out to assailants?

National policy on hiring coaches

2236. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Government is opting for foreign coaches instead of coaches who are available within the country itself; bring in any concrete National policy on hiring coaches for different Sports/games; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?
- (c) whether Government proposes to

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