

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, August 1, 2017/Shravana 10, 1939 (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**

#### **Ayurvedic Hospitals in the country**

1761. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Question 2082 and Unstarred Question 172 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21 March, 2017 and 18 July, 2017 respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to establish an Ayurvedic Hospital in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time bound programme to establish such a Hospital?

#### **Defence Manufacturing units licenses**

1762. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any changes in the policy of issuing defence manufacturing units licences to the industries, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether FDI is allowed for the units manufacturing defence related arms and ammunition?

#### **Schemes for promoting Ayurveda**

†1763. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to facilitate any project to promote Ayurveda, in all the States of the country during last three years, so that Ayurveda can be promoted;

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

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(c) the present status of treatment capacity and efficiency of each of the All India Institutes of Ayurveda?

**Making unique identity mandatory for flight booking**

1764. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to make it mandatory for air passengers to furnish a unique identity at the time of flight booking;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move;

(c) whether Government had meeting with various stakeholders on how to make passage of passengers through airports easier by using technology, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has also decided to set up a technical committee with representations of stakeholders to take this initiative forward; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report?

**Use of single engine aircrafts under regional connectivity scheme**

†1765. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 196 answered in Rajya Sabha on 18-07-2017 and state:

(a) the details of region-wise air services started under the regional air connectivity

programme and the airlines that started services under this programme along with the types of aircrafts that are being used, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that airlines are using single engine aircrafts on few routes under regional air connectivity programme, if so, the details thereof, region-wise, company-wise; and

(c) whether Government has made an assessment of travel risks due to operation of such type of aircrafts, if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

**Expansion of runways at Gaggal and Bhuntar airports**

1766. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand and strengthen existing runways, and allied works at Gaggal Airport, Kangra and Bhuntar Airport, Kullu in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard so far; and

(c) the current status of the proposal along with the funds allocated/released/ utilised for extension and strengthening of existing runway and allied works at Gaggal Airport and Bhuntar Airport, the details thereof, airport-wise?

**Amendments in AAI Act**

1767. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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has proposed amendments in the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Act;

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

(c) the objectives Government aims to achieve by amending AAI Act?

#### **Impact of GST on airfares**

1768. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the executive and first class fares have got better deal with input trade credit under GST than economy class;

(b) if so, whether it will increase economy fares; and

(c) if so, how are we going to maintain the existing cost under UDAN Scheme?

#### **Modernisation of airports in small cities**

1769. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to modernise airports in small cities like Thoothukudi, Trichy, etc., in Tamil Nadu, and such places all over India;

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

(c) further steps taken by Government to modernise and expand such airports in the country, especially in Tamil Nadu?

#### **Increase in user fee in Thiruvananthapuram Airport**

1770. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that user fee for Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has been increased recently while there is no increase in the same in case of Kozhikode and Kochi airports;

(b) whether Government realises that this will work to dissuade passengers from using Thiruvananthapuram Airport; and

(c) whether Government will review it in the present context of increasing taxes on air travel in the GST regime?

#### **Revenue earned by AIESL**

1771. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India Engineering Services Ltd. (AIESL) is offering maintenance to Third Party Customers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of revenue earned by Air India Engineering Services Ltd. (AIESL) during the last three years; and

(c) whether AIESL is also reporting loss, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Protocol for VIPs in private airlines**

1772. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sent a notice to private airlines and other stakeholders regarding protocol to be extended to VIPs in private airlines;

(b) whether any meeting has been held in this connection with private airlines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that common people do not suffer because of this exercise?

**High priority to hilly areas and island regions under UDAN Scheme**

1773. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has categorised country's hilly areas and island regions as high priority areas to improve air connectivity to these areas under the UDAN Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the various measures Government has taken or shall take to enhance air connectivity to hilly regions, Islands and smaller cities?

**Compassionate appointments in Air India**

1774. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of compassionate appointments in vogue in Air India;

(b) the number of requests and representations received for compassionate appointment in Air India during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government on these request/representations; and

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

**Upgradation of airports in North Eastern Region**

1775. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to upgrade Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Agartala and Imphal Airports to a regional aviation hub; and

(b) the policy and programme being taken to increase the frequency of intra-regional services with this hub?

**Utilisation of space in SGRDJ Airport, Amritsar**

1776. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to utilise the first floor of Shri Guru Ram Dass Jee (SGRDJ) International Airport, Amritsar to provide space for the lounges of the reputed airlines, duty free shops for the customers and for the ease of congestion at the airport; and

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

**Assessment of services of aviation companies**

1777. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of aircrafts with each of the aviation companies operational in the country along with the assessment of status of their passenger services, punctuality and maintenance as on date in 2017; and

(b) the steps taken to make the National carrier Air India excellent in the aforesaid areas and the future of the company?

**Completion of work at Gulbarga Airport**

1778. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has given any date for its completion work at Gulbarga Air Port in Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;

(b) when the work had started and what was the original estimate; and

(c) what is the present cost, and by when it will be completed?

**Operation of Wide Bodied Aircrafts from Calicut Airport**

1779. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1293 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 14 March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether Government has taken necessary steps to restart operation of Wide Bodied Aircrafts at Calicut, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the expected time to restart operation of Wide Bodied Aircrafts?

**Mechanism to regulate airfares**

1780. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no transparent mechanism to regulate airfares in the country and as such, airlines are free to charge as much as they can;

(b) whether the idea of providing a competition between airlines has not worked and Government is facing the

problem of predatory airfare due to cartelisation amongst the airlines;

(c) whether the benefit of reduction in the price of ATF is also not passed on to the passengers as reduction in airfares; and

(d) if so, stringent measures Government propose to take to ensure that airfares remain within a reasonable range of passengers?

**Domestic Market Share of Air India**

1781. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the pattern of growth of domestic air passengers in the last three years in the country in percentage terms; and

(b) what is the current share of Air India out of the total domestic air passengers in the country?

**Appointment of Government officials for airport security**

1782. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) has recently appointed nearly 40 officials of Government such as clerks, stenographers, electricians, PAs, etc., to perform the duties of airport security in various airports;

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

(c) how AAI thinks that clerks, electricians, stenographers can perform duties of airport security?

**Operational profit/loss of Air India**

1783. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2891 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28 March, 2017 and to state:

- (a) whether Ministry is considering privatisation of Air India;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken so far and the rationale behind privatisation;
- (c) whether Air India has shown an improvement in its operational profit/loss between 2011 and 2016 and also an improvement in the passenger load factor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether such improvement shows that there is no need for privatisation?

**Clamp down on negative propaganda by former employees of Air India**

1784. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air India has decided to clamp down on former employees who criticise the airline on public platforms;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Air India has made it clear that retired personnel who make negative comments with the intention of tarnishing the image of the company will themselves be responsible for cessation of their post retirement facilities; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that in the recent past the company had noticed few retired personnel had been tarnishing the company's image on social networking sites, if so, the details thereof?

**Reduction in waiting time of passengers**

1785. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an air traveller has to spend 75.32 per cent of total air travel time on waiting in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that for stopover flights the traveller has to wait around 83.55 per cent of the travel time in the airports;
- (c) if so, proposal of Government to reduce the waiting time of passengers; and
- (d) the details of comparative study with the international counterparts thereof?

**Skill gap in civil aviation sector**

1786. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any measures to address the expanding skill gap in the civil aviation given the unprecedented growth in the Indian aviation sector; and
- (b) the number of trained pilots and aircraft maintenance engineers in the country who are currently unemployed?

**Opposition to privatisation of Air India**

1787. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that various employees' unions of Air India have opposed the Government's decision to privatise Air India and they have written a letter to the Ministry warning of an industrial unrest against this decision; and

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

**Air services between small cities of Madhya Pradesh and Delhi**

†1788. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 1296 and 4333 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14 March, 2017 and 11 April, 2017, respectively and state whether there is a proposal to connect a number of small cities of Madhya Pradesh to the National Capital by air service and the details of progress made so far, in this regard?

**Airports of International Standard in Madhya Pradesh**

†1789. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of airports run by Airports Authority of India (AAI) in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of airports out of the above which are proposed to be upgraded as International Airports and the action taken for this and the airports that have been expanded and converted into International Airports; and

(c) by when International flights would start operating from the State after the expansion of airports?

**Flight Control, Repairing, Overhauling and Services Centre at Hyderabad**

1790. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken a decision to establish Flight Control, Repairing, Overhauling Services Centre at Begumpet Airport, in Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the unit has already been started, the details thereof?

**Flight services to Dubai from Gannavaram airport**

1791. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to start flight services to Dubai from Gannavaram airport in Andhra Pradesh shortly, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by which time these services will be commenced, the details thereof?

**Passenger facilities at Visakhapatnam airport**

1792. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation from the Air Traveller's Association has been received by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to provide passenger facilities at Visakhapatnam airport recently;

(b) if so, the details of representations and the amenities sought by the association at Vizag airport;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with Ministry of Defence to keep airport open even after 10 p.m.; and

(d) by when the proposed six bays are going to be completed for parking more flights?

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**Pending proposal of an International Airline**

1793. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from an International Airline is pending with Government of India for approval for operations in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for not granting permission for operation in India?

**International status to Vijayawada airport**

1794. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vijayawada airport in Andhra Pradesh has been granted 'International airport' status by the Union Cabinet recently;

(b) if so, the facilities that are attached to this tag and the details of plan of action for providing such facilities at Vijayawada airport;

(c) whether sufficient land is available; and

(d) by when International terminal is going to be completed and since when hub-and-spoke facility is going to be started?

**Difficulties faced by passengers at IGI airport**

1795. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are issues of difficulties being faced by the

travelling passengers at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, New Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any exercise to relocate the shops have been undertaken and if so, the details thereof?

**User Development Fee in different airports**

1796. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) calculates the User Development Fees charged at different airports of the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Overbooking on domestic flights**

1797. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has swung into action to crack down on the incidence of overbooking on domestic flights which rose by more than 60 per cent in the last eight months despite stiff compensation rules for airlines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such overbooking has resulted in thousands of passengers being denied boarding despite holding a ticket; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a meeting has been held to discuss the rising number of boarding denial cases in 2016-17 and if so, the deliberations made in the said meeting?



**Political meeting in the premises of  
Goa airport**

1798. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 1st July, 2017 a political party organised a Public Meeting on Goa airport;

(b) whether airport authority had given permission to hold this meeting, if so, the details thereof in respect of the public authority who granted the permission and under which rule the said permission was granted;

(c) if not, what action is being taken against the person who held this illegal meeting; and

(d) whether any FIR has been lodged in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

**Protection of interest of Air India  
employees**

1799. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH  
MAHRA:  
SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private companies have expressed their interest in taking over Air India;

(b) if so, the names of these companies;

(c) what is the present status of disinvestment in Air India; and

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard, and the details of the steps being taken to protect the interests of employees working therein?

**Restructuring of long term loans of  
Air India**

1800. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government decided to privatise Air India and five of its subsidiaries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that Air India has turned around now but because of heavy debt burden and higher interest rate, it is in financial difficulty;

(c) if so, whether Government would restructure the long term loan with soft loan and low rate of interest, to make Air India viable; and

(d) alternatively, whether its assets worth ₹ 30,000 crore would be used along with bailout package for serving the huge debt and if so, the details thereof?

**Details of registered companies on  
website**

1801. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any strict action against those who indulged in illegal economic activities through shell companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the list of such shell companies, State-wise, identified and booked or proposed to be booked under the respective laws of the country; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to update and streamline the RoCs and other allied offices in the country and to make

the website with all details of registered companies as public documents?

**Identifying weapons system for indigenisation**

1802. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous production of critical defence armament like weapons system and platforms required for nation's security is capable to meet at least 50 per cent of such requirements; and

(b) if not, whether long term perspective plans of Army, Navy and Air Force will be examined to identify what all the systems India can manufacture indigenously, so that immediate focus remains to their manufacture and later on long-term planning could be done for achieving 100 per cent indigenous production?

**Crash of MiG-27**

1803. SHRI RAMKUMAR  
VERMA:  
SHRI HARSHVARDHAN  
SINGH DUNGARPUR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1319 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14 March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether the MiG-27 which crashed in June, 2016 and July, 2017 in Jodhpur, Rajasthan was due to either mechanical fault or human error;

(b) how many fighter aircrafts have crashed in the past 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 Government would considered reviewing the training method in order to minimize the crashes to save the precious lives of the pilots?

**Recruitment scam in the Army**

1804. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recruitment scam in the Indian Army was recently unearthed in which unfit persons were given fitness certificates by taking bribes and recruited in the Army, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such scams in future?

**Production of F-16 fighter jets under Make in India**

1805. SHRI SAMHAJI  
CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and US have agreed for transfer of sophisticated technology and production of F-16 fighter jets under 'Make in India' which are considered having an edge on other fighter jets;

(b) whether certain restrictions under International Traffic in Arms Regulation (ITAR) shall not come in the way of transfer of certain special technological features like sensors and datalink, etc.; and

(c) if so, how will it be possible for India to manufacture F-16 fighter jets to penetrate into international market?

### Changes in DPP

1806. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made changes in the Defence Procurement Policy (DPP) recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Defence Expo was held recently and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

### Ill treatment of HIV positive soldiers

†1807. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that soldiers of the Army who are found HIV positive in health check-up, are forced to tender resignation letter by creating pressure on them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such retired employees neither get pension benefits nor the status of ex-serviceman, if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) steps being taken by Government to bring about improvement in this situation?

### Accidents involving MIG-21 fighters

1808. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aerial or in-flight accidents in the IAF involving MIG-21 fighters during the last three years and the number of air force personnel who lost their lives during each of these accidents, accident-wise; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal to phase out vintage helicopters and these aircrafts in view of their involvement in a number of accidents, if so, the details thereof?

### Manufacturing of defence equipment

1809. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of the defence equipment manufactured in the country during the last three years; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to manufacture defence equipment in the country under the Make in India Mission, and if so, the details thereof?

### Air crash involving IAF aircrafts

†1810. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to avoid the increasing incidents of air crash of MIG and other aircrafts of Indian Air Force (IAF) and the details thereof;

(b) the proportional details thereof for the last three years alongwith the number of aircrafts and helicopters which met with accidents and the reasons of accidents in the investigation report;

(c) the number of pilots who lost their lives in the accidents during this period and the details thereof; and

(d) whether some technical faults have also been found in state-of-the-art aircrafts being used by Air Force, if so, the details thereof?

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**Modernisation of the Army**

1811. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to provide funds to modernize Indian Army, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Army has been demanding more funds for its modernization programme, if so, the details thereof?

**BEML's vacant plot at Ranchi**

1812. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML) belonging to the Defence Ministry, has a vacant plot of land at Ranchi;

(b) if so, whether this plot was meant for the construction of workshop and other facilities;

(c) if so, when BEML is going to construct it or they have no plans;

(d) whether there is any plan to keep this land free from encroachment; and

(e) whether the Ministry intends to use this land for other purpose, if so, the details thereof?

**Performance of BEML**

†1813. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) during the last three years, year-wise details thereof;

(b) the year-wise profit/losses to BEML during the said period;

(c) the details of the products manufactured by BEML;

(d) whether it is a fact that BEML is also manufacturing stainless steel metro cars and it is now one of the competitive companies in the market;

(e) whether it is also a fact that BEML is manufacturing stainless steel metro cars at quite cheaper rates than other private companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for disinvestment of BEML?

**Missing fighter planes**

1814. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that missing of fighter planes of the country has become a regular phenomenon;

(b) if so, the number of missing planes and jets during the last three years;

(c) the number of fighters and defence aircraft crashed during the last three years; and

(d) the incidence-wise rescued and the report of cockpit operations therefor?

**Pending road projects of BRO**

1815. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects that are still pending and handled by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO);

(b) the details of these pending projects

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including details such as the start date of the project, initially proposed target date, renewed target date etc.; and

(c) the additional expenditure that have been incurred in each of these projects due to the delay?

#### **Making DIA functional**

1816. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) was created after a review of Indian Intelligence apparatus following the civil attacks in Amarnath, Gurdaspur and mainly in Kashmir;

(b) whether it is a fact that no financial allocation is made or sanctioned for functioning of DIA, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make DIA functional?

#### **Exchange of defence land for development purpose**

1817. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Karnataka for the exchange of 62 acres of Defence Land required to complete pending infrastructure projects in Bengaluru, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Karnataka for the exchange of land for any

development purpose over last three years, if so, details thereof?

#### **Coastal defence security**

1818. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's proposal to strengthen coastal defence of the country;

(b) to what extent our maritime frontiers, waterways and offshore resources are fully protected; and

(c) whether Government has provided adequate powers to Navy and the Coast Guard to face various challenges and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Faults behind crashes of aircrafts**

†1819. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether in view of frequent crashes of MIG fighter aircrafts, possibility of improvement in the technology of this aircraft is being explored so that such crashes come to an end;

(b) the number of aircrafts and helicopters of Indian Air Force that crashed during the last three years and faults found in their investigation; and

(c) the steps taken to remove those faults in view of investigation reports of crashes thereof?

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**Pension scheme for short service candidates**

†1820. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce pension scheme for short service candidates in defence sector, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to approve pension and other welfare schemes for defence personnel serving less than 15 years and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has received any representation from Military Service Pensioners Association in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

**Non-issuing of Medals**

1821. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:  
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1310 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14 March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medals conferred on the Military personnel are being issued by the Directorate of Military Regulations and Forms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Directorate has not been issuing Medals since 2008 and has created a back log of 14.5 lakh Medals;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the officers and men are procuring the Medals on their own for display on their person: and

(d) if so, by when this issue would be resolved and the details of the current situation about the Medals?

**Measures to check cyber crimes in Banking System**

1822. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cyber crimes pertaining to fraudulent e-transaction in public and private sector banks have registered significant increase since 2014 even after Aadhar seeding especially after demonetisation;

(b) if so, details thereof, State-wise and in particular Punjab and bank-wise for each of the last three years;

(c) arrangements put up in place by Government to check the spike in cyber crime and to make laws more stringent for this;

(d) whether the RBI has issued instructions to the banks to compensate the aggrieved consumers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and providing speedy justice to the victims of digital transaction of frauds?

**Loans to entrepreneurs under Stand UP India Scheme**

1823. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number, in amount and percentage, of entrepreneurs who were extended loan facility under Stand Up India Scheme in 2016; and

(b) the estimated number of entrepreneurs, State-wise, to whom Government contemplated to provide the benefit under the scheme?

**Implementation of GST**

1824. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that

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implementation of GST has failed on many fronts;

(b) if so, whether it indicates that it was implemented in haste, without preparation; and

(c) whether it would not affect the economy adversely?

#### **Trading in Bitcoins**

1825. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that online trading of Bitcoins growing very rapidly in the country during the last one year, if so, Government's observation and response thereto;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Bitcoins could be the root cause behind terror funding, money laundering and hawala transactions in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for controlling unlawful activities through Bitcoins in the country?

#### **Action against shell companies**

†1826. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any drive against shell companies, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of such restrictions, penalties and concerned judicial provisions which have been contemplated by Government under the said drive, the details thereof?

#### **Compensation to States for revenue loss after GST**

1827. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time-limit has been given to the GST council which has been set up to decide crucial rate for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) with it;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government might back 18-19 per cent standard GST rate but some States want to levy more than 20 per cent GST to ensure that State revenue collections are not impacted by the GST rollout; and

(c) in that case, whether centre will compensate the States for any revenue loss and if so, upto what period, the details thereof?

#### **Funds allocated under Stand up India**

1828. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the total amount of funds allocated and funds spent by Government, under the Stand Up India Scheme for the year 2016-17, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Measures to increase domestic capital investment**

1829. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total domestic capital investment and foreign capital investment infused in the country during the last three years;

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(b) whether Government has plans to encourage domestic capital investments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to increase domestic capital investment; and

(d) the details of the steps taken to strengthen economic credentials and make India one of the strongest economies of the world?

**Request for waiving off farm loans from Tamil Nadu**

1830. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representation from the State Government of Tamil Nadu and Farmers of Tamil Nadu for waiving off farm loans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Money laundering cases registered post demonetisation**

1831. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the money laundering cases that were registered post demonetisation, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is aware about the money that was flushed out of the country *via* laundering since 8 November 2016 till date; and

(c) the details of the cases of money laundering that have been filed alongwith their present status and actions?

**Pay level upgradation to Statistical Investigator Grade II and Grade I**

1832. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendation for pay level upgradation to Statistical Investigator Grade II and Grade I in SSS cadre, received from the Ministry of Statistics and PI;

(b) whether the Ministry of Finance is aware of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, after a thorough examination, continuously recommended to such upgradation in their reports to arrest high attrition rate prevailing in the SSS cadre; and

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance will accept that the large number of vacancies will certainly lead to more work pressure to existing staff and will have direct bearing on the quality output?

**Recommendations of Committee on Allowances on 7th CPC**

1833. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations of Committee on Allowances formed after implementation of 7th CPC in 2016;

(b) the details of the accepted recommendations of said Committee;

(c) the details of the rejected recommendations of the said Committee; and

(d) whether Government has saved around ₹40,000/- crores by delaying tactics and by rejecting arrears on allowances to Central Government employees and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Unsuccessful farmers loan waiving scheme**

1834. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the



farmers' loan waiving scheme has been completely successful;

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

(c) the efforts being made by Government to reduce distress among farmers community of the country and if so, the details thereof?

(a) whether CAG conducts regular audits and scrutinies of the different departments of Manipur;

(b) the details of reports of CAG for the State during the last ten years; and

(c) the details of irregularities and adverse observations especially on the utilisations of funds received as Central financial assistance?

#### **Recovery of black money post demonetisation**

†1835. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received very less amount of black money than expected in wake of demonetisation, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) if not, the quantum of black money recovered after demonetisation?

#### **Number of Income Tax payers after demonetisation**

†1836. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of income tax payers has increased after demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the real objective of demonetisation?

#### **CAG report on irregularities in utilisation of fund in Manipur**

1837. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

#### **Introduction of Meetei/Meitei Mayek script of Manipur in currencies**

1838. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Meetei/Meitei Mayek script is not in the currencies of the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps being taken to include the script in currencies;

(c) whether it is a fact that Manipuri Language in Meitei/meitei Mayek (script) is taught in schools and colleges and whether in view of it, Government would introduce the script in the currencies of the country; and

(d) the details of reasons for not including the script in the currencies even though the language was included in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution in 1992?

#### **Workshops on GST**

†1839. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to organise workshops to make the people aware about Goods and Service Tax (GST);

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(b) if so, the names of the cities where these workshops would be organised and the duration of each workshop; and

(c) the names of experts and the businessmen who would be engaged to impart training in these workshops and since when these workshops would be started?

**Flexible pension contribution for informal workers**

1840. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for flexible pension contribution for the informal workers in the country, if so, the details of proposal therein;

(b) if not, the proposal of Government for the people with irregular incomes and particularly the women of the country who have no regular incomes; and

(c) the details of the report of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) & Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL) on the pension proposal towards elderly women empowerment?

**Benami transactions in real estate sector**

1841. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken to regulate the transactions in the real estate sector with a view to control black money;

(b) the steps being taken to deal with benami transactions in the real estate sector; and

(c) the number of cases registered across the country after the enactment of the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016 and the total monetary involvement in these cases?

**RBI regional office at Durgapur**

1842. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India had a proposal to set up a Regional Office at Durgapur, West Bengal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that RBI was allotted requisite piece of land during 2006-07 for the purpose by Asansol Durgapur Development Authority by the side of CMERI and opposite to NIT Durgapur; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal?

**Shortfall in target set for disbursement of agricultural loans**

1843. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms fixed by Government for disbursement of percentage of loans as agricultural loans out of the total loans disbursed by the Scheduled Commercial Banks during the last three years and the current financial year;

(b) whether the said banks are lagging behind in achieving their targets for agricultural loans during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise and State-wise, including Rajasthan and Gujarat?

**Charitable Trusts exempted from  
Income Tax**

1844. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to go in for manual scrutiny of all Charitable Trusts which have not been denied registration for tax exemption and yet avail I.T. benefits, during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) what are the reasons for Government going in for manual scrutiny of all Charitable Trusts for the financial year 2016-17;

(c) how many Charitable Trusts across the country are now registered to get Income Tax benefits; and

(d) State-wise break-up of such registered Charitable Trusts?

**Early resolution of cheque bounced  
disputes**

1845. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cheque bounced cases pending in different courts across the country;

(b) the details of measures taken by Government to reduce the time-frame for resolution of such disputes; and

(c) whether any target has been set for completion of the project, if so, the details thereof?

**GST on minor forest produce**

1846. SHRI A. V. SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

whether it is a fact that Government is planning to impose GST on the minor forest produce, if so, the details thereof?

**GST on plastic chairs**

1847. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 28 per cent GST has been imposed on goods which are luxurious or dangerous to health such as cigarettes and other tobacco products;

(b) reasons due to which Government considers plastic as luxurious or dangerous item and reasons for imposing 28 per cent on plastic mouldings;

(c) reasons due to which GST council brought plastic chairs in the category of luxury though being household items and imposed 28 per cent tax rather than keeping them in the bracket of 18 per cent; and

(d) whether GST Council will reconsider this decision, if not, reasons therefor?

**Lower growth in tax collection**

1848. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct tax collections are in tune with the target of the total Budget Estimates of direct taxes for the financial year 2017-18;

(b) whether lower than the last year's growth figures suggest a subdued economic activity or lower business growth expectation; and

(c) if so, what positive or pragmatic steps Government is taking to give a fillip to the economic activity?

**Complaints received by bank  
Ombudsman**

1849. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) the total number of complaints  
received by bank Ombudsman for the last  
three years, the details thereof, bank-wise;

(b) out of the total complaints, how  
many are resolved, the details thereof,  
bank-wise; and

(c) the number of cases where the  
Ombudsman found that the lapse is on the  
bank's side?

**GST Call Centre**

1850. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government has set up call  
centre to reply to the queries relating to  
GST, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which the GST Call  
Centre will be helpful in resolving the  
issues related to GST; and

(c) whether this set up will remain for a  
specific period or will continue further?

**Zero GST on small business**

1851. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government has received  
complaints/suggestions from small traders/  
businessmen for reducing the tax rates or  
for zero tax under GST, if so, the details  
thereof;

(b) whether Government has considered  
such requests positively; and

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

**Sale of stake in SBI**

1852. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government has any  
proposal for sale of its stake in State Bank  
of India to reduce its huge NPA burden, if  
so, the detailed facts and data thereof;

(b) if not, the factual and explanatory  
reasons therefor; and

(c) the details about the legal barriers  
and public pressure in this regard?

**Forensic audit of PSU banks loan  
defaulters**

1853. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will  
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Government has directed  
banks to carry out forensic audits of the  
main defaulters in view of the rising NPAs  
of PSU banks;

(b) if so, the number of audits that were  
conducted and whether they have found  
diversion of funds by certain companies;  
and

(c) if so, the names of companies and  
the amount diverted?

**Action against biggest NPA account  
holders**

†1854. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR  
SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a list of 12  
biggest NPA customers in the country has  
been prepared and most of them are steel

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and power sector companies and out of which power sector has outstanding dues worth ₹ 2.0 or ₹ 2.3 lakh crores, if so, the steps taken by Government to recover outstanding loans from these companies;

(b) the reasons for delay in forfeiting the assets of 55 biggest NPA account holders in the country; and

(c) whether Government has fixed any time-limit for forfeiting their assets, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Restrictions on Initial Public Offerings of companies**

1855. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the firms/companies are habituated to use the funds raised from the public for the purposes other than the listed objectives, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to curtail these practices and make it mandatory for companies raising funds less than ₹ 500 crores through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) to appoint a monitoring agency, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Abolition of FIPB**

1856. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2155 given in Rajya Sabha on 21 March, 2017 and to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating on replacing FIPB with any another agency, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, what would be the fate of the proposals that are pending with the FIPB as of now and the details thereof?

#### **GST on solar power generating system and semiconductor devices**

1857. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether there is a difference in GST applied on solar power generating systems and solar panels at 5 per cent whereas the GST applied on semiconductor devices including PV cells is 18 per cent, if so, the details thereof?

#### **NPAs of PSBs in Kerala**

1858. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Public Sector Banks in the State of Kerala which are running into losses during the last three years; and

(b) the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of each bank in the State during the period?

#### **GST exemption on religious places and Wakf properties**

1859. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many religious places and Waqf properties attract the provision of GST;

(b) whether Government proposes to keep such places out of the net of GST; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Exemption to coaching institutes under GST**

1860. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coaching for entrance examinations for higher studies and for competitive examinations provided by educational institutions are exempted under GST;

(b) if so, the details of clauses under which such exemptions are granted; and

(c) if not, whether such exemption is being considered ?

**Impact of GST on small and medium industry**

1861. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the impact of the GST on small and medium scale industry in India, the details thereof?

**Promotion of regional languages in banking sector**

1862. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government proposes to promote use of regional languages in the banking sector for easily communicating with people specially village people, if so, the details thereof?

**MoUs signed between States and domestic and international companies**

1863. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government keeps track of MoUs signed by various States with

various domestic and international companies during investor summits organized by them;

(b) if so, the details of such MoUs entered into by States, including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the status of each of such MoUs signed by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, State-wise; and

(d) the details of the investment so far flown in the above States, State-wise?

**Ban on selling third-party products by private sector banks**

1864. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a decision to ban the selling of third-party products such as mutual funds schemes and insurance policies by private sector banks, if so, the complete details thereof;

(b) whether banking ombudsmen have received complaints against private sector banks indulging in such third-party selling; and

(c) if so, the names of such banks and the action taken against the said banks?

**Challenges to become the fourth largest economy**

1865. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent World Bank Report has stated that India will become the fourth largest economy in the world by 2022 with

more than 4 trillion dollars from 2.7 trillion in 2017, if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(b) to what extent GST helps in achieving this goal;

(c) whether the World Bank has also pointed out challenges in the form of NPAs, better production and productivity in agriculture and labour reforms; and

(d) if so, how Government is going to address these issues?

**Acquisition of life insurance company by IRDAI**

1866. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government or IRDAI has acquired management of any life insurance company;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons for such acquisition;

(c) whether such acquisition of management will affect the company's liability to settle claim of its customers;

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the company's customers do not incur any pecuniary loss due to such acquisition; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to instill people's confidence in private life insurance companies?

**Crop loans to small and marginal farmers on priority**

1867. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of

Government's claim that the achievements under annual agricultural credit flow surpassed targets during the last three years, several farmers across the country are unable to secure short term crop loans, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any priority for the small and marginal farmers in securing agricultural credit?

**Borrowing directly from bilateral overseas lending agencies by State entities**

1868. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued guidelines allowing State entities with sound financial health to borrow directly from bilateral overseas lending agencies such as Japan's JICA to fund infrastructure projects, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the eligibility criteria for State entities would be a revenue of over ₹ 1000 crore and for infrastructure projects the cost criteria will be ₹ 5000 crore and if so, the details thereof?

**Irregularities in NE and EC Railway Employees Primary Cooperative Bank Ltd.**

†1869. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the certificate of registration

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issued by Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Government of India under section 18 of Multi States Cooperative Societies Act, 1994 and sub-section 2 (B) of 2002 in respect of the NE and EC Railway Employees Primary Cooperative Bank Limited, Gorakhpur is available with the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) whether Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies have directed the Reserve Bank of India to take steps to investigate and take action regarding financial, managerial and election irregularities prevalent in the NE and EC Railway Employees Primary Cooperative Bank Limited, Gorakhpur; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

#### **Remittance inflow into India**

1870. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to World Bank report, India retained the top spot among remittances receiving nations in 2016;

(b) whether it is a fact that the remittance inflows into India amounted to US \$ 62.7 billion last year, a decrease of 8.9 per cent over US \$ 68.9 billion in 2015;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this was due to the drop in oil prices and fiscal tightening in the oil producing countries in the Middle East which has a significant Indian migrant population accounting for a large chunk of remittances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **High security and quality features currency**

1871. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 256 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18 July, 2017 and state:

(a) by what time, ₹ 200 notes are to be made available to the public; and

(b) what measures are taken to ensure that its security and quality are high so that fake currency could be easily identified, the details thereof?

#### **Extension of subsidy on farm loans**

1872. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR  
BALMUCHU:  
SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to extend the subsidy being given to farm loans, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) till which time the benefit of extension of this concession will be given to farmers, the details thereof?

#### **Software to weed out fake and duplicate PAN cards**

1873. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for mandating Aadhaar linkage to PAN cards;



(b) the details of fake and duplicate PAN cards identified so far and the methodology used to identify them; and

(c) whether a software was purchased by the CBDT in 2016 to weed out duplicates but its use was abandoned a year later, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **High incidence of TB**

1874. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:  
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about 2 persons die from Tuberculosis (TB) in India every three minutes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is the highest TB burden country in the world;

(c) if so, the reasons for this high incidence of TB in India; and

(d) whether Government has involved NGOs and the private sector in the fight against TB and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Registration of students with foreign medical degrees**

1875. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and Medical Council of India (MCI) have devised any steps/policies to register the students who have completed their MBBS or other medical courses/degrees in recognised universities/colleges in foreign countries like Singapore, Malaysia, Russia, Indonesia, Vietnam and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the registered medical practitioners at present who have studied their Medical Education in foreign countries/universities/colleges;

(c) the total number of doctors/surgeons as on date, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve doctors-patient ratio in India?

#### **Effect of mobile phone on health of users**

1876. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government has conducted any study about the effect of mobile phone on health of its users, children in particular; and

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

#### **Network of coagulation labs**

1877. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a network of coagulation labs across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by Government to cut down maternal deaths due to coagulation and also for early diagnosis of congenial bleeding disorders such as haemophilia and Von Willebrand disease?

**Child-birth related maternal deaths**

1878. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in India, five women die every hour during child-birth and child-birth related deaths account for 17 per cent of such deaths globally according to WHO's findings;

(b) whether such deaths are attributed to poor health of mothers, anaemia-related post-partum haemorrhages and deficient medical facilities; and

(c) whether a recently released advisory by AYUSH Ministry has called for abstaining from non-vegetarian food, sex and lustful thoughts etc. to curb the maternal and infant mortality rates and if so, whether this advisory has any scientific backing?

**Survey on health conditions of beedi workers**

1879. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical care centres for the beedi workers set up in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the health condition of the beedi workers in the country, particularly the women workers; and

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

**Creation of All India Medical Services**

1880. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for creation of medical services on the lines of All India Services like IAS and IPS, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details regarding the vacancies in AIIMS (in all the States wherever they exist) and the steps taken for filling up these vacancies?

**Healthcard for cancer treatment**

1881. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to come out with healthcard for cancer treatment, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the people with the Healthcard will be able to get treatment for cancer from any hospitals, if so, the details thereof?

**Patients diagnosed with Hepatitis C and HIV**

1882. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a new United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime report, Hepatitis C is a bigger threat than HIV, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of patients diagnosed with Hepatitis C and HIV, separately, during the last one year and the current year in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the concrete steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce spread of these diseases in the country?

**Epidemic of CVD diseases in Delhi  
NCR**

1883. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi NCR is heading towards an epidemic of cardiovascular (CVD) diseases, mainly heart attack and stroke;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a set of data generated by Indian researchers has put numbers to a trend physicians have been warning about for long; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is due to increase in prevalence of alcohol use, obesity and blood pressure over the past 20 years, if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of PMR Departments**

1884. SHRIDEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise data of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) Departments;

(b) whether the Ministry has notified the Medical Council of India's request to include PMR as a mandatory subject in the existing MBBS curriculum, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry is planning to set up a PMR Department to collect disability statistics for improving rehabilitation services and involve doctors with disabilities in the planning, evaluation, and monitoring of rehabilitation services, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Tender for medicine purchase**

†1885. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) whether Medicine Store Organization in its tender No. Y110011/08/2015 ST-II dated 19 January, 2015 for the purchase of generic medicines, inserted such terms that can be completed only by selected companies and taking benefit of this, order for purchase of medicines was given to preferred companies with collusion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that three companies of the same distributor took part in the said tender and one of them was provided the tender; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the medicines purchased under the said tender were expensive?

**Mortality from AIDS and cancer**

1886. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the number of deaths reported every year since 2014 from HIV-AIDS;

(b) the year-wise details of the funds allocated since 2014 for the treatment and research on the HIV-AIDS;

(c) the year-wise details of the number of deaths reported every year since 2014 from cancer; and

(d) the year-wise details of the funds allocated since 2014 till date for the treatment and research on cancer?

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**Eradication of leprosy**

1887. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of persons affected by leprosy in the country, State-wise, with district-wise statistics for West Bengal;

(b) the details of the specific measures taken for eradication of leprosy and the target set by Government for making India leprosy free; and

(c) the details of specific initiatives taken in West Bengal in this regard and the amount allocated and utilized for the same for the past three years?

**Report on sale of plastic rice and eggs**

1888. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'plastic rice' and 'plastic eggs' are being sold across the country as reported in some quarters; and

(b) if so, whether Government has taken action with respect to reports of 'plastic rice' and 'plastic eggs' being sold across the country, if so, details thereof?

**Drug resistant TB in children**

1889. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is higher among children than expected, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as many as 5,500 of over 76,000 children tested in

nine cities have been diagnosed with TB; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the diagnosis is complicated due to challenges associated with sample collection, if so, the details thereof?

**Ghost faculty in medical colleges**

1890. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Medical Council of India has taken cognizance of the complaints of ghost faculty in private and Government medical colleges in Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and other States;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) what foolproof measures Government is taking to check this malpractice so that medical students get the best education?

**Medical research activities in the country**

1891. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical research in the country is utterly in bad shape;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ICMR has not even one intervention in terms of new drug, vaccine, diagnostic test or treatment procedure to its credit in the last two years; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to strengthen medical research in the country and how it proposes to streamline the medical research in the country and the medical research activities of ICMR?

**Disparity in availability of oncology therapies**

1892. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), deaths due to cancer in the country are projected to go up by 20 per cent in next four years;

(b) whether disparity in availability of oncology therapies in the country adds more misery to the cancer patients;

(c) if so, the number of oncology medicines launched globally and number of oncology medicines introduced in India; and

(d) steps taken by Government to introduce more breakthrough cancer drugs available globally and details thereof?

**Doctors teaching in medical colleges**

1893. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether doctors across the country are indulging in unethical practices like teaching in more than one medical college, if so, State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by the Medical Council of India against these doctors so that it deters others from doing so?

**Irregularities in RSBY in Chhattisgarh**

†1894. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) in unorganized sector in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the total amount allocated to beneficiaries under this Scheme in Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether Government plans to increase insurance cover provided under RSBY, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has received complaints regarding irregularities in certain cases under RSBY from Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years, if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the erring hospitals?

**Schemes to check child and maternal mortality rates**

1895. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of infant, child and maternal mortality rates in the country are quite high;

(b) if so, the details of the infant, child and maternal mortality rates reported in tribal, rural and urban areas, separately, during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for high mortality rate in the country; and

(c) the details of the programmes/schemes and awareness campaign launched along with the funds/incentives released/utilized to check the high rate of infant, child and maternal mortality rates during the last three years?

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**Vacant posts physiotherapists in Safdarjung and Dr. RML Hospitals, New Delhi**

1896. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2640 given in Rajya Sabha on 16 December, 2014 and state:

(a) whether any request(s) for retrospective consideration of vacancy in the Sr. Physiotherapist grade in Safdarjung and Dr. RML Hospitals, New Delhi has been received, if so, action taken thereon;

(b) in view of the request for retrospective consideration of vacancy created on 1 April, 1999 in the said grade, whether review DPC giving effect to the SC/ST roster of reservation in promotion would be done; and

(c) by when the resultant review DPC and thereby the benefit to SC/ST candidate would be extended?

**Staff appointment at Safdarjung Hospital**

1897. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the administrative staff appointed in Sports Injury Centre, Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) the number of posts lying vacant thereat;

(c) the details of the administrative staff appointed in Central Institute of Orthopedics Safdarjung Hospital;

(d) the number of posts lying vacant thereat; and

(e) the reasons of such disparity, particularly, in view of the fact that both the departments have huge difference in terms of bed facilities?

**Patient's right to know**

1898. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a patient is entitled to know the good and the bad effects of the medicines prescribed by the doctor treating him or her, if so, what is the procedure laid down for the doctor in this regard; and

(b) if not, the procedure by which the patient would know the good and bad effects of the medicines prescribed by the doctor, the details thereof?

**Pure generic drugs**

1899. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Questions 299 and 308 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18 July, 2017 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to make it mandatory for doctors to prescribe pure-generic drugs instead of branded-generic drugs;

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

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to ensure that quality of pure-generic drugs as there are a number of generic drug makers in the country?

**Increasing seats in medical research institutes**

1900. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received some proposals from the medical research institutes regarding establishment or

increase of seats for the current fiscal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the factual and explanatory reasons for disapprovals therefor; and

(c) the details of the key points and eligibility criteria and future impact in this regard, if any?

#### **Family Development Programme**

†1901. 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 initiate a Family Development Programme across the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any action in this regard; and

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

#### **Vector-borne diseases in Kerala**

1902. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the rapid spread of vector-borne diseases in Kerala;

(b) which are the identified vector-borne diseases, currently on the spread in Kerala;

(c) the number of deaths due to various types of vector-borne diseases in Kerala, since January, 2017 with reasons therefor;

(d) the measures taken to control and prevent vector-borne diseases in Kerala; and

(e) whether the Ministry would send a team of experts to assess the situation of vector-borne diseases in Kerala?

#### **Opening AIIMS in Karnataka**

1903. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal to open AIIMS in Karnataka and also identified locations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to include this in the current phase of AIIMS hospitals proposed to be set up in various States of the country?

#### **Publicity on drugs which failed quality tests**

1904. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken to publicize detailed information of drugs which failed in quality test;

(b) whether such information is available with Government; and

(c) if so, the list of medicines which failed in the quality test during the last three years along with the names of respective manufacturers?

#### **Availability of clinical instruments at CGHS dispensaries**

1905. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued clinical instruments, such as stethoscope,

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thermometer, sphygmomanometer, etc. to each doctor in CGHS dispensaries providing medical facilities to MPs and Government servants;

(b) if so, details thereof, State-wise, especially in respect of the cities of Rajasthan, especially Jaipur and Jodhpur, and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware that at majority of CGHS dispensaries, patients are being examined without necessary clinical instruments, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is contemplating any steps to make clinical instruments available at all CGHS dispensaries, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Controlling diseases by vaccination**

1906. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any disease-wise fixed targeted time for controlling diseases by vaccination, so as to make the country free from that disease;

(b) if so, the disease-wise and year-wise cases reported for the last three years; and

(c) the number of cases vaccinated to achieve targeted disease control, year-wise and disease-wise for last three years?

#### **Authorised person to sign diagnostic reports**

1907. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India has directed that only

persons holding an MBBS degree and registered with it or with the State Medical Councils can now sign diagnostic reports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the move is aimed at regulating quality and standard of reports generated by diagnostic chains, which is fast mushrooming across the country; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision was taken in recent meeting of the MCI Executive Council following recommendations by its Ethics Committee, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Challenges posed by rapid population growth**

†1908. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that in a recent report of United Nations with regard to world population, it has been mentioned that by 2024 India will become the country with the largest population;

(b) the view of Government with regard to basic facilities of food, nutrition, employment and health of such a large population along with solution of numerous problems that will ensue; and

(c) the steps taken so far to stabilize or check the increase in population and whether it has given satisfactory results and the details thereof?

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**Aadhaar number for availing TB treatment**

†1909. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:  
SHRI HARIVANSH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made Aadhaar number compulsory for treatment of tuberculosis (TB) with Government assistance, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether to deprive a patient without Aadhaar number from treatment is not a clear violation of Supreme Court's direction in this regard?

**Raid by CDSCO**

1910. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has recently raided the premises of several chemists in Bhagirath Place, Delhi where large quantity of spurious or sub-standard drugs worth crores of rupees are sold to the customers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof along with the number of chemists arrested in this regard; and

(c) whether samples of drugs have also been taken for quality evaluation and, if so, the details thereof?

**Compliance of directions issued by Central Waqf Board to States**

1911. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Waqf Council has issued any directions to the States

utilising its powers under section 9(1A) after the act came into force;

(b) if so, the details of directions so issued, State-wise; and

(c) whether the State Governments and State Waqf Boards have complied with the directions issued by the Central Waqf Council; and

(d) the details of all such compliances and objections, if any received?

**Doping by Indian sportspersons**

†1912. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a number of sportspersons of India have been found positive in dope test recently;

(b) if so, the number of such sportspersons and the kinds of bans imposed on them; and

(c) the concrete measures which Government proposes to take for keeping the sportspersons coming from rural background away from it, in coming times?

**Non introduction of new oncology Medicines**

1913. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only seven oncology drugs were introduced in India over five years (2010-2014), when nearly 50 breakthrough therapies were rolled out globally;

(b) whether many cancer patients are being left untreated, with most health system struggling to adapt for the change;

(c) what are the reasons for not introducing new oncology medicines as compared to other developed countries; and

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(d) details of the steps taken by Government to introduce most of the globally available breakthrough cancer drugs in the country?

**Participation of sportspersons in new areas of sports**

†1914. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the names of the sports in which Team India and the individual sportspersons got remarkable success in the International Sports Competitions in year 2014, 2015, 2016 and as on date in 2017; and

(b) the details of the new areas in which the participation of the sportspersons is being ensured in ensuing years?

**Filling up vacancies in SAI**

1915. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has completed the process of filling up of all the vacancies in Sports Authority of India (SAI) and long pending appointments on compassionate ground during the year 2016-17, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the details of vacancies and time-framed proposal to fill-up the posts thereof?

**Online portal to search sports talent**

1916. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND

SPORTS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has launched an online portal to search the sports talent in India and if so, the details thereof?

**Nomination to the Board of Governance of Nehru Yuva Kendra**

†1917. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to set up Nehru Yuva Kendras across the country;

(b) whether there is any provision of the Board of Governance for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any provision for nomination in this Board, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the process of such nomination and the period of tenure thereof; and

(e) the details of the nominated members of the Board of Governance along with their tenures?

**Promotion of traditional sports**

†1918. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to promote traditional sports;

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

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

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**Preparation for Under-17 Football  
World Cup**

1919. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:  
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of preparations for  
Federation of International Football  
Association (FIFA) Under-17 Football  
World Cup in India; and

(b) whether Government thinks that  
₹ 30 crores is sufficient to associate  
11 million students, parents, coaches as a  
part of Mission XI Million Programme to  
popularise football in the country?

**Promotion of golf in the country**

1920. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:  
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS  
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the  
Ministry to promote golf in the country,  
especially getting rid of its elitist image;

(b) the steps being taken to make access  
fee and kit fee affordable for all golf  
enthusiastic sportsmen, the details thereof;  
and

(c) the details of the number of golf  
courses in the country, State-wise?

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<b>Youth Affairs and Sports</b>	: 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920.