

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, July 18, 2017/Ashadha 27, 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

Uncertain future for NHM

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

(a) whether the flagship programme of the Ministry—National Health Mission (NMH) is facing an uncertain future with the Expenditure Finance Committee (EPF) not clearing a proposal for the Scheme's continuation beyond March 31 and asking the Ministry for a revised proposal, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Ministry is drawing an alternate scheme to the NHM, if so, the details thereof?

Patenting of Yoga Mudras

†162. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has attained a new identity on the global level through Yoga and inspite of that the fight for patent on Yoga is not easy for India as more than 30 types of Yoga are in practice around the world; and

(b) whether Government is making an effort to acquire patent on 1500 Yoga Mudras, if so, the reasons for delay in acquiring patent or trademark?

Functioning of All India Institutes of Ayurveda

†163. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the details regarding the treatment capacity of each of the recognized and operational All India Institutes of Ayurveda in the country and the current status of their capacity for treatment, level of competence and the year of their establishment, their present efficiency and the action plan in

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place for providing treatment at their full capacity?

Opening AYUSH centres in U.P.

164. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan/proposal under consideration to open new AYUSH centres in Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) during next three years to promote AYUSH; and

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

Allocation of land to private sector medicinal herb producers

†165. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether States have allotted land to private sector medicinal herb producers;

(b) if so, the names of such States and the quantum of land allotted by them;

(c) whether land has been given on lease or States have sold land to these medicinal herb producers; and

(d) if land has been given on lease, the lease duration thereof, in years?

Expenditure incurred on organizing International Day of Yoga

166. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &

NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether third International Day of Yoga was celebrated in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof along with main theme thereof;

(c) the details of programmes organized and projects launched on this occasion;

(d) the expenditure incurred for celebrating the event this year including expenses incurred on promotion, publicity, advertisement and awareness in India and worldwide;

(e) the quantum of money spent by Government thereon;

(f) State-wise details of number of participants in these programmes and places where these were held; and

(g) details of proposals sent by various States/UTs regarding selection of venues and other facilities for organising the next International Yoga Day?

Participation in International Yoga Days

167. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people who participated in "International Yoga Day" since its declaration to celebrate world-wide and details thereof, State and country-wise; and

(b) what are steps taken to protect the standard of Yoga, and details thereof?

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Promoting traditional medicinal therapy

†168. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to promote the traditional therapy through education and skill development across the country and in the world;

(b) if so, the State-wise and country-wise details thereof including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether Government has signed any memorandum of understanding with World Health Organisation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and target fixed for that?

Expansion of AYUSH activities in M.P.

†169. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state the details of the activities conducted by the Ministry in the State of Madhya Pradesh and the action plan regarding its future expansion?

Traditional Knowledge Digital Library

170. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &

NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) to protect ancient and traditional knowledge of Indian Medical Systems and heritage of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features and the status of implementation thereof;

(c) the amount allocated/released to Himachal Pradesh for setting up under the scheme; and

(d) the further measures being taken by Government to protect ancient and traditional knowledge of indigenous medicinal systems?

AYUSH hospital at Visakhapatnam, A.P.

171. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently approved a 50-bedded AYUSH hospital at Visakhapatnam under National AYUSH Mission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 100 lakhs have also been released recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof and how Ministry is going to utilize the said money; and

(d) why cannot the Ministry plan to have AYUSH medical college in Visakhapatnam, as there is also a Regional Ayurveda Research Institute at Vijayawada?

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Establishment of AYUSH hospitals

172. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has contemplated to establish about 100 AYUSH hospitals across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the funds earmarked and released for each State; and

(c) the areas identified for establishment of these hospitals, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Air services from non-operational airports in the country

†173. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to connect non-operational airports existing in the various cities of the country to air services;

(b) if so, by when such air services would be commenced;

(c) whether Government has identified such airports from where air services are to be commenced; and

(d) whether Government is taking any concrete steps to bring a uniformity in the airfares of various air agencies?

Profit/losses of Air India

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

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the income and expenditure of Air India during the last three years and the profits being earned on account of flights operated by Air India;

(b) the reasons for which Air India is facing financial pressure and earning less profit inspite of having more resources in comparison to private airlines;

(c) whether it is a fact that it is due to the laxity in the operation and management of Air India; and

(d) the details thereof?

Safeguarding border areas along China

175. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has deployed in Tibet its new tanks technology and firepower which is far more advanced than the Russia made T-90 tanks deployed by India, if so, details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government is taking to safeguard its borders with China in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh?

Increase in contractual staffs of Air India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of contractual staff of Air India have increased in the last one year; and

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

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Denying boarding of aircrafts by airlines

177. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints that Airlines are denying boarding of aircrafts by some air passengers even after issuing boarding passes to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, year-wise and airlines-wise;

(c) what action Government has taken on such complaints; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to ensure that airlines do not resort to such practice in future?

New Air Traffic control Tower at IGI Airport

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of progress of construction of new Air Traffic Controller (ATC) tower at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, Delhi;

(b) the reasons for delay in making it functional, despite increasing number of flights in the IGI Airport;

(c) by when, it will be fully operational, the details thereof; and

(d) after the new ATC, how many flights will be handled by IGI Airport per hour, over a period of time?

Overhauling of security infrastructure at airports

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has made a major overhaul of security infrastructure to provide enhanced anti-terror cover to airports in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether facilities would include deploying CCTV cameras, armoured vehicles and perimeter protection fences required for airport security, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of airports where tag-free hand baggage for passenger has been introduced or proposed to be introduced, the details thereof?

Bio-metric system for boarding flights

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to introduce bio-metric system for boarding the flights in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this system will come into force, the details thereof?

Near miss due to poor visibility at Delhi Airport

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) had erred while instructing two private aircrafts along the parking bay in Delhi recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the two private aircrafts came head to head while taxiing at the Delhi airport recently;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this near miss was due to poor visibility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Growth of civil aviation sector

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

(a) whether Indian civil aviation sector registered a record combined profit of US \$122 million in financial year (FY) 2016 for first time in a decade, may return to losses of between US \$ 250-300 million in 2017 and US \$ 380-450 million in FY 2018;

(b) whether domestic traffic could grow by 25 per cent in FY 2018 reaching 130 million passengers, international traffic by 10 to 12 per cent in FY 2017 and FY 2018;

(c) whether international growth remains below its true potential because of bilateral restrictions; and

(d) whether low cost carriers could grow more aggressively on international routes from next summer?

Construction of international airport at Jewar in NCR

†183. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced the construction of an international airport at Jewar in NCR;

(b) whether there is any proposal for connecting this airport with railway route in future; and

(c) the time limit set by Government for completing the construction work of Jewar airport?

Construction of multistorey buildings in front of Jaipur airport

†184. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no objection had been given by the Jaipur Airport Authority for the construction of three multistorey buildings in front of the Jaipur airport;

(b) if so, the details of rules under which this no objection had been issued;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan had made a complaint to the Central Government *vide* its letter dated 13th August, 2016 about the construction of above multistorey buildings; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Central Government on that and steps being taken to prevent the construction of multistorey buildings nearby the airport in future?

Construction of VIP terminal at Jaipur airport

†185. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flights carrying very important persons (VIP) and other passengers are being operated from terminal 2 at Jaipur airport at present, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Central Government

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proposes to construct a VIP terminal separately at Jaipur airport on the demand of Rajasthan Government if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Pithoragarh and Gauchar under UDAN scheme

†186. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to start air services from the newly constructed air strips in the country under UDAN-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik scheme;

(b) if so, whether Pithoragarh and Gauchar of Uttarakhand have also been included in this scheme;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government treats the people of these regions in a different way; and

(d) if not, by when the air services from the above places would be started?

Implementation of recommendation of AAIB by DGCA

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

(a) whether the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) in its final investigation report in a case of pilot incapacitation on Jet Airways Bangkok-Delhi flight of May, 2015 has made recommendations to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations;

(c) whether Government has issued instructions to all airlines based on the recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government to avoid such types of incidence in the future?

Inquiry on incidents of near collision of civil aircrafts

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

(a) how many incidents of near collision of civil aircrafts in India have taken place during the last three years;

(b) whether Government has initiated any inquiry into such incidents;

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

(d) in view of rapid increase in civil air traffic, what steps are being taken to enhance the traffic handling capacity of existing airports and to open new airports, especially in Rajasthan?

Punctuality of Air India flights

189. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the punctuality of flights of Air India for the past two years operating from Delhi to Kolkata, compared to other private airline operators;

(b) what are the arrangements made for passengers in case of flights getting delayed; and

(c) the details of the number of such instances that passengers were provided with lodging and food due to delay in this sector during the past six months?

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Narrowing losses of Air India

190. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes for outright sale of Air India;

(b) if so, what is the debt amount of Air India as on 31 March 2017;

(c) whether Government has made any survey to lower the debt burden by selling of other assets of Air India and the measures to narrow the loss therein; and

(d) if so, the details of study report and the proposal of Government in this regard?

Construction of high rise buildings near airports

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

(a) whether Government undertook any survey to identify the buildings that have been constructed violating air safety norms in the vicinity of the airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had undertaken any thorough investigation to find out the reason for construction of high rise buildings in the vicinity of the airport across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilities for retired staff of Air India

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

(a) the details of retired Directors/Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen and appointees who get lifetime travel facilities from Air

India and since by when they are enjoying such benefits; and

(b) the proposals to scrap such benefits by Air India?

Regulation of exorbitant airfares in Gulf Sector

193. SHRI JOY ABRAHAM:
SHRIMATI WANSUK
SYIEM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether air companies, including Air India usually hike airfares exorbitantly for journeys to and from countries in Gulf Region and Middle East, during summer vacation and festival seasons;

(b) if so, whether there is any existing mechanism to regulate arbitrary hike of airfares by air companies during peak seasons and festival seasons;

(c) whether Kerala Government has urged centre to intervene, capping airfares and operate additional flights of Air India Express to clear peak season rush; and

(d) whether Government is prepared to implement a permanent monitoring system to regulate and prevent exploitation and loot by air companies and thereby save the Pravasi Indians?

Inadequate training to ATCs

194. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) claim that they are not being trained adequately to cope with increasing traffic; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken to improve the standard of training and categorising of Air Traffic Controllers?

Passenger centric measures by DGCA

195. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has proposed a number of passenger-centric measures including cap on cancellation charges, enhanced compensation for denying boarding by the airline and a massive reduction in fee for carrying five kg extra baggage in an aircraft and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which these measures are likely to be implemented; and

(c) whether Government has issued orders to refund all statutory taxes/levies in case of cancellation and delay of flight and if so, the details thereof?

Ban on use of single engine aircrafts by airlines

†196. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that some airlines which possess only a single engine aircraft, are providing a cheaper air travel services for small cities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government considers single engine aircraft dangerous particularly in bad weather; and

(c) if so, why Government is allowing

single engine aircraft for passenger transport particularly in Rajasthan?

Construction of airports under regional connectivity scheme in Chhattisgarh

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

(a) the number of airports proposed to be built under regional connectivity scheme in Chhattisgarh State;

(b) whether Government has issued any tenders under tripartite memorandum signed by Government of Chhattisgarh, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India; and

(c) types of aircrafts to be used by the operators under regional connectivity scheme and capacity of such aircrafts?

Construction of new international airports

198. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to construct new international airports and upgrade/modernise existing airports in the country, if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(b) the details of proposals received from various States/UTs in this regard during the last three years and the current year and the action taken on these proposals, airport-wise/year-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to develop new alternative airports in Mumbai and NCR to ease the pressure on existing airports and if so, the details thereof?

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Safety survey for drivers working in various airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) is considering to conduct safety survey for drivers working in various airports in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this was necessitated because of various accidents that happened inside the airports involving with the aircrafts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Dangers of laser beams at airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that laser beams pose danger in the air and disturb aviation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a sharp ray of light can cause temporary blindness to a pilot that may result in a mishap;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many pilots have complained of being distracted by a laser beam while landing at the airport; and

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

Violation of safety norms by airlines

†201. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing cases of violation of safety norms by Air India and other air services operators;

(b) if so, whether Ministry has issued any new criteria towards strict compliance of air safety norms by aviation companies; and

(c) the number of cases of violation of safety norms by Air India and other private air operators during the last three years and the details of action taken against them, year-wise and aircraft operation-wise?

Health and medical standard of pilots in private airlines

202. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilots of private airlines are very casual about the health and medical standards, mandatory for the pilots, before taking off the flight;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had in the recent past, as reported in the newspapers, cautioned and directed one of the private airlines to check the mental alertness of its pilots; and

(c) what was the reason for the DGCA to issue such advisory to that particular private airline?

Ban on carrying electronic gadgets in planes

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

(a) the names of countries that have imposed ban on carrying electronic gadgets like laptops, tablets, etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that Air India is the most beneficiary of this ban;

(c) to what extent this helps to increase

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the load factor of Air India and bring down its losses; and

(d) whether AI is planning to operate more flights to US and UK to cash in this development?

Time-bound action plan of Air India

†204. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the context of the decision taken regarding the operation and management of 'Air India' and the time-bound action plan for further action thereon and the manner in which the ensuing situation would be handled?

Disinvestment of Air India

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

(a) whether Government has given an in-principle approval for disinvestment of the Air India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has carried out re-evaluation of the assets of Air India; and

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

Inclusion of Kullu-Manali Airport at Bhuntar under UDAN Scheme

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

(a) whether the Kullu-Manali Airport at Bhuntar has been included in UDAN(Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik) Scheme with an aim to connect small cities by air as well as make flying more affordable;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated/ released for the Scheme and the current status of the same?

Construction of airport at Nagercoil in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to construct airport at Nagercoil/ Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu; and

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

Improvement in condition of Air India

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

(a) whether there is any time-bound plan for improving the condition of Air India as per assessment of Government;

(b) what are the major challenges in making Air India a profit making Public Sector organisation;

(c) whether Government has any plans for business development by operating services on routes covering new urban centres in different parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Naming of airports after cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to rename existing airports

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as well as future Greenfield airports after cities and not after names of personalities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that internal deliberations have been held on this matter and a view has emerged that the names of airports should be only after cities; and

(c) if so, the details of the deliberations made in such meetings?

Use of CSR Fund in Saansad Adarsh Gram Panchayats

210. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor public sector and non-public sector companies if they are using 2 per cent of their profit as CSR properly or making only book adjustments;

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

(c) whether these companies have done any work in any State under Saansad Adarsh Gram Panchayats?

Prosecutions in cases sent to SFIO

211. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases sent to Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) and the prosecutions filed in the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof and the number of cases pending at present and region-wise?

Unclaimed investment funds

212. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assessment made by Government regarding quantum of unclaimed investment funds at the end of financial year 2016-17; and

(b) if so, the unclaimed investment funds transferred to the investment Education and Protection Fund after the expiry of the mandatory period of seven years?

Non-filing of IT by shell companies

213. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of companies have not filed income tax returns for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to identify and deregister shell companies involved in making black money into legitimate or white?

Framework for mediation and conciliation facility for companies disputes

214. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place a framework for mediation and conciliation facility which will facilitate faster resolution of disputes relating to companies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the mediator would help in facilitating discussion and eventual resolution of the dispute within three months; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that mediation which is relatively faster and inexpensive as compared to litigation, would be non-binding on companies?

Strategic Partnership model in defence manufacturing

215. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to offer contracts for production and manufacture of defence systems and weaponry to private companies on Strategic Partnership model;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of industrial bodies and private companies that were invited by the Ministry for consultation and comment; and

(c) whether the mode of contract allocation shall be on project-basis or on financial grounds through auction of periodic licenses and the details thereof?

Production of HTT-40 trainer aircraft

216. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2nd Basic Trainer Aircraft Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) developed by HAL successfully completed its maiden flight without any glitch;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the production of HTT-40 in the near future; and

(c) the manner in which the Ministry proposes to fund the project of HTT-40 in order to increase the production of HTT-40 for training purpose?

Defence agreements with Russia

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

(a) whether Government has signed any defence agreements with Russia;

(b) when were these agreements signed and what is the nature of the agreements;

(c) whether Government has got inserted any clause which require the Russian Government to produce the items agreed to be purchased by India to be made fully in India and for passing the technology to our country; and

(d) what are the main clauses of the agreements and whether the texts of the agreements are available on the Ministry's website?

Designing of indigenous bullet-proof jacket

218. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian scientist has designed indigenous bullet-proof jacket;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has approved it; and

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

Intrusion by Chinese troops into Indian airspace

219. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken up with the Chinese Government the incidents of intrusions by Chinese troops into Indian airspace, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such incidents during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the reaction of the Chinese Government on these incidents?

Transfer policy in the PSUs of the Ministry

‡220. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the transfer policy for the employees working in the PSUs under the Ministry and the details thereof;

(b) the number of transfer applications received from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees in the Ministry and in PSUs under it which are correct as per transfer policy and the details thereof; and

(c) the number of above applicants who have been transferred and the number of applications that got cancelled and the details thereof?

Ex-servicemen status for ex-NDA cadets

221. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cadets declared unfit and withdrawn from the National Defence Academy (NDA) on medical grounds due to injury during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether injured NDA cadets are given status of ex-servicemen in the country and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is implementing any specific scheme for the welfare of such cadets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred by Government on the treatment of injured NDA cadets during the said period?

Bomb explosion at Jabalpur Ordnance Factory

‡222. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an incident of bomb explosion occurred in Jabalpur Ordnance Factory on 25 March, 2017;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the bombs that exploded were very old and were required to be diffused;

(c) the extent of damage caused by explosion of bombs;

(d) the reasons for explosion of bombs and the nature of negligence noticed in this incident; and

(e) whether any steps have been taken to prevent such types of incidents in future?

Defence MoUs with foreign countries

223. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed any MoU with foreign countries in the last three years for the Defence procurements and technology transfer;

(b) if so, the details thereof and details of MoU signed with foreign countries, foreign companies in the last three years with respect to purchase of Defence Aircrafts, Fighter Jets, Drones and weapon technology; and

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(c) the total expenditure to be incurred in this regard and the deal signed, country-wise?

Private sector participation in defence production

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

(a) whether Government has finalized the strategic partnership policy for private sector participation in defence production of the country;

(b) the proposal details of Government to make the Indian armament companies comply with Global partnership therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in respect of transparency and competitiveness as part of defence procurement procedure and production of ammunition thereof?

Combat readiness of the Air Force

†225. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has advised the Air Force to remain ready to carry out any operation in view of tension with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any special steps in this regard as of now; and

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

C-17 Heavy Lift Aircraft

226. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to buy C-17 Heavy Lift Aircraft from the USA recently; and

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

Procuring of lightweight bullet proof jackets

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to procure lightweight bullet-proof jackets for Army Personnel, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of bullet-proof jackets imported during last three years; and

(c) any steps being taken to produce indigenous bullet proof jackets in future, if so, the details thereof?

Greenfield Shipyard at Visakhapatnam

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

(a) whether it is a fact that United Shipbuilding Corporation has come forward to set up a Greenfield Shipyard in Visakhapatnam for the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, salient features of the proposed shipyard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that it sought allotment of land from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Ministry requested the State Government to allot land for this project and if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) what would be the potential of employment creation through this project?

Tax on Agricultural Income

229. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:
SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to impose tax on agricultural income;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Niti Aayog has recommended for this tax imposition, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

Uniformity in bank charges

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to formulate a policy to impose uniform charge on the saving bank accounts for not maintaining minimum balance instead of different charges by various banks to protect the interest of account holders;

(b) whether Government would take step in fixing the obligation of maintaining minimum balance of ₹ 5 thousand and imposition of uniform charges by different

banks after some transactions instead of different charges; and

(c) whether a policy of paying interest in the lines of F.D. is being adopted by banks on maintaining minimum balance of ₹ 5000 in savings accounts and if so, the details thereof?

Equal debt relief for Corporate and Farm loans

†231. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would frame such a policy under which only equal debt relief would be provided for corporate loan as well as agriculture loan *i.e.* corporate sector would not be given higher loan waiver than the agriculture sector in a particular year;

(b) the reasons for providing debt relief to corporate sector without any dharna or protest by it whereas in the case of farmers Government merely gives assurances to them even after their continuous protest and suicides; and

(c) whether Government proposes to frame equal policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Prices of goods and services before and after GST

232. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Minister had, in a public statement, assured the members of public that after the

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introduction of GST, prices would not rise, and that they will be at the existing level or below existing level; and

(b) if so, the details of prices of goods and services which are at the same level, and prices of goods and services lower or higher than present levels, item-wise?

Linking of PAN or Form 60 to all bank accounts

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

(a) whether the banks had been asked to get permanent account number (PAN) or Form 60 from all bank account holders by February 28, 2017;

(b) whether Income Tax Rules have been amended to provide that banks shall obtain and link PAN or Form No. 60 in all bank accounts by February 28, 2017; and

(c) whether Banks and Post Offices have also been mandated to submit information in respect of cash deposits from April 1, 2016 to November 8, 2016 of accounts where cash deposits during November 9, 2016 to December 30, 2016 exceeds the specified limits, if so, the details thereof?

Recognising bitcoins for national economic growth

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

(a) whether Government has sought public comments on banning or regulating cryptocurrencies like bitcoins in view of recent ransomware attacks by cyber terrorists;

(b) whether presently with no law officially recognising bitcoins, the bitcoin economy and its benefits are seeping away from Government;

(c) whether by recognising/regulating cryptocurrencies, these can be made a part of the national economic growth; and

(d) if so, Government's comments thereon?

Theft from bank lockers

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether banks are showing negligence in complying with rules/norms for appointing security guards in banks and the experts have indicated that the various culprits are taking advantage of security lapses in committing theft from bank lockers;

(b) the details of bank robberies held particularly from bank lockers in various banks of the country in the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that banks do not compensate for theft of articles from bank lockers leading to the double loss for the customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Depleting strength of IAF fighter squadrons

236. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force (IAF) today requires at least 45 fighter squadrons to counter a two front collusive threat but Government has authorized a strength of

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42 squadrons for this purpose and if so, reasons therefor;

(b) whether IAF capability *vis-a-vis* our neighbours is fast eroding and IAF today has only 25 active fighter squadrons and 14 of these squadrons are equipped with MIG-21 and MIG-27 most of which will retire between 2015-2024; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to achieve Government authorised strength of 42 squadrons?

Loan fraud at SBI Branch

237. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1358 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14 March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether loan under KCC had been disbursed in February 2013 to fraudsters after receipt of complaints from MPs dated 22 January, 2013 regarding fraudulently secured loans in 2008;

(b) if so, reasons for misleading the August House and fresh action taken against erring officials and fraudsters;

(c) whether Government is aware that loans were sanctioned in 2008 on false declaration regarding mortgaging of property and forged/fake NOC/No Dues;

(d) if so, how it is not forged instrument and criminal breach of trust and how it does not qualify for declaration as fraud by SBI; and

(e) action proposed in this regard?

Imposition of charges on frequent banking

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

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some banks including SBI have proposed their customers to pay for frequent banking, like after 4 transactions, minimum amount to be paid;

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

(c) whether similar charges would also be levied on ATM transactions, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government received any protests from public, including media report; and

(e) if so, whether Government has issued any direction to banks to reconsider and to review the proposal?

Mudra Loans to small traders

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

(a) whether Government has been providing Mudra Loans to small traders to meet their business needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has reached the targets in distributing loans to small traders under Mudra, if so, the details thereof, District-wise, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether it is a fact that still the needy persons are facing problems in getting loans under Mudra scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to ward off problems in getting loans under Mudra and directions issued to banks?

Higher GST on pesticides

240. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to levy 18 per cent GST on pesticides, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken note of the strong objection from the farmers community against this abnormal increase on the prices of pesticides which will affect their very cultivation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of remedial measures being taken by Government to protect the interests of farmers?

Zero tax on Ngari in Manipur

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

(a) whether GST council member from Manipur proposed for zero tax on Ngari, a local fermented fish used by the people of the State;

(b) whether, being a State specific product consumed by the general public of a poor State, Government would agree to the proposal of total exemption of the product; and

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

Invalid ₹ 1000 and 500 currency notes

242. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many invalid ₹ 1000 and 500 currency notes have been caught by authorities this year till June 30, 2017;

(b) what is the total amount they add up to;

(c) what has been the number and amount of such notes surrendered since

November 10, 2016 to the end of that year; and

(d) whether there will be still such notes with people according to data available with Government?

Tracking of demand drafts used to change currencies during demonetisation

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has asked the banks to track demand drafts used to convert old currencies to new currencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that those who have made demand drafts and then got it cancelled between November 9, 2016 and December 30, 2016 were under scanner; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enforcement department to speed up regulatory compliance

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has decided to setup an enforcement department to speed up regulatory compliance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this new department has become functional from 1st April, 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Slow down of economy post demonetisation

245. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian economy has slowed down after the demonetisation and it continues to decline even after six months of demonetisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to reverse this trend?

Value of demonetised notes collected

246. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has completed the process of "Cross Checking" the volume of demonetised 500 and 1000 rupee currency notes returned after demonetisation; and

(b) if so, what is the total value of demonetised currency notes returned to the banking system and what is the total value of destroyed currencies?

Institutional money laundering

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to curb institutional money laundering in the country, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is planning to shut down six to seven lakh dormant firms running in the country suspected of institutional money laundering and the details thereof?

Utilisation of funds for construction of Andhra Pradesh capital city

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh has spent the funds released by Central Government for construction of capital city and other infrastructure on the temporary facilities provided by it in the proposed capital city area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Minimum balance in scholarship bank account

‡249. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minimum balance which has been made mandatory in general saving accounts by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) whether the accounts opened for the purpose of scholarships would be kept out of ambit of these rules and the details thereof?

Compensation for loss of lives and livelihood due to demonetisation

250. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has calculated economic loss to the country on account of demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has identified the number of households that have lost their jobs due to demonetisation since November 8, 2016, if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether Government is taking any steps to compensate those who have lost lives and livelihoods due to demonetisation?

Attachment of properties of defaulting NBFCs

251. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to empower the Company Law Board to order unconditional attachment of properties of defaulting non-banking financial companies in a bid to ensure investors protection against vanishing companies;

(b) if so, whether the attachment of properties of defaulting NBFCs is going to protect investors; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017

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

(a) whether Government has approved the Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of the proposed bill on financial and non-financial entities under bankruptcy network?

Focus of RBI on 12 bad loans/stressed accounts

253. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has decided to focus on 12 stressed accounts totalling about 25

per cent of the current gross NPAs and referred them to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC);

(b) if so, the details of these 12 stressed accounts and outstanding bad loans against each of them;

(c) whether RBI has asked the lender PSBs to provide 50 per cent of the loan amount in case an account is referred to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how it is expected to affect the finances of the banks?

Lower Sovereign rating of India by Fitch

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

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn towards the recent sovereign rating of India at BBB (-) by Fitch;

(b) if so, the reasons of the lower rating by the agency;

(c) whether Government has noted the recommendation of the official committee reviewing the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act to lower Government debt to 60 per cent of GDP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Interest rates on small saving schemes

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

(a) what are the reasons for reducing interest rates on "small savings" comprising of Postal Savings Schemes, Senior Citizen

Savings Scheme and Public Provident Fund;

(b) whether drastic reduction in interest rates is impacting adversely the social security of senior citizens who are totally depended upon interest earnings for their survival;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to enhance interest rate on Senior Citizens Savings Scheme and PPF holders and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to address the genuine concern of small savers, particularly senior citizens and PPF holders while reviewing the interest rates?

Issuance of new currency notes

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

(a) whether Government proposes to issue new currency notes in the denomination of ₹ 200 as reported in a section of the press;

(b) if so, the justifications for the proposal;

(c) whether Government will consider to re-issue notes in higher denominations of ₹ 1000, ₹ 4000, ₹ 5000 and ₹ 10,000/-; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of recommendations of Seventh CPC

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

(a) whether Government has implemented the recommendations of Seventh CPC regarding allowances w.e.f. 1 July, 2017 instead of 1 January, 2016;

(b) if so, the reasons and rationale therefor;

(c) the reasons for denying allowances from 1 January 2016 or from the date of announcement for implementation of enhanced basic pay under 7th CPC and arrears thereof;

(d) whether Government will review it and implement enhanced allowances w.e.f. 1 January, 2016;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for lowest hike in Pay Commission since last 70 years?

Special package and waiver of loans to agitating farmers

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

(a) whether Government will announce a special package and waiver of loans of farmers by public sector banks in view of recent country-wide unrest among farmers and unprecedented suicides by farmers in the last 70 years during last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons why Government is kind to big industrialists and cruel towards poor farmers who constitutes 65 per cent of our population?

Externally aided projects in Rajasthan

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposals for the approval of Externally aided projects in the State of Rajasthan in last three years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of projects cleared by Government and funding pattern; and
- (d) the details of ongoing externally aided projects in Rajasthan?

Loss to cooperative societies due to inclusion in IT umbrella

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to inclusion of cooperative societies in Income Tax umbrella, weak cooperative institutions have incurred losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Rajasthan State;
- (c) whether Government intends to free Cooperative Banks from provision of Section 80(P) of Income Tax Act; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

GST exemption for products used by differently abled people

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

- (a) whether Government is considering exemption of various products used by differently abled people from GST;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete suggestions have been mooted regarding this; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Fake currency deposited during demonetisation

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that ₹ 500, 1000 currency notes of worth ₹ 15.44 lakh crore were in the market till 8 November, 2016 and ₹ 17.7 lakh crore were deposited back in the banks after demonetisation;
- (b) if so, the source of 2.15 lakh crore rupees;
- (c) if not, the actual figures thereof; and
- (d) the number of fake currency deposited in the bank during demonetisation and the details thereof?

Bank coverage in rural areas

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that even today banks coverage in rural areas is very negligible;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when this shortcoming would be met;
- (c) if not, the number of rural population covered by each bank at present; and
- (d) whether absence of banks is not the main reason of hoarding of black money?

Demand of fresh capital by PSBs

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

- (a) whether Reserve Bank of India is planning to control the Non-Performing Assets of the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) of the country;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that the PSBs have urged for fresh capital infusion from Government to reform and improve their balance sheet; and
- (c) the specific provisions taken into account thereof and the proceedings taken so far thereon?

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Abolition of tax slabs under GST

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the strike of the traders demanding abolition of tax slabs under GST which will affect their business drastically unless it is revised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government to their demands?

Revision of NPA norms

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India is looking into the request for extending the NPA classification period from the current 90 day window to help small and medium enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Outflow of black money and inflow of illicit money

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Global Financial Integrity Report, US \$ 21 billion in the form of black money went out of the country in 2014 and US \$ 101 billion illicit money flowed into the country;

(b) if so, the details of other findings of the report; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to curb outflow of black money and inflow of illicit money into the country?

Contribution to UN Fund

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India has contributed a large amount of money to a UN fund recently; and

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

Recapitalisation of PSBs

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

(a) whether Government plans for recapitalisation of State-owned banks under Indradhanush to revive these PSBs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for recapitalisation of these banks;

(c) whether Government has identified and directed a few PSBs to raise funds on their own from the market and not to depend on Government's recapitalisation plan; and

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

Direction to RBI to settle NPAs

270. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of powers that have been given to RBI to clean up NPAs of banks in the form of Ordinance issued recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has directed RBI to take necessary action to recover bad debts or settle NPAs within a fixed time-frame;

(c) if so, does it not undermine the authority and autonomy of the RBI; and

(d) how the Ministry ensures that through the above method Government will not pick and choose the default cases requiring NPA resolution?

Dilution of GST structure

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

(a) whether the GST concept in its original form with zero taxes on a few essential items, high tax rate for a few sin goods and almost everything else taxed at a single rate would have added clarity and transparency, boosting growth;

(b) whether the present GST structure diluted from its original form due to political bargaining to ensure passage in Parliament, has whittled down its objectives; and

(c) whether the GST in its present form will lead to a complicated tax structure with multiple rates, exemption and even cesses and is a copy of the current tangle of excise duties?

Tracking ten lakh deposit and cash payment of one lakh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked banks to report deposits in any account aggregating ₹10 lakh in a year as well as cash payment of ₹ 1 lakh or more on credit card bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total number of such deposits reported so far by the banks as on date?

GST relaxation on sarees

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

(a) whether Government has given any relaxation on GST to festival discount on fabric, silk, cotton, silk sarees; and

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

Amounts sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the details of amount sanctioned and released under various Heads to Andhra Pradesh in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, Head-wise, Scheme-wise;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted the requisite Utilisation Certificates for above amounts respectively;

(c) whether Government has assured that ₹ 15,000 crore would be given to Andhra Pradesh during 14th Finance Commission Award Period as external aid; and

(d) if so, the reasons behind not approving single rupee as a part of its special assistance under externally aided assistance and not even a single project has been taken up in the first three years of Award Period?

Loss making PSBs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that thirteen out

of 21 public sector banks reported losses for financial year 2016 and almost half of them could do so against this fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that six public sector undertaking banks have low revenue reserves; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of fund manager for SPSE exchange traded fund

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has appointed a Mutual Fund to manage the second SPSE exchange traded fund comprising stocks of Public Sector Undertakings in the current fiscal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there were many mutual fund companies in the race for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact assessment study of MUDRA scheme

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

(a) the number of individuals from all over the country who have so far taken advantage of bank loans under MUDRA scheme, the details of Statistics across the States and social groups, including the number of women in different States who have taken advantage of this scheme;

(b) the number of old entrepreneurs who have expanded their business and new

business enterprises that have been set up by those who have taken MUDRA loan;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any impact assessment study of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the conclusions drawn by such study and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recovery of bank loans from big corporate houses

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

(a) the total amount of loans given to big corporate houses by nationalised banks during 2004-14 that have over the years turned into bad debts, the details thereof bank-wise;

(b) the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India or Government to these banks for the recovery of these loans; and

(c) whether there are any instances of dereliction of duty by bank officials while sanctioning these loans, if so, what action these officials are facing?

Cooperation with WHO on Malaria eradication

279. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps with World Health Organisation to eradicate malaria;

(b) if so, whether any pilot test has been done thereof;

(c) if so, details of trial reports and the results therein; and

(d) whether it is a fact that WHO will undertake such pilot projects in other

countries on malaria vaccine and if so, details thereof?

Failure of mosquito control measures

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

(a) whether the recent onset of vector-borne diseases such as Chikungunya, Dengue and Malaria in many parts of the country much before the usual time this year, exposes the Governments failure to take necessary preventive action;

(b) whether epidemiologists attribute this premature disease explosion to, among other factors, virtual collapse of the much hyped mosquito control programme of Government; and

(c) whether the widely used fogging method to control mosquitoes is considered least effective, killing only the mosquitoes without curbing the breeding?

Revision in definition of blindness

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

(a) whether Government has come up with a new definition of blindness;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for revision of 1976 definition of blindness; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for reduction in the prevalence of blindness and also to achieve the elimination of avoidable blindness?

Diabetic patients in the country

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

(a) the number of diabetic patients in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that diabetic patients are increasing in the country over the last few years and children are also affected with diabetes; and

(c) what are the reasons that children are also getting started affecting with diabetes?

Health Cards for women

†283. 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 seriously contemplating to issue the Health Cards for women;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step so far in this direction; and

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

Medical College in every district

284. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on setting up of at least one medical college in each district of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action plan has been chalked out on this front, if so, the details thereof?

Impact of air pollution on children's health

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

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

(a) whether World Health Organisation revealed in a report that 1.7 million children die every year due to toxic air and in India 48 children per 1000 die due to pollution, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study in India has been made to see the impact of air pollution on the children below five years; and

(c) if so, steps taken to reduce environmental risks to children and to provide adequate preventive measures and medical treatment to vulnerable children and details thereof?

Plan to handle disease outbreak during Monsoon season

†286. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the future plan formulated by Government in order to stop the outbreak of various types of diseases throughout the country during the Monsoons so that they could be curbed in time; and

(b) the type of medicines stored in the health centres of the States and Union Territories by the Central Government till date?

Diseases with high mortality rates

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

(a) the details of the diseases in the country having maximum mortality rate;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to reduce the mortality rate due to such diseases; and

(c) the number of persons who lost their lives due to such diseases in the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

Introduction of vegetable based tablets

288. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated vegetable based tablets avoiding use of animal fat;

(b) whether the price of the medicines will increase with the usage of vegetable base;

(c) if so, how the price increase will be dealt with; and

(d) whether there is any company at present producing vegetable based tablets and the details thereof?

TB incidents in the country

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

(a) what is the percentage of incidence of TB in the country at present;

(b) how many new TB patients are reported in last three years;

(c) which are the age group and geographical areas which are affected most;

(d) what are the main reasons for continuance of spread of TB;

(e) what has been annual expenditure

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for TB treatment during last three years; and

(f) by when Government intends to wipe it out of India?

Extending CGHS coverage to Imphal, Manipur

290. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to cover Imphal by CGHS, if so, the details of time-frame thereof;

(b) whether a large number of Central Government Offices exist in the State and whether Government would start with a few wellness centres to cover the city under the scheme; and

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

Tertiary Care for Cancer Scheme

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

(a) the salient features of Tertiary Care for Cancer Scheme;

(b) the number of proposals received by Government from various States under said Scheme during last three years, State/ UT-wise along with present status of such proposals;

(c) the details of funds provided under said scheme along with its utilisation, State/ UT-wise;

(d) the details regarding irregularities/ corruption, if any, in implementation of the Scheme; and

(e) the other steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the Scheme?

Diabetes treatment facility in rural areas

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients of diabetes has been increasing rapidly in the country over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the treatment facility for diabetes is only available in district hospitals and medical colleges presently, as a result of which diabetic patients in rural areas of the country are not able to get proper treatment in time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and special measures being carried out by Government to address this issue?

Trauma Care Centre along NH-45

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

(a) the details of existing Trauma Care Centre (TCC) located in National Highway-45 (NH-45) which passes through Villupuram District in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with Government to set up another Trauma Care Centre (TCC) preferably District Headquarters Hospitals in Villupuram District; and

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

National Policy on Thalassemia

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

(a) whether Government is planning for a National Policy on Thalassemia;

(b) if so, total number of patients in the country suffering from Thalassemia;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of access to treatment and the costs involved, every year lakhs of people die across the country thereof; and

(c) if so, details, of service in the hospitals and allocation of funds by Government towards "gene therapy" process therein?

Funds for prevention and control of fluorosis

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

(a) how many districts are covered in the country under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF);

(b) how many have been added to the list in the last three years and the details thereof;

(c) what are the funds granted by the Ministry for the prevention and control of fluorosis for the last three years and current year and the details thereof; and

(d) how many people in the 19 States are affected by the fluorosis and how many are at risk due to prevalence of fluorosis and the details thereof especially the children?

Healthcare infrastructure in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the healthcare infrastructure in India is inadequate when compared to Global Standards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is lagging behind several nations in global ranking in the healthcare sector under several indicators, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has specific strategy to improve the situation in the healthcare sector?

Displaying of generic names on medicine packets

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

(a) the steps taken by Government to ensure display of generic names prominently along with trade name or branded name of allopathic medicines; and

(b) whether any time-frame has been kept for pharmaceutical companies for such compulsory display of generic names, if so, the details thereof?

Establishing of AIIMS in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether Government has received any plea for expediting the establishment of AIIMS in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the concrete steps taken by Government in this regard to expedite the setting up of AIIMS in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to improve overall development of medical research infrastructure and medical colleges in the country including Tamil Nadu if so, the details thereof?

Prescribing of generic medicines

299. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory for doctors to prescribe generic medicines, whenever possible; and

(b) whether Government proposes to make it mandatory for pharmacists to suggest generic medicines, whenever possible, if so, details thereof?

Eradication of Kala Azar

300. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the fight against Kala Azar, India is far behind its neighbours Nepal and Bangladesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government proposes to take to eradicate Kala Azar from the country?

Strengthening facilities for treatment of haemophilia

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

(a) the total estimated number of persons with haemophilia (PwH) in the country;

(b) whether Government has formulated any plan strengthening facilities for treatment of PwH including setting up of coagulation laboratories and haemophilia treatment centres and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to come out with a standard protocol to procure/import the life saving drug *viz.* 'Anti Haemophilia Factor' for treatment of PwH?

Status of AIIMS, Deoghar

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

(a) what has been the budgetary allocation made during FY 2017-18 for the proposed AIIMS to be set up at Deoghar in Jharkhand;

(b) by when the proposed AIIMS to be set up at Deoghar will become fully operational; and

(c) the details of infrastructure, sanction of doctors and other personnel for AIIMS, Deoghar?

Fatalities from dengue epidemic

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

(a) what has been the State-wise number of cases reported and fatalities on account of dengue over the last three years;

(b) what steps have been taken to tackle the dengue epidemic this year, with specific reference to Jharkhand; and

(c) what lessons have been learnt from last year's experience in the National

Capital Region to deal with the dengue epidemic?

Regulation of FDCs

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

(a) whether Government intends on regulating fixed-dose combinations (FDCs) so as to eliminate those without rational therapeutic justification, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government intends on necessitating bio-equivalence studies for those generic drugs approved before 3 April, 2017, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intends on integrating all drug regulators into one database to enable access to information regarding substandard drugs to all citizens, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

National Policy on Thalassemia

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

(a) whether Government intends on bringing out a National Policy on Thalassemia in order to create awareness and to prevent its further spread, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government intends on making carrier testing compulsory for relatives of Thalassemia patients, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps being implemented currently by Government to further research on Thalassemia gene therapy in India?

Purchasing of medicines at high prices

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

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines are being purchased at higher prices by the Centre than that of States;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider to purchase the medicines at the prices at which States are purchasing; and

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

Rampant increase in sale of synthetic and adulterated milk products

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rampant increase in the sale of synthetic and adulterated milk and dairy products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for continuation of such malpractice; and

(c) whether Government has taken any serious view on this issue and if so, the action taken by Government to curb such malpractice?

Guidelines on prescribing generic medicines

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

(a) the details of directions given by the Medical Council of India in April this year with regard to prescribing generic medicines in place of branded ones;

(b) what are the reasons due to which doctors are not following these guidelines and what action MCI/Ministry is going to take in this regard; and

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(c) whether any consultations with the States have been held in this regard, Health being a State subject, if so, the details thereof?

Internet addiction problem

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the 65 per cent of internet users are net addicts;

(b) whether Government has carried out a survey to see whether internet addiction is becoming a problem in urban areas;

(c) whether Government can provide the details of number of patients admitted for the treatment of internet addiction, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government proposes to open internet de-addiction centres across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Tertiary cancer care centres in Rajasthan

†310. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in the State of Rajasthan where the Centre proposes to establish tertiary cancer care centres;

(b) the details of the funds made available for the said tertiary cancer care centres; and

(c) by when the amount would be sanctioned by Government for establishing the said cancer care centre in Jhalawar district as per the proposal of the State Government?

Budgetary provision of NRHM

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

(a) the budget of the country in this year under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);

(b) whether the Ministry pays attention to the fact that the backward States where there is acute shortage of basic health facilities will be allocated more and more funds at the time of budget allocation; and

(c) if so, the standards set for the allocation of funds and ways through which these standards are complied with?

Regulating e-pharmacy business

312. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed amendment in regulations for sale of medicines and pharmaceuticals online on an e-platform, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government is aware that verification of drugs being extremely cumbersome problems such as sale of counterfeit drugs and psychotropic substances online besides, improper use of medicine will arise in sale of medicines through e-pharmacy;

(c) if so, what measures it proposes to remedy such situations; and

(d) whether Government has ensured requisite infrastructure throughout the country to implement these regulations, if so, details thereof?

Starting of air ambulance services

†313. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government proposes to start helicopter/air ambulance services in big and major Government hospitals throughout the country for transporting critically ill patients, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government has prepared any roadmap regarding this after consultation with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has studied the methodology adopted by international hospitals for transferring critically ill patients from one place to another; and

(d) if so, the details of the studies, if not, the reasons therefor?

Ongoing schemes for minorities in rural areas

‡314. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing schemes under the Ministry in the rural areas at present;

(b) the details of workshops organised in the rural areas during each of the last three years and the number of participants thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to promote the present schemes, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries/allocated/spent funds under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Educationally empowering of poor minority communities

315. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan

to educationally empower the poor and marginalised sections of minority communities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Aircraft travel subsidy for Haj Pilgrims

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the fare difference between the Haj chartered flights and the regular scheduled flights to Jeddah is more than three times;

(b) whether Government plans to cover the exorbitant charges of the chartered flights as the subsidy provided to the Haj Pilgrims will be totally withdrawn in the near future; and

(c) whether Government, under these circumstances, would propose to address this burden of subsidy withdrawal on the Haj Pilgrims who perform Haj through Haj Committee of India?

Violation of Code of NSDCI by NSFs

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

(a) what are the aims and objectives of National Sports Development Code of India (NSDCI);

(b) whether it is not a fact that in spite of the above Code, violation of Code by National Sports Federations (NSFs) has been rampant in the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of each of the National Sports Federation that has violated the Code and other guidelines/instructions/directions issued by GOI/Courts, etc. in the last three years;

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(e) whether there are any plans to revisit National Sports Development Code, 2011; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Development of youths under Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana

‡318. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched the Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana' programme for development of the youths of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether separate targets have been fixed for the development of the youths in States under the 'Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana';

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh Government for according approval under the 'Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana' and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Upsealing of women wrestling in the country

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

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(a) whether Government is aware about the quality training that Japanese grapplers undergo that make them unbeatable, which was also agreed by the Wrestling Federation of India;

(b) whether their attempts to get Japanese training for the Indian wrestlers have failed; and

(c) what steps are being taken to upscale the women wrestling in the country and the details thereof?

Development of sports infrastructure and training facilities

‡320. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any plan for developing sports infrastructure and training facilities in the country in order to prepare for Olympics 2020, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has provided any funds to the States for developing training facilities;

(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated for sports projects during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has received proposals for development of training facilities from various States as on date; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposals pending for approval, State-wise?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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