

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, July 25, 2017/Shravana 3, 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

Implementation of National AYUSH Mission and AYUSH Gram in West Bengal

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

(a) the details about the total amount of grant-in-aid transferred to West Bengal under the National AYUSH Mission and details of funds allocated under different activities;

(b) the number of Public Health Outreach Activities organised in West Bengal, district-wise details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the number of Integrated AYUSH Hospitals Government is planning to start in West Bengal and the funds that it has allocated and disbursed for the same, if any; and

(d) the number of villages selected under AYUSH Gram in West Bengal and district-wise details thereof?

Standardising ayurvedic medicines

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

(a) the steps being taken for standardisation of ayurvedic medicines; keeping in view the increase in demand of ayurvedic medicines owing to popularising of ayurveda;

(b) the steps being taken for making adequate availability of medical ingredients required in manufacturing of medicines; and

(c) the standards being set for quality control in market and steps being taken to ensure that each medicine is manufactured in accordance with the set standards?

New AYUSH colleges

963. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA

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AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) how many new AYUSH colleges were approved by the Ministry during current year and the State-wise and subject-wise (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, etc.) details thereof; and

(b) whether there are any applications from Karnataka which were rejected, if so, the reasons therefor?

Achieving targets set under SAAPs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that under National AYUSH Mission, State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) are prepared for every State;

(b) if so, the details of SAAP prepared for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of physical targets set and achieved during the above period, State-wise and year-wise?

Medicines made from herbs/plants

†965. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medicines made of herbs/plants as per the traditional knowledge books of India and the number of medicines which have been patented and the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that some countries are patenting the Indian medicines, if so, the number of such incidents came to light and the details along with the actions being taken by Government; and

(c) whether Government proposes to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945 with a view to register the Ayurvedic medicines?

International Research Institute of Ayurveda in Kerala

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

(a) whether Government of Kerala has requested for financial support of Government to establish an International Research Institute of Ayurveda to standardize Ayurvedic medicines and to coordinate Ayurveda with modern biotics on the basis of DPR being prepared;

(b) whether Government has examined the proposal in detail; and

(c) whether such a path-breaking initiative to update and modernize traditional medicine in the country will be supported by the Centre in all aspects including finances, if so, the details thereof?

New Yoga Training Institutes in rural areas

967. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:
SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to open new and more number of Yoga Training Institutes in rural and remote places of the country and also at each district-level so as to bring more awareness among people on the benefit of Yoga practice;

(b) if so, the details and the steps taken to promote Yoga and Naturopathy in rural areas; and

(c) presently how many institutions with proper facilities are functioning in the rural villages, State-wise?

Strategic disinvestment of Air India

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

(a) whether Government has given in principle approval for strategic disinvestment of state owned Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the modalities being worked out in this regard;

(c) the total market share and the quantum of debt of Air India as on date;

(d) whether Government will consult all stake holders including workers' union before going for disinvestment;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which this strategic disinvestment will take place?

Capacity constraints at airports

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has cleared a summer schedule of 17,170 domestic flights a week from 77 airports by 12 airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to Airports Authority of India (AAI) those big airports are bursting at the seams; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the airlines have ordered hundreds of planes but no one knows where they will be parked?

Low cost fare by airlines

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

(a) whether Government proposes to limit the low cost fares for the Airlines who will have ATRs aircrafts and regional services;

(b) whether Government is giving subsidy to the Airlines for ATR services in the regional sectors;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the foreign countries are giving better offers to low cost carriers which lower the rates of tickets thereof; and

(d) the details of Indian tourists deported for overseas destinations during last three years and the average price of the tickets?

Flight package tourism in the country

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

(a) whether Government proposes low-cost regional flights in the country;

(b) if so, the present number of low-

cost airports under commercial operations in the country therein;

(c) the details of the proposal of new airports and the operations therefrom, city-wise; and

(d) whether Government also plans for "flight-package" like railways tourism in the country and the details thereof?

Construction of airports in Nepal by AAI

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is planning to assist the Nepal authorities for building three airports in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these airports will be constructed by Airports Authority of India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Provision of Parking Base to Indigo Airlines at Gannavaram Airport

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to provide Parking Base to Indigo Airlines at Gannavaram Airport in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Better air connectivity for North Eastern Region

974. SHRI K. BHABANANDA

SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any scheme for providing better air connectivity in North-Eastern States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the existing airlines charge hefty airfares in peak seasons, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Ministry would frame a scheme so that airfares of poorly connected regions by other modes of transportation remain affordable to the general public, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Privatisation of Air India

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

(a) in view of the cabinet decision to privatise Air India, has any policy been formulated as to the modalities to be adopted for the privatisation; and

(b) whether any assessment has been made of the commercial value of landing rights in various countries that Air India enjoys at present?

Subsidised air connectivity for North Eastern Region

976. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether regional air connectivity has been recognised as a prime mover for unlocking the economic potential of North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) whether road map is under consideration for saturating NE region with substantially subsidised air connectivity?

Growth in domestic passenger air traffic flow

977. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial growth has been registered in passenger air traffic flow in certain domestic sectors during last few years;

(b) if so, the details showing the growth during the last three years, sector-wise;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to assess the reasons for sluggish air traffic flow in other domestic sectors and find out the reasons; and

(d) which are the new domestic and international sectors identified for promotion during 2017-18?

Establishment of Airbase Centre at Adilabad in Telangana

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from Government of Telangana requesting for establishment of Airbase Centre at Adilabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of Government in this regard?

Misbehaviour with Airport Employees

979. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note

of the recent incident took place at Visakhapatnam Airport where an Hon'ble Member of Parliament has misbehaved with Airport Employee, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any plan of laying down the rules to be observed in such incidents in future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mandatory requirement of PAN/Aadhaar/Passport to buy air tickets

980. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to make it mandatory to submit PAN/Aadhaar/Passport for purchase of air tickets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this will come into force, the details thereof?

Impact assessment of joint ventures operating green-field airports

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

(a) whether any performance/impact assessment of joint ventures operating our green-field airports has been done to find out, if these have achieved the desired objectives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether such a study will be done and by when?

Private Investment in Aviation sector

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry proposes to invite private investments for meeting the future demand in Aviation sector;

(b) if so, the status thereof;

(c) what are the specific areas identified; and

(d) what will be the role of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in this endeavour?

Debt burden of Air India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has been staying afloat on a bailout package of little over ₹ 30,000 crore extended by Government has a market share of about 14 per cent whereas its debt burden is ₹ 50,000 crore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government proposes to privatise the Air India and if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be done?

Punishment to drunk pilots

984. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot of Jet Airways was tested positive for alcohol after the International flight landed on 3 August, 2016;

(b) what official action has Government initiated against the erring pilot;

(c) whether the punishment of one year imprisonment with a fine of ₹ 5 lakhs is adequate and sufficient for such violation; and

(d) if not, whether Government will take initiative to amend such rules to make them more stringent for such violations where the lives of the entire passengers are put to risk?

Methodology for computing on-time performance of airlines

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the methodology adopted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for computing on-time performance of airlines put into a spat among the airlines in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the airlines have been demanding revision over the methodology and urged for a review; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the DGCA in this regard?

Revenue earned from Aviation sector

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

(a) the revenue earned by Government from the Aviation sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the above said revenue is not proportional to the growth registered by the Aviation sector; and

(c) if so, the reformative measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Conversion of Air India's high cost debt to low cost one by LIC

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

(a) whether it is a fact that LIC may come to the rescue of debt-laden Air India by converting a significant part of the airlines high-cost debt to a low cost one, at an interest rate which may be lower than one's home loan rate;

(b) if so, the total amount of loan with interest rate; and

(c) the details of working capital loan from the banks and aircraft purchase related loan with rate of interest of each loan and Return on Investment?

Impact of GST on Civil Aviation Sector

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

(a) whether the airlines apprehend that their costs may rise because of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), leading to higher ticket prices which will have an impact on cash flow;

(b) whether GST is going to have an impact on Turbine fuel also as the airlines may lose CENVAT credit on the Central excise duty for fuel as petroleum products including ATF are outside the purview of GST; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in seats during festival seasons in Kerala-Gulf sector

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

(a) whether a meeting of aviation companies was called by Kerala Government recently in which officials of Civil Aviation Department also participated;

(b) whether there was a consensus to avoid unbridled increase of passenger fares to Gulf Region during festival season;

(c) whether the aviation companies requested approval to increase seats to be provided during that period; and

(d) whether the Civil Aviation Department granted their request, if not, will it do so immediately?

New airports in Uttar Pradesh

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

(a) whether Government has any plan to open new airports in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of places, where these are planned to be made; and

(c) the targeted year by which these airports are expected to become operational?

Subsidies to airlines under UDAN Scheme

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) scheme, intended to revive air travel between 43 regional

airports and metropolitan hubs has been launched recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the routes are being made viable by allowing subsidies of various sorts to airlines, if so, the details thereof?

Status of Aircrafts procured by Air India

†992. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the main reasons behind the sale and disinvestment of Air India; and

(b) the number of aircrafts procured by Air India in the last ten years and the number of aircrafts out of them that are in service and the number of aircrafts out of new aircrafts given on lease or have been sold, the reasons therefor?

Bifurcation of domestic and international operations of Air India

993. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to privatise Air India;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of share it is going to sell for private investment; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to bifurcate domestic operation and international operations of Air India for making it a profitable venture?

Naming of Jaipur Airport after Sh. Bhairon Singh Sekhawat

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

(a) whether Government proposes to name the international airport at Jaipur after the name of Shri Bhairon Singh Sekhawat;

(b) if so, the possible date by which it would be implemented, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has received any proposal to this effect from the State Government of Rajasthan?

Rules to tame rouge flyers

995. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to announce rules for no fly list of air passengers in order to tame rouge flyers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind framing these rules?

Transfer of debt of Air India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has a debt of about ₹ 52,000 crores;

(b) if so, whether this is also a fact that this debt will also be transferred to the buyer; and

(c) if not, what are the details in this regard to deal with this debt?

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Expansion of infrastructure in Aviation sector

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

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Aviation sector is on the threshold of unprecedented expansion but the infrastructure available is unable to keep pace with the demand;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to develop necessary infrastructure to meet the demand early along with releasing the funds therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of Tuliha Airport in Imphal

998. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tuliha Airport has been upgraded to Imphal International Airport, whereas the infrastructure of the airport remains very poor, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of funds released and sanctioned for its development to make it at par with international standards year-wise and project-wise; and

(c) the agencies or contractors appointed for its development and whether their works are upto the expected results, the details thereof?

Direct flight boarding service to Haj pilgrims from A.P.

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

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request regarding provision of direct flight boarding service to the Haj pilgrims of Andhra Pradesh from Gannavaram Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision on this matter, the details thereof?

Deregistration of companies

1000. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly one lakh companies have been deregistered in the last few months;

(b) if so, the number of companies deregistered, State-wise; and

(c) what was the total of their paid up capital and authorised capital?

CSR fund for Panchayat under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

†1001. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount utilised by the public and private sector companies under the Corporate Social Responsibility and the major tasks undertaken during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the complaints regarding the non-compliance

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of the guidelines given in the Corporate Social Responsibility Policy Rules, 2014 are regularly received, if so, the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard, the details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) the details of the number of the Panchayats which have been provided with Corporate Social Responsibility fund under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana?

Cancellation of registration of companies

1002. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many registrations of companies have been cancelled recently in the country by the Registrar of Companies, the details thereof for the last two years with the reasons for their cancellation, State-wise;

(b) how many shell companies have been identified in the country during last 6 months, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) how many of the shell companies have been referred to CBI for investigation; and

(d) the fresh steps by Government to scrap the companies involved in money laundering?

Casualties in firing by Pakistan Army

1003. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of instances of firing by

Pakistan Army during last six months, month-wise;

(b) the details of casualties, both civilian and military, on Indian side; and

(c) the details of India's responses to these incidents of firing?

Holding of Defence Expo 2017

1004. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to hold Defence Expo 2017 in the near future, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the main criterion of selecting the venue for this purpose; and

(c) whether Government would consider organising it in different parts of the country on rotational basis?

Attacks on Army jawans

†1005. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cross-border infiltrations and attacks on Army jawans have increased and more Indian soldiers were martyred than before during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of infiltrations, attacks on Army jawans and incidents of martyrdom of soldiers during the last three years?

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Share of defence budget

1006. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of the defence budget as per the traditional format followed as a percentage of the GDP from 2013-14 to 2017-18;

(b) ratio of capital outlay for 2017-18 between state-of-the-art technologies, current technologies, and for those technologies nearing obsolescence; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the revenue to capital outlay has become skewed in favour of the defence share in GDP from 2013-14 to 2017-18, if so, the details thereof?

Trichy Assault Rifles

1007. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to buy Assault Rifles from other countries;

(b) what is the assessment by the Defence Authorities about the Trichy Assault Rifles; and

(c) what is the quantum of Trichy Assault Rifles procured so far?

Russian Defence firms in Make in India initiative

1008. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the Russian Defence Sector firms to join the Make in India initiative; and

(b) if so, whether the Russian Defence firms are showing interest to participate in the initiative, if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment of women in the Army

1009. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to recruit women in male-dominated positions in the Army and if so, the details thereof?

Professional Military Education

1010. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any international programmes and collaboration with think-tanks and universities under Professional Military Education for personnel of Armed Services and Para-Military Forces;

(b) if so, details thereof corresponding to different military and paramilitary services, if not, reasons therefor;

(c) the number of personnel who attended international programmes in last two fiscal years, grade-wise details thereof; and

(d) details about funding allocated by Government for the same in past three Union Budgets, year-wise details thereof?

Response to ceasefire violations by Pakistan

†1011. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incident of beheading of two Indian soldiers by Pakistan took place on 1 May, 2017;

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(b) whether Government has given befitting reply to Pakistan for this effrontery incident;

(c) the incidents of ceasefire violation by Pakistan in the months of April-May, 2017;

(d) whether Army gave befitting reply to Pakistan for every ceasefire violation; and

(e) if not, whether Government will give a free hand to Army to stop such type of activities?

CAG's observations on strategic road construction

†1012. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 61 out of 73 roads of strategic importance along the China border were found defective due to poor planning of construction, bad implementation and financial irregularities in the last year's report of Comptroller and Auditor General;

(b) whether Government has got the entire case investigated, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the length of the road that has been constructed so far and by when the remaining construction work will be completed; and

(d) the details of the action taken against the persons found guilty?

Delay in road constructions by BRO

1013. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in construction of 73 India-China Border Roads (ICBR);

(b) whether it is a fact that Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is facing shortage of road construction equipment and lack of expertise in building roads in mountainous terrains and also limited availability of resources for transporting equipments by air;

(c) if so, details thereof and steps taken in this regard; and

(d) whether Government proposes to give contract to private construction firms instead of BRO?

Incursions by Chinese troops

1014. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps in regard to the repetitive and reported incursions of our neighbouring country China on borders of Ladakh and the North East;

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

(c) what are the actual conditions prevailing on the Line of Actual Control?

Equipping armed forces with advanced weaponry

1015. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has deployed adequate forces in the bordering areas with sufficient effective arms and ammunitions, artilleries to combat and control the aggression by the Chinese and Pakistan troops, if so, the details thereof; and

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(b) whether Government has taken appropriate steps to provide defence personnel with technologically advanced arms and ammunitions, gadgets and infrastructure, if so, the details thereof?

Induction of Tejas aircraft

1016. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas has been inducted into the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, when and how many along with the details thereof;

(c) whether the aircraft has received Final Operation Clearance and if not, by when it is likely to;

(d) whether a Tejas Mark II is being developed and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if so, by when it is likely to join squadron service and details thereof?

Private sector involved in defence manufacturing

1017. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made several policy changes to ease the entry of private sector in defence manufacturing, if so, details thereof;

(b) the details of Indian companies to whom Industrial Licenses have been issued for manufacturing defence products indicating the terms and conditions of the licenses;

(c) whether those companies have commenced production and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of measures taken to watch the activities of these companies?

Standardising of cash grants

1018. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that varying rewards for identical honours are creating tension and frustration within the armed forces and need to be examined by the Ministry in the interest of soldiers;

(b) whether Government has so far consulted State Governments to standardise cash grants given to gallantry award winners; and

(c) if so, whether Government has laid down the minimum cash grant to be given to gallantry awardees by the States or left it to the choice of States concerned?

Allowing women personnel in combat roles

1019. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to allow women to take up combat roles in the Army, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has prepared the ground before signalling such a radical move towards gender parity in one of the most male dominated professions; and

(c) if so, the details for a smooth transition?

Monitoring system to check encroachment of defence properties

†1020. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system in place whereby Ministry of Defence continue to get information on illegal encroachment on vacant defence land in the various cities of the country which has earlier been in the occupation or control of the Ministry of Defence or Army;

(b) the details of such information and the action taken thereon;

(c) the State-wise details of such unutilised land of Ministry of Defence across the country; and

(d) whether Government is taking any steps to utilise such vacant land and the details thereof?

Budgetary allocation for defence forces

1021. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocations for "other equipment" for the defence forces have increased from ₹ 25,535.26 crore in 2014-15 to ₹ 32,275.95 crore as per Budget 2015-16; and

(b) the details of what the "other equipment" consists of?

Stopping of free domestic ration

†1022. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has stopped the supply of free domestic ration being made to officers of Army, Air Force and the Navy every month;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is considering to restart it or to provide an alternative arrangement for it?

Houses at concessional prices for Army personnel

1023. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide houses at concessional prices to serving and retired Army personnel, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has recently conducted any survey to provide houses to the serving and retired Army personnel who belong to Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Intrusions by Chinese troops into Indian territory

1024. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese troops have entered into Indian territory several times during the recent times;

(b) if so, how many violations have taken place in the last six months;

(c) whether Indian troops have suffered any losses and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to boost our border areas and safeguard the people of the country living around border areas of the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Separate healthcare allowance for ex-servicemen

†1025. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to provide separate allowance for the healthcare of ex-servicemen and their family members living in the far flung areas;

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

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

Developing infrastructure in border areas

1026. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development of infrastructure, particularly road and rail connectivity in border areas of the country, is adequate for faster mobility of troops and weapon systems in forward border areas;

(b) whether the country is fully capable to tackle any foreign aggression, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government for safety and security of border areas and people living in border areas of the country?

Audit of allotted defence budget

†1027. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has utilised the

funds allotted under budgetary provisions for the modernisation of "Armed Forces" during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the mechanism set up to undertake an audit of allotted funds for this purpose; and

(c) the details of defence procurement deals signed during last three years?

Resolving of complaints regarding working of PSBs

1028. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a large number of complaints have been received regarding working of the Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints received and disposed of during the last three years, bank-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to resolve these issues and to improve the working of the Public Sector Banks?

Benami transactions across the country

1029. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is taking steps to address the serious problem of benami transactions across the country; and

(b) if so, the details of both legislative and administrative measures and the proposed roadmap in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Financial support for Smart City Mission, Bhubaneswar

1030. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance will quickly consider the proposal of Government of Odisha for Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) support of ₹ 910.00 crore for implementation of projects under Smart City Mission, Bhubaneswar, to avoid cost and time overrun of the projects?

Recommendations of Sixth CPC on Military service pay

1031. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has accepted the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission (CPC) to make 'Military service pay' up to 52 per cent of basic pay for the officers and 62 per cent for the soldiers;

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

(c) by when Government will accept the recommendations of the Sixth CPC regarding increase in Military service pay, the details thereof?

Involvement of companies in money laundering

1032. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 9 lakh companies are not filing annual returns to the Ministry;

(b) whether it was only the last year or this trend was going on since long;

(c) the number of companies that did not file their annual returns in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) to what extent there are chances of indulging in money laundering by some of these companies;

(e) whether notices have been sent to above companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Release of funds to Andhra Pradesh under resource gap post bifurcation

1033. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released funds to Government of Andhra Pradesh under resource gap that occurred to State in 2014-15 due to bifurcation as per the assurance given by the then Prime Minister while passing Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill;

(b) the amount requested by Government of Andhra Pradesh under this head;

(c) the amount released by the Central Government till date; and

(d) the reasons for not releasing the entire resource gap claimed by State?

Responsibility of safety of items kept in bank lockers

1034. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has ordered that the

responsibility of safety for the things kept by the customers in the bank lockers lies with the customers themselves;

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

(c) what is the role of the bank in providing locker service to the customers in case they are not responsible for the safety of valuable things of the customers in lockers?

Submission of turnaround plans by banks

1035. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked the Public Sector Banks to submit their turnaround plans;

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

(c) the name of banks who have submitted their plans and also the name of those who have not done it so far; and

(d) the further action proposed to be taken by Government on the proposals of banks?

Action against negligent payment service providers

1036. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent and magnitude of data breach causes by malware injection into system of Hitachi Payment Services Pvt. Ltd. providing ATM solutions to banks;

(b) whether security of any other ATM payment services providers was also

compromised in the last two years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding banks whose data was breached;

(d) the details regarding pecuniary loss caused to any bank or its customers;

(e) in cases of loss to customer, especially in Rajasthan, whether such loss was compensated by bank; and

(f) the details regarding action taken or contemplated against negligent payment service providers, including Hitachi Payment Service (P) Ltd.?

Losses to Maharashtra due to liquor ban on highways

1037. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the revenue losses of Maharashtra following liquor ban on highways by the Supreme Court, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government has taken or propose to take to make up the losses of the State?

Trading in virtual currency

†1038. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian citizens are trading in virtual currency (Bitcoins);

(b) if so, the number of Indians who purchased Bitcoins along with denomination thereof;

(c) whether such transaction is

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

approved by the Reserve Bank of India; and

(d) if not, the reasons for which Government remains indecisive to impose a ban on such transactions?

Rising fiscal stress in the country

1039. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the rising fiscal stress in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the Debt-GDP ratio for financial years, 2014, 2015 and 2016, State-wise; and

(c) the initiative taken by Government to enhance the fiscal sustainability in Indian States?

Merger of PSBs

1040. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has since examined the merger of certain Public Sector Banks for further consolidation in the Public Sector Banking;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the merger is likely to be effected; and

(c) what are the specific reasons for consolidation of these banks and in what manner public interest would be served?

Impact of demonetisation on different sectors

1041. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether demonetisation has impact

on manufacturing, mining, trade, hotels, transport, communication, services related to broadcasting, financial, real estate and professional services in the fourth quarter; and

(b) whether construction sector was the hardest hit by demonetisation as it saw a contraction of 3.7 per cent?

Change of financial year

1042. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to change the financial year;

(b) from which year the same will be made applicable;

(c) what are the incidental changes proposed to be made in this connection; and

(d) whether any Cabinet decision has been taken in this regard?

Implementation of recommendations of Seventh CPC in all Government Departments

1043. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission in all the Departments of the Central Government which were under ambit of the Seventh CPC;

(b) if not, the names of the departments where the recommendations have not yet been implemented and why; and

(c) by when Government proposes to implement the recommendations

completely without leaving aside any department?

Removal of extra charges levied on bank account holders

1044. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government is going to remove the extra charges being levied on the bank account holders, if so, the details thereof?

Exempting Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam from GST

1045. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of discussions that took place in the GST Council on exempting Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) from GST;

(b) whether the Ministry and GST Council is aware that till implementation of GST, TTD has been getting tax exemption from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the reasons for imposing GST on TTD and the efforts being made by the Ministry of remove them in the coming GST Council meetings?

Rise in banking frauds

1046. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is steep rise of 72 per cent in loss to banks due to banking frauds during 2016-17, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 86 per cent of frauds reported in 2016-17 in value terms were

frauds in advances or loan frauds, if so, the details thereof, bank-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware that connivance of bank officials with fraudsters and non-compliance of the RBI guidelines are main reasons for rise in frauds; and

(d) if so, the details of complaints received in this regard and the action taken against officials during 2015, 2016 and 2017 so far, bank-wise?

Identification of PSB loan defaulters

1047. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has identified 12 defaulters who owe over ₹ 1,75,000 crore of PSBs;

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

(c) the details of action Government would take to recover above amount from these defaulters?

Exemption on Gift tax

†1048. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an exemption on Gift tax remains applicable on either side in the event of gift being exchanged among the relatives as defined under Income Tax laws;

(b) if so, whether there is no such exemption available on the gift to be given by maternal grand father to his grandson or a grand-daughter; and

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(c) whether Government is considering to bring them also under the ambit of exemption, if not, the reasons therefor?

Long term impact of demonetisation

1049. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's latest assessment on the long term impact of demonetisation on Indian economy six months after demonetisation; and

(b) whether the "short term pain" is over and "long term gain" has started?

Non-achievement of projected economic growth

1050. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employment generation and capital formation is not picking up as projected by Government; and

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

Tax exemptions for manufacturers of AYUSH products

1051. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what tax exemptions are being given to manufacturers of Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathy medicines; and

(b) which are the above mentioned manufacturers availing benefit of these tax exemptions?

Relaxation to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

1052. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has relaxed the Debt-GSDP ratio prescribed under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act in respect of certain States particularly Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such relaxations?

Sanctioning of loans by PSBs in violation of laid down guidelines

1053. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether Government and RBI has enquired into the complaints, responsibility fixed and suitable penal action taken;

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

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

Outstanding debt of Andhra Pradesh

1054. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

the outstanding debt of the State of Andhra Pradesh is going from bad to worse with a debt of ₹ 1.15 lakh crores in 2014-15 to ₹ 1.53 lakh crores in 2016-17;

(b) do the above figures not mean that the State is under 'severe debts tress';

(c) what are the reasons for this mismanagement on the fiscal front by the State and to what extent, the bifurcation has its impact on this; and

(d) how Government of India is going to help the State to come out of the financial mess?

Exemption of coffee from GST

1055. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representations have been received in the Ministry for exempting the entire process of coffee, growing and up to the stage of curing from the purview of GST;

(b) whether any discussion on this has taken place in the GST Council, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Minister, being the Chairman of the GST Council, proposes exemption of coffee from the purview of GST; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tax exemption for charitable institutions

1056. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that trusts that hold majority of shares of large groups are actually directing and managing

controlling companies and receive thousands of crores of dividends and do not pay any tax because they are supposedly tax exempt charitable institutions;

(b) what are the tax exemption criteria for charitable institutions; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to plug this loophole?

Independent regulator to oversee PPP projects

1057. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infrastructure projects undertaken by Government under the Public Private Partnership model in the last three years and the status thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve efficiency, transparency and framework that assures equal public and private returns;

(c) whether Government plans to have an independent regulator to oversee the PPP projects;

(d) whether Government has taken any action on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee report on Public Private Partnership; and

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

Circulation of fake currency

1058. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the circulation of fake currency still exists in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government proposed to take any concrete and effective steps to check it; and

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

Rules regarding payment of taxes by firms

1059. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rules under place of effective management which require firms that are controlled from within the country to pay taxes in India will not apply to companies with annual turnover of ₹ 50 crore or less;

(b) whether this rule will come into effect from the next fiscal; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the explanation given by Government provided much needed clarity on the whole issue as per experts, if so, the details thereof?

Scrutiny of data of links with offshore firms

1060. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India got data on 165 cases with links to offshore firms, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the data so received is under scrutiny with the Central Board of Direct Taxes, if so, the details thereof?

Amendments in Acts pertaining to political funding

1061. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any further amendments in the RBI Act and Income Tax Act to cleanse political funding; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Recovery of loans from big corporate defaulters

1062. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision on the follow up action to be taken on the twelve biggest corporate defaulters who failed to repay the huge loans taken from commercial banks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is probing into the possible lapses from the side of respective banks which led to sanctioning of loans to the companies, if so, the details thereof?

Operational flexibility to multinational entities

1063. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has changed norms to provide operational flexibility to multinational entities and their Indian subsidiaries exposed to currency risks arising out of current account transactions in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the transactions under the facility will be covered under a tripartite agreement

involving the Indian subsidiary, its non-resident parent/treasury and the bank, if so, the details thereof?

Anxiety of bank employees over merger of PSBs

1064. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to merge certain Public Sector Banks into groups like the merger of five State Banks into State Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has asked NITI Aayog to study the subject;

(d) the advantage of such a merger; and

(e) the reaction of Government to the anxiety expressed by the employees of the Public Sector Banks that this merger would cause job losses, service problems and reverse growth to the banks?

Impact of roll out of GST on small traders

1065. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the launch of the GST in the early hours of July 1, has brought along total confusion among small traders and short changing consumers at restaurants and shops/malls;

(b) whether the GST Council in its wisdom has relaxed the time-table for filing tax returns on GST compliant format, granting exemptions from penalties and fees for late filing; and

(c) whether rolling out GST in a state of unpreparedness, has spawned a large

workforce of tax consultants and CAs with whose heavy bills will burden the small traders?

Fake insurance companies

1066. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether health insurance coverage in the country has witnessed a sharp increase over the years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been made about the penetration in urban areas and rural areas, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaints have been received about fake insurance companies issuing policy and not honouring/reimbursing the medical treatment of medical services, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Regulatory Authority to monitor health insurance schemes to obviate fleecing by insurance companies from the general public, the details thereof?

SC direction to extend deadline for deposit of demonetised notes

1067. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed Government to extend the deadline for deposit of old notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 denomination; and

(b) if so, what decision has been/will be taken by Government in this regard and the reason for the same?

Installation of One-Time Combination (OTC) locking system in ATMs

1068. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most ATMs are prone to fraud, lack basic security features;

(b) whether any survey has been made to find out the facts and to take remedial action, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of ATMs are operational in the country under various banks and what percentage of ATMs are using outdated technology and lacking basic security features;

(d) to avoid loading fake notes into ATMs, whether banks would install One-Time Combination (OTC) locking system, in all ATMs, immediately; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise?

Loyalty Benefit to EPF Subscribers

1069. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:
SHRI N. GOKULA-
KRISHNAN:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:
SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accepted the recommendation of EPFO for payment of Loyalty Benefit scheme to its subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a slab system in payment of this Loyalty Benefit Scheme, if so, the details thereof?

LIC MoU with Railways

1070. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Life Insurance Corporation of India has signed an MoU with the Railways for providing assistance of ₹ 1.5 lakh crores by 2020;

(b) what are the basic terms of this financial assistance;

(c) how much of ₹ 1.5 lakh crores has been released so far to the Railways at 7 per cent rate of interest;

(d) whether similar assistance will be given to other State Governments for diverse schemes, particularly to Rajasthan; and

(e) the steps proposed to evolve a long term uniform financing policy by LIC?

Impact of GST on economic reforms

1071. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether it is also a fact that passing of GST will also affect economic reforms;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof?

VRS in SBI Group

1072. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SBI Group is finalising plans for Voluntary Retirement Scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Voluntary Retirement Scheme is to help reduce headcount from a total staff base of 73,000 in associate banks;

(c) whether the SBI Group has asked the employees who are eligible under it to opt for it; and

(d) if so, the total number of SBI Group employees opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme?

Illegal sale of banned drugs

1073. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs with their market/brand names banned by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) internationally;

(b) whether Government is aware of the illegal sale of banned drugs and medicines on a large scale in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stringent action taken against the

drug mafia by Government to curb illegal sale of drugs and unethical practices indulged in Pharmaceutical companies/ individuals and the outcome thereof?

Increase in costs of healthcare services

†1074. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the increasing cost of healthcare services and difficulties faced by common man as a result of it;

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

(c) whether Government intends to spend 6 per cent of GDP for developing health services; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken?

Survey on medicines distributed in schools

†1075. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any survey regarding the quality of the medicines being distributed in the Government schools;

(b) if so, the details along with the evidence thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any recommendation regarding the survey; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government on these recommendations?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Upgradation of genetic diseases laboratories

†1076. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan of upgrading the integrated laboratories/centres regarding the genetic diseases in the various States including Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the places have been fixed/identified for the establishment of such new laboratories/centres under this scheme, if so, the State-wise details of the places fixed for the same; and

(c) the salient features of these proposed centres and the State-wise details of the amount allocated for the establishment of these centres?

Immunization under UIP

1077. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) was started in 1985 and has been renamed as Mission Indradhanush, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the immunization done under Mission Indradhanush for the last three years, State/Union Territory/month/year-wise; and

(c) whether there has been a reduction in infant mortality since 2014, if so, details thereof?

Budgetary allocation for Delhi Health Department

†1078. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the budget allocated for the construction of new hospitals and a hospital in Sarita Vihar; and

(b) the details of the reasons for which work related to hospital in Sarita Vihar could not be started, so far?

CGHS Centre and dispensaries in Goa

1079. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish a CGHS Centre and CGHS dispensaries in the State of Goa;

(b) whether accommodation for the purpose has been acquired;

(c) the total number of dispensaries Government proposes to establish in the State; and

(d) whether any agreements have been signed with the State Government and private hospitals and if so, the details thereof?

Basic health facilities at primary health centres

†1080. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government will take effective measures to ensure deployment of doctors and nurses at primary health centres, keeping in view the utter lack of health facilities in rural areas;

(b) whether Government will take concrete steps to ensure availability of basic health facilities in primary health centres and district hospitals;

(c) whether Government is taking effective steps to ensure availability of life saving drugs at rural level; and

(d) if so, the details of Government's efforts?

Controlling chronic anaemia in women

1081. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of anaemia control in the country as regards women as on 31 March, 2017;

(b) the present nutritional policy for women and children in the country; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure optimum nutritional requirements are met by women of various age-groups to tackle the problem of chronic anaemia in women in the country?

Cases of Zika Virus in India

1082. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

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

(a) whether according to World Health Organisation (WHO) some cases of Zika Virus have been reported in India, if so, details in this regard; and

(b) whether Government has adequate arrangement of treatment of Zika Virus disease in India and, if so, details thereof?

Roadblocks in the implementation of new Health Policy

1083. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has unveiled any National Health Policy to promote and provide Healthcare for All and better Health Infrastructure in the country, particularly in the rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any bottlenecks or roadblocks in the implementation of health care schemes in some un-served regions; and

(c) whether Government has taken appropriate remedial steps with the coordination of State/UT Governments to resolve all pending issues and bottlenecks, to expedite the healthcare to un-served and under-served regions of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Construction of new AIIMS

1084. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the four new AIIMS announced by Government during 2014-15 and the details thereof;

(b) the funds so far released for the construction of AIIMS by the Ministry for the last three years and the current year and the details thereof;

(c) which Government medical colleges in the country have been selected for the upgradation under Phase-IV by the Ministry; and

(d) whether any funds are approved by the Ministry for the upgradation, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to contain outbreak of viral fevers

1085. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:
SHRI D. KUPENDRA
REDDY:

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

(a) the number of people who have been infected with and died of viral fevers such as H1N1, Dengue, Hepatitis A and B, Chicken-pox, Malaria and Leptospirosis, in India starting from the beginning of this year till now, State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the measures taken by Government in reducing the infection and deaths due to viral fevers and cases of water-borne diseases and diseases caused by mosquito bites, which increases every year during the monsoon season?

Uterus transplants

1086. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of media reports on the success of the first two uterus transplants undertaken in Pune recently which have prompted more women asking for such procedure;

(b) whether Government considers that uterus transplants deserve a fair chance, like IVF or surrogates; and

(c) if so, whether Government will allow uterus transplants for the unmarried too?

Linking registration and Aadhaar numbers of doctors

†1087. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering linking the registration of the doctors in the country with their Aadhaar number, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether instructions have been issued by the Indian Medical Council to the doctors to link their registration with their Aadhaar number, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed for this purpose and if so, the details thereof?

Increase in infant mortality cases

1088. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that cases related to infants deaths are increasing in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for deaths of infants, State-wise and year-wise during the last three years?

Amendment to NMC Bill

1089. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill;

(b) if so, the reasons for the amendment and the details of the amendment;

(c) whether Indian Medical Association has opposed the proposal to dissolve MCI and replace it with a new Commission calling the move undemocratic; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Clinical trial involving HIV patients

1090. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any clinical trial has been conducted involving HIV patients in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology has distanced itself from the clinical trial involving HIV patients at some medical colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Findings of NFHS - 4

1091. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently conducted National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 has been released with its full data, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the main findings of the survey as compared to the NFHS-3 and the details thereof;

(c) whether the NFHS-4 points to major issues in terms of health in the country, if so, details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon and steps being taken to resolve the issue?

New AIIMS in U.P.

1092. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to open new AIIMS in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the places where they are to be open; and

(c) the targeted year by which they can be made functional for public?

Mandatory bio-equivalence tests of drugs

1093. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made bio-equivalence studies or tests mandatory for all drugs before they are launched in the market, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure generic medicines have the same quality and efficacy as their branded counterparts?

Mortalities from uterine cancer

†1094. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of deaths are occurring due to uterine cancer in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any special steps in order to put a check on this; and

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

National Policy on handling mentally ill patients

1095. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Supreme Court in a recent observation, favoured framing of uniform National Policy to deal with those suffering from mental illness and their release from hospitals after treatment, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would bring forward National Policy for mentally ill patients and if so, by what time it will be finalized; and

(c) the efforts taken by Government to ensure underprivileged persons still languishing in mental hospitals, despite being cured, to be released?

ASHA training programme by NIOS

1096. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given time limit to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) for completing the ASHA training programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing the budget allocation for Central medical institutes

1097. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased budget allocations for Central hospitals and medical institutes during the last three years, if so, details thereof in respect of some premier hospitals and medical institutes, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) the estimates of expenditure incurred by Government on Central hospitals in Rajasthan, especially AIIMS, Jodhpur for the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has introduced in Central hospitals any new diagnostic techniques or methods of treatment developed across the globe in recent years, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

National level survey on dengue prevalence

1098. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national level survey is

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

proposed to be conducted to gauge the prevalence of dengue in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the time by which the survey is proposed to be started and completed?

Vacant posts in Government hospitals

1099. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State/Union Territory-wise details regarding nursing staff in the Government hospitals;

(b) State/Union Territory-wise details of the vacancies lying vacant in the Government hospitals; and

(c) State/Union Territory-wise details regarding the appointments made in Government hospitals in the past three years?

Top three types of cancer prevalent in India

1100. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the top three types of cancer detected in India between 2014-17;

(b) whether these are consistent across States;

(c) what is the emphasis of National Health Mission on oral, cervical and breast cancer;

(d) whether according to ICMR's Three-Year Report of Population Based Cancer Registries for 2012-2014-2016, incidences of lung, mouth and stomach cancer are highest across men in India; and

(e) whether the National Health Policy, 2017 also focus on oral, cervical and breast cancer, if so, despite being sites of most incidences of cancer the reason for lung, mouth and stomach cancer not been included in the NHM?

Extending time-limit of OPD at Central hospitals in Delhi

†1101. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) the remedial measures taken by the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and Central hospitals regarding the quality of treatment on the basis of the reactions of the patients there; and

(b) whether the Ministry will consider to extend the time-limit of the OPD with a view of increasing number of patients on daily basis in Safdarjung Hospital, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi and the details thereof?

Acute faculty shortage in all newly established AIIMS

†1102. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is less number of faculty available than the

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sanctioned strength for teaching MBBS students in the newly established AIIMS across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is acute shortage of doctors in newly established AIIMS in the country and because of the inordinate delay in the process of filling up of vacancies, shortage of doctors does not seem to end in near future; and

(c) the details of vacant posts as compared to sanctioned posts of faculty as well as non-teaching staff in newly established AIIMS across the country?

Evaluation of efficacy of Nai Roshni Scheme

†1103. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any evaluation for assessing the efficacy of the 'Nai Roshni' Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by Government in this connection in order to ensure proper implementation of this scheme?

Garib Nawaz Skill Development centres in Odisha

1104. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prominent features of the proposed Garib Nawaz Skill Development centres to be established in 100 cities in the country;

(b) the parameters on which the selection of such cities has been made; and

(c) how many such centres will be opened in the State of Odisha?

Vacancies in Minority Commission

1105. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of the Minority Commission members; and

(b) the number of vacancies exist in the Commission and by when would these vacancies be filled?

Status of Muslim women

1106. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Muslim women are lagging behind the mainstream in terms of women development in the Bahraich, Deoria and Gorakhpur districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the status of the Muslim women as per the norm of literacy and line of poverty in the said districts along with the reason therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Central Government in this regard?

Achievements made under Hamari Dharohar Scheme

†1107. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement made under ambitious scheme of Central Government

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named "Hamari Dharohar" in last three years;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under this scheme State-wise and various project-wise; and

(c) the number of projects completed till now with regard to the conservation of rich heritage of Minority Communities under this scheme and the details thereof?

Scrapping of subsidy on Haj Pilgrimage

1108. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre will take note of the recent scrapping of Mukhya Mantri Teerth Darshan Yojana in Punjab which subsidises pilgrims' travel to places of worship and diversion of the earmarked fund allocation to education;

(b) whether the Centre currently allocates some of ₹ 600 crores to ₹ 700 crores annually for its Haj subsidy programme with additional funds from the Ministry of External Affairs for Haj and Kailash Mansarovar Yatra pilgrims; and

(c) whether the Centre will consider scrapping such subsidies for States emulating the State of Punjab by scrapping State subsidies on Kumbh melas and Kailash Mansarovar Yatras?

Physical and Financial achievement of Scholarship schemes to minorities

1109. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of physical and financial achievement of the Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship, Merit-cum-

Means Scholarship schemes year-wise and State-wise from 2013 till date;

(b) whether financial achievement for all three scholarships has declined since 2014-15, if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) whether even in February 2017, disbursement of scholarship for 2015-16 was pending in some cases, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

New welfare schemes for Minority Sections of the society

1110. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has come up with any new welfare schemes for the Minority Sections of the society;

(b) if so, which are the schemes that have been exclusively initiated by the present Government during last three years; and

(c) what is the fund allocation made for each of the schemes and how much of it has been utilised in the past three years ending 31 May, 2017?

Sports Associations in Rajasthan

†1111. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is aware of the fact that most of the sports associations presently functional in the State of Rajasthan are faced with pending litigations in courts and administrators therein have been appointed by Government;

(b) whether Government has no such policy to have a direct control over them and the sports can be protected from getting ruined; and

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(c) whether the Ministry has formulated any scheme whereby the senior players having retired from sports could be given the role and responsibility to lead these sports associations in future, if so, the details thereof?

New Sports Policy

1112. SHRI RANGASAYEE RAMAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a New Sports Policy is under consideration; and

(b) whether the new policy will be based on overall change in direction of school curriculum rather than provisioning of infrastructure which gets diverted from sports to non-sports activities?

Participation of East Bengal and Mohun Bagan in ISL

1113. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the interests of the Calcutta football giants Mohun Bagan and East Bengal are constantly compromised as far as their participation in Indian Super League (ISL) is concerned; and

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

Coaching academies for Tennis, Badminton and other sports

1114. SHRI SAMHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prestigious private academies, especially in tennis and badminton, charge hefty fee which economically poor but promising sportspersons cannot afford;

(b) whether there is any scheme under which promising sportspersons may get financial support to get coaching in privately run sports academies, and if so, the details thereon; and

(c) whether there is any plan in anvil to open sports academies of international standards under control of the Government to provide free coaching to promising sportspersons?

Expansion of National Service Scheme

†1115. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Service Scheme (NSS) is in operation with a view to develop the personality and character of the young students of the country through self-help community service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relative success has not been achieved with regard to expansion in National Service Scheme due to insufficient funding by Government;

(d) whether Government has set up a mechanism to establish the self-finance units of the National Service Scheme so that the expansion of the Scheme is not obstructed due to the lack of sufficient Government funding; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Provisioning of funds for State Sports Academies

†1116. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether services of National Institutional Sports (NIS) trained trainers provided by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for Central as well as State schemes previously which have been discontinued at present, will be started again; and

(b) whether Central Government will also provide a certain percentage of fund to State Government for operating sports academy in view of the fact that sports academies like State men's hockey academy, shooting academy, horse riding, marshal art academy, water sports academy have been started by State Governments in identified sports disciplines from 1 July, 2007?

Fillip to school sports in the country

1117. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of International Association of Athletic Foundations (IAAF) has stressed on importance of school sports in India;

(b) whether India has the talent to make a mark in the international arena; and

(c) if so, what adequate steps Government is taking to give a fillip to the school sports in the country?

Regional sports centre at Kangra in Himachal Pradesh

1118. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH

AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced 'Khelo India - National Programme for Development of Sports' all over India to encourage mass participation of both boys and girls in sports;

(b) the details of funds allocated/ released to Himachal Pradesh under the scheme;

(c) whether Government propose to establish Regional Centre in the District Kangra of Himachal Pradesh to implement the above sports promotional schemes in the region; and

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

BCCI logo

†1119. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to replace the BCCI logo because the current logo carries a mark which was given by the British to their favourite kings during the colonial era; and

(b) Ministry's view on giving an Indian mark to the logo replacing the one reminding of colonial error and the details thereof?

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**Encouragement and training to
women players from various
States**

1120. SHRIMATI JAYABACHCHAN:
Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that
the women of our country have won laurels
for the country in the field of sports;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes being
implemented by the Government for
encouraging and giving training to the
women players from various States in the
field of various sports; and

(c) whether Government has formulated
any action plan for identifying and
nurturing the sporting talents from rural
areas of various States, the details thereof?

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