

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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

Promotion of AYUSH system of medicine

‡2401. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the schemes launched by Government in the country in order to develop and encourage the AYUSH system of medicine;

(b) the State-wise details of the target fixed and achievements of the Centrally sponsored schemes implemented for the development and promotion of AYUSH during each of the last three years and current year, including Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the details of funds allocated, approved and utilised by each of the States including NGOs for this purpose during the said period?

Research on medicinal values of plants

2402. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research on medicinal values of plants carried out in India as of now;

(b) the ongoing research projects on plants regarding their medicinal values; and

(c) the institutions doing research on this issue, details thereof?

National policy for AYUSH

2403. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is drafting a national policy for AYUSH in the country;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said policy is likely to be adopted by Government;

(c) whether Government proposes to open more AYUSH hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof including the number of hospitals likely to be opened, State/UT-wise;

(d) the required number of doctors and Ayurveda specialists needed for the said purpose; and

(e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred along with the further steps taken by Government in this regard?

AYUSH Wellness Clinics in Tamil Nadu

2404. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH Wellness Clinics allotted for Tamil Nadu and the budgetary allocations for the Wellness Clinics;

(b) whether all the AYUSH Wellness Clinics in Tamil Nadu have qualified professionals and required equipments in place; and

(c) if so, the total number of professionals such as doctors and pharmacists working in each AYUSH Wellness Clinic in Tamil Nadu, district-wise?

Countering false propaganda against homoeopathy

2405. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA

AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that several media reports debunk homoeopathy as unreliable and unscientific method of treatment and create a wrong public perception about its efficacy; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to counter the false propaganda against homoeopathy?

Filling vacant posts at Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road

†2406. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 2078 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21 March, 2017 and state the action taken by Government to fill the vacancies in the Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road, New Delhi as the shortage of staff affects the functioning of the said hospital?

Development of new medicines

2407. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has developed any fresh medicine for mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and chikungunya, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the other medicines invented by AYUSH during last three years; and

(c) whether clinical trials have been made for these medicines?

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Use of Yoga techniques in de-addiction centres

2408. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different techniques of Yoga are widely being adopted for de-addiction and rehabilitation of drug users in de-addiction centres, if so, the details thereof, de-addiction centre-wise;

(b) whether the Ministry has not yet set up specific de-addiction centres and Yoga Universities in the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up Yoga Universities and de-addiction centres across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, along with the time by which the said universities and de-addiction centres are likely to be established?

Air service from cities in Bihar

†2409. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken any decision to start air services from several places of the country to save the time of common people, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the flight operation from several airports in Bihar like Darbhanga, Purnia, Muzaffarpur etc. is also going to start soon; and

(d) if so, by when and whether any time-limit has been fixed, the details thereof?

Foreign airlines services on domestic routes

2410. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allow foreign airlines to provide services on domestic routes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the names of the foreign airlines who have submitted fresh proposals to operate on domestic routes; and

(c) the details of the benefits that would accrue to them and the losses that would accrue to the domestic airlines?

Fresh bids for Jaipur and Ahmedabad airports

2411. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is going for fresh bids for the Jaipur and Ahmedabad airports, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Partial funding from States for operating into financially non-viable routes

2412. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has stated that operations to some of the destinations in the country are not viable financially, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Air India has sought partial funding from the State Governments for operating into these

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financially by non-viable routes as it is already running into losses, if so, the details thereof?

Greenfield International Airport at Mopa in North Goa

2413. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether GMR Airports Ltd. (GAL) has signed any concession agreement with the Government of Goa for development and operation of North Goa's Greenfield International Airport at Mopa; and

(b) whether the project, won by GMR through International Competitive Bidding, will operate on hybrid till model with 30 pc cross subsidy, the details thereof with estimated cost of the project?

Restoration/expansion of Shimla airport

2414. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no commercial operations are taking place from Shimla airport since September, 2012;

(b) whether Airport Authority of India (AAI) has now given nod for restoration and expansion of Shimla airport;

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred by AAI on its restoration, upgradation of runway and extension of apron to accommodate VOP aircraft along with the schedule of aircraft operation of ATR-42; and

(d) the details of remedial measures to check soil erosion of airstrip including side slopes?

Security risk to high rise buildings around airports in Rajasthan

†2415. SHRI RAM NARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 184 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18.7.17 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry has carried out any survey of the high-rise buildings within 100 meters area of the airports in Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the action taken by the Centre on the letter of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan dated 13 August, 2016?

Flight service from Nasik to Mumbai

2416. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether there is great demand to introduce passenger flight service between Nasik and Mumbai airports, if so, what is Government's response to such demand?

Incidents of accidents

2417. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of accidents involving aircrafts that have taken place during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the action taken by Government to reduce the number of such incidents of accidents; and

(c) the total number of air accidents that have happened due to low flying by trainee pilots during the last three years, year-wise?

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Jhansi airport under UDAN scheme

†2418. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities identified under 'Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik' (UDAN) scheme being implemented to provide connectivity to un-served and under served airports of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Jhansi airport of Uttar Pradesh too has been included in this scheme, if so, the airlines which has been given the responsibility for developing the network; and

(c) the major cities which are likely to be connected to Jhansi for air travel, the expected date for commencement of air services?

Financial and liquidity problems of Aviation sector

2419. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Civil Aviation sector of the country is facing financial and liquidity problems, if so, the details thereof including the state of financial performance of Air India; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for above stated problems, if so, the details thereof?

Ban on non-vegetarian food in Air India

†2420. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRI RITABRATA
BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-vegetarian food has been banned in domestic flights of Air India, if so, the reasons for taking such decisions;

(b) the details of the steps taken to reduce the cost and increase the revenue and check extravagance in the last three years and the savings made through these steps;

(c) the quantum of revenue saving likely to be incurred per year through imposition of ban on non-vegetarian food in Air India; and

(d) whether the departmental canteens of Air India have also been covered under the above ban?

Negligence on Air safety

2421. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 30 June, 2017 major Air accidents in Jammu and Kashmir and Patna were averted by our sincere pilots, if so, the reasons of such negligence in the matter of Air safety;

(b) the details of the action taken by Government against the people who are responsible for such negligence; and

(c) whether Government has given any appreciation/reward to the pilots who saved precious human lives with their sincerity?

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Ceiling on remuneration of top management of corporate sector

2422. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any strict norms and guidelines for the corporate sector for modalities to fix the salaries and perks of top management of both public and private sector companies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has prescribed any ceiling on the remuneration of CEOs, MDs and other top management of both public and private sector listed companies, if so, the details of the upper-limit fixed; and

(c) whether some companies are paying more than the prescribed ceiling to its CEOs and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such companies?

Revision in the syllabus of Chartered Accountancy courses

2423. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made revision/modification in the syllabus of the Chartered Accountancy courses and other related courses, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the existing practicing professionals are being imparted training for their updation, if so, the details thereof?

Penal action against MNCs indulging in unfair practices

2424. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government took any penal action against MNCs, particularly car companies for indulging in unfair business practices, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to collect fine, if any, imposed while passing the order?

CSR funds spending by public and private sector companies

2425. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory for both public and private companies of the corporate sector to spend two per cent of their net profit under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) rules, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has issued any strict norms and guidelines for the corporate sector for the modalities and purposes to which the CSR funds should be spent, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total CSR funds spent by the public and private sector companies in the last three years?

Closure of Army Education Corps

2426. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether the Committee headed by retired Lt. General D.B. Shekatkar has made any recommendation about the closure of Army Education Corps and deployment of its employees for futuristic core activities of combat units, if so, the details thereof, and the action Government has taken thereon?

Training of Vietnamese fighter pilots

2427. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vietnamese fighter pilots will be trained on Sukhoi-30 MKI in India;

(b) the number of pilots being trained in the first lot and the duration of the training; and

(c) whether there is any programme to train Indian fighter pilots abroad on the fighter jets that the Indian Government proposes to buy in the near future?

Views on existing size of Indian Army

2428. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China plans to reduce the size of its standing army to less than one million;

(b) if so, Government's views on the existing size of the Indian Army; and

(c) whether there is any move to ensure that the Army progressively gets out of non-core functions and improves its teeth to tail ratio, if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

2429. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), for the first time in the last 75 years, has registered a profit of ₹ 30 crores in 2016-17, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that HSL has been requesting the Government for additional orders;

(c) if so, the Government's response thereto; and

(d) the details of Order Book of HSL as on June, 2017?

Crashes of Air Force Planes and Helicopters

2430. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air Force Planes and Helicopters which crashed in last three years, year-wise details thereof and the reasons for the same;

(b) the number of deaths reported both from Indian Air Force and civilians in such crashes in the last three years and details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that maximum of the Air Force Planes and Helicopters which crashed were past their use by date and were not been phased out, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the years of service rendered by these Air Force Planes and Helicopters gave before crashing?

Developing military-industrial complex

2431. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken steps to increase funding both for scientific research and native strategic research, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government plans to further the native military industrial complex by streamlining and granting more

funds to DRDO as opposed to buying weapons and defence equipments from foreign arms manufacturers, if so, the details thereof?

Signing of military and defence agreements

2432. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 223 given in Rajya Sabha on 18 July, 2017 and state:

(a) any military or defence agreement has been signed with other nations for last three years, if so, the details thereof of the countries with which India has signed various military or defence agreements during the last three years; and

(b) the names of any private companies in India producing military or defence tools or equipments, if so, details thereof?

Acute shortage of quality protective materials

2433. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of quality protective material for soldiers fighting terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, if so, the immediate steps being taken to ensure that quality self-protection covering is provided to the soldiers;

(b) the measures taken to ensure that the soldiers suffer the minimum loss while fighting terrorists; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry in 2016 had proposed to procure lighter Army helmets, if so, the present status in this regard?

Delay in procurement of MCMVs

2434. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a deal with any foreign original equipment manufacturer for supply of naval support vessels for the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the report of the Defence Acquisition Council on the Mine Counter Measure Vessels (MCMVs) of the country and the procurement proposal therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been a long delay to finalise the Minesweeper deal thereof, if so, the economic and security loss of Government therefor?

Making border roads accessible in the country

2435. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the length of border roads laid during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there are still more borders not having adequate infrastructure to more forces in border area; and

(c) if so, the action taken to make border roads accessible in the country?

Military ties with foreign countries

2436. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any military ties with any foreign country in respect of finance and exchange of personnel, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any report on the US defence budget which seeks an

advance in their budget for military co-operation with India, if so, the details of the proposals thereof; and

(c) India's major defence partners in terms of defence trade and exchange of technology including personnel therefor?

Reforms in military justice system

2437. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the verdict of International Court of Justice on Kulbhushan Jadhav's case has brought out glaring deficiencies in military legal system of Pakistan, compared to international standards of fair trial;

(b) whether military legal system of India has its origin in 1857 Mutiny, which made the British to draft a new legal system to discipline mercenary forces; and

(c) whether few reforms were made in 1992 to give more power to Commanding Officers in India and still, with three different services following their own legal systems, there is a need for major changes in military justice system in India?

Intrusion by Myanmar Army

2438. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Myanmar Army shifted a pillar from Indo-Myanmar Border and rebuilt it at Haolenphai village, one kilometre within Indian territory in June, 2014, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the disputed pillar;

(c) whether Myanmar troops even

asked the villagers to leave the encroached area; and

(d) whether they also even tried to open a camp at Haolenphai village, if so, the details thereof, and the response and action taken by Government thereto?

Violation of Indian airspace by the Chinese

†2439. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 219 given in Rajya Sabha on 18 July, 2017 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of illegal incursion by Chinese helicopters in Chamoli region of Uttarakhand have increased; and

(b) the details of incursions by Chinese helicopters, aircrafts and soldiers in the different parts of the country in the last three years along with the objections raised by Government on such tendency and the details thereof?

Upgrading defence capability of the nation

2440. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has inadequate defence power in comparison to our neighbouring countries such as China, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take to increase

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the defence power of the nation keeping in view the present controversy with China?

Suicides and fratricides in the Army

2441. SHRI PRASANNA
ACHARYA:
DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of suicides and fratricides reported in the Indian Army during the last three years and the number of deaths of soldiers and officers in the Indian Army for the above reasons;

(b) the steps Government has initiated so far to stop such incidents which are giving a bad name to the Indian Army; and

(c) whether Government is considering to appoint a commission/committee consisting of retired Army officers, psychologists and social scientists to study the whole matter and find out the reasons and solutions thereof?

Expediting procurement of jets for IAF

2442. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would expedite procurement of fighter jets for Indian Air Force, to augment its force, in view of strategic reasons at present, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether tenders were issued placing order to purchase these jet aircrafts;

(c) the efforts being made to see that it is covered under the Make in India programme;

(d) the number of MiG-21 aircrafts which are to be retired in the next three years; and

(e) the steps taken to have full complement of 42 squadrons in IAF and details thereof?

e-Shakti initiative of NABARD

2443. DR. VINAY P.
SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of e-Shakti initiative of NABARD;

(b) the number of districts covered and Self-Help-Groups (SHGs) digitised under the project, the details thereof;

(c) the number of SHGs benefited from the credit-linkage-programme under the project; and

(d) the number of SHGs de-recognised after digitisation, State-wise, the aggregate profit or loss account trend of total recognised SHGs after the project implementation, State-wise?

One Rank One Pension scheme for banking industry

2444. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a constant demand for One Rank One Pension from various other sectors following introduction of one rank one pay for the defence sector;

(b) whether Government is considering to introduce One Rank One Pension scheme for the banking industry;

(c) whether there is any move to revise the pension of the retired bank employees; and

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

Action against loan fraud at SBI branch

2445. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to refer to answers to Unstarred Question 1358 dated 14 March 2017 and Unstarred Question 237 dated 18 July 2017 given in Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) the details of action taken against erring officials for denying the loan sanctioned on 27 February, 2013;

(b) reasons why SBI has concealed the above loan in FIR dated 2 August, 2013 and during investigation and action taken in this regard against erring officials;

(c) details of action RBI would take for not reporting the frauds in 2013 to RBI while its quality for being reported as it was secured on forged/fake No Dues/NOC from Purvanchal Bank; and

(d) details of action Government will take against SBI officials and habitual fraudsters for fraudulently secured loan on 27 February, 2013?

Charges on digital transactions

2446. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has asked all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to cut charges for digital transactions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the PSBs have also been asked to keep IMPS and UPI charges in line with those for National Electronic Fund Transfer where RBI allows fee of ₹ 2.50 for transfers of upto ₹ 10,000; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the PSBs in this regard?

Doing away with allowances under 7th CPC

2447. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government employees will not get Family Planning Allowances;

(b) whether it is a fact that the diet, haircutting and soap toilet allowances given to select categories of employee have been discontinued; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a raft of grants and allocations made to various sections of Government employees have been done away with or revised as per the recommendations of the Committee on Allowances, if so, the details thereof?

Need to ensure proper functioning of bank ATMs in rural areas

2448. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ATMs of many banks including Nationalised banks are not functioning properly especially in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or being taken by the banks to sort out these issues and to make their ATMs function properly?

Resolution of 55 high-value cases of bad loans

2449. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI has

asked banks to resolve 55 high-value cases of bad loans within six months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by banks in this direction?

Fresh investments by corporate sector

2450. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fresh investments by corporate sector have hit a new low of just 5.8 per cent in the fiscal year 2016-17; and

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

Amount collected from income tax evaders

2451. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected as income tax by Government in the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16; and

(b) the number of raids executed by Government and the number of people caught for tax evasion and the amount collected every year from them in the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, year-wise?

Impact of GST on insurance and banking

2452. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that from insurance premium to ATM transactions, banking will be expensive under GST, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Rise in fiscal deficit due to loan waivers

2453. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fiscal deficit of the Centre and States has been increasing year by year, if so, the details for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(b) whether Government envisaged the danger of increasing fiscal deficit due to the recent loan waiver to farmers by certain States; and

(c) whether Government will finance the States for the farm loan waiver?

Re-examination of GST on Ayurveda

2454. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government received any representation requesting to rectify the anomalies in GST in fixing the tax slab for Ayurveda, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(b) whether Government propose to re-examine the disputed slabs in GST regime?

Investigation of cases under PML Act

2455. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government during the last three years to control financial crimes in the country;

(b) the details of the legislative changes put in place during the last three years to strengthen the institutional framework;

(c) the number of cases for which chargesheets have been filed under the Prevention of Money Laundering (PML) Act, 2002, across the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the number of cases for which investigations are being conducted across the country?

Action against Mutual Funds for violation of Regulations

2456. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government has taken any stringent action against Mutual Funds for violation of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulation, 1996 framed under section 30 read with clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 11 of SEBI Act, 1992 during last 10 years, if so, the details thereof?

Increase in tax payers after demonetisation

2457. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has brought about 91 lakh tax payers in the tax net and detected undisclosed income worth ₹23,144 crore in the six months after demonetisation, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is no longer safe to deal with excessive cash as it has become easier to detect tax evaders through technology, if so, the details thereof?

People died standing in queues outside banks

2458. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the number of people who died standing in queues outside banks since November, 2016;

(b) details of those who have died since November, 2016 outside banks, State-wise along with the reasons for their deaths; and

(c) whether Government plans to set up any special body to look into this life loss and suggest any rehabilitation measures for these people, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for the same?

Relaxation of regulations for banks for providing loans to corporate entities

2459. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the regulations that are being relaxed for banks to provide loans in respect of corporate entities in the latest Finance Bill?

Research report by SBI on farm loan waiver

2460. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States who have announced farm loan waivers;

(b) whether the Central Government has any proposal on the same lines, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the State Bank of India has prepared a research report on this subject, if so, highlights of the Report?

Factors responsible for widening of CAD

2461. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Current Account Deficit has widened in the 4th quarter of the financial year 2016-17, if so, quarterly details in this regard for 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) the details of the factors responsible for widening of the Current Account Deficit; and

(c) the steps taken to keep the Current Account Deficit under control?

Releasing funds to Telangana under Centrally Sponsored Schemes

2462. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantum of Central grants and funds due under Centrally Sponsored Schemes have not been released to the State of Telangana in the last financial year, if so, the details thereof, grant-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) the reasons for not releasing the said grants and funds to the State, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these grants would carry forward to the subsequent year or not, the details thereof?

Sector-wise NPA resolution

2463. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to review sector-wise NPA

resolution, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has discussed the matter with the RBI to arrive at a final decision to resolve through Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code process, if so, the details thereof?

Incorrect filing of Service Tax Returns

2464. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inquiries once initiated in the cases of evasion of taxes or incorrect filing of Service Tax Returns (now GST) are not closed within the prescribed time limits, if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(b) the guidelines issued by Central Board of Direct Taxes to field officers to complete the process of inquiry within the specified time period; and

(c) the details of penalties of filing incorrect service tax details where there is no leakage of taxes by tax payers?

Launch of work from home facility by SBI

2465. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Bank of India has adopted a new policy to enable its employees to work from home by using mobile computing technologies/ devices to increase the employee productivity, if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(b) whether Government is considering to implement this policy in its other financial departments/ institutions, if so, the details thereof?

Profiteering by Multi-National Companies

2466. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and Google and other such multinational companies are generating huge money/profits from our country;

(b) if so, the details of their earnings during the last three years from their Indian business; and

(c) whether Government is getting service tax and income tax or any other taxes from these companies during the last three years, and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Relief on import duties to boost electric car manufacturing

2467. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether car making company Tesla has asked Government for relief on import duties to set up an electric car manufacturing plant in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to provide partial or complete relief to Tesla, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is aware that citizens of India have started an online petition asking it to provide such relief that can boost to electric car manufacturing in India, if so, the response of Government with regard thereto?

Audit of loans sanctioned by National Housing Bank at arbitrary rates

2468. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Housing Bank (NHB) provides loans for construction of new homes, if so, the details thereof for the last five years;

(b) whether NHB provides loans to other banks and finance companies at arbitrary rates, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of methodology and mechanism for audit of loans sanctioned by NHB?

GST on fertilizers

2469. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue generated by reduction of subsidy on fertilizers during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, so far, year-wise and fertilizer-wise;

(b) whether Government has imposed GST on fertilizers also, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that after imposing GST on fertilizers the burden on farmers will further increase; and

(d) if so, the steps Government will take to ease taxes on fertilizers and to restore subsidy in view of unprecedented suicide of farmers?

Different income risk categories under scanner

2470. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to undertake actions against the persons in high risk category which has around 1 lakh persons with the amount of deposits involved estimated to be around 1.72 lakh crore, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the medium risk category has the highest number of tax payers under scanner at 7.54 lakh persons while 5.956 lakh persons are in low risk category and 3.41 lakh persons are in very low risk category, if so, the details thereof?

Benefit of joining United Nations TIR convention

2471. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India became the 71st country to join the United Nations Transports Internationaux Routiers (TIR) convention, the International Customs Transit System, if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind the move;

(b) the benefit that India get out of joining TIR convention;

(c) whether India accession to TIR would have a big impact on regional connectivity, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether TIR can help implement the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal Motor Vehicle agreement, if so, the details thereof?

Default by insurance companies

2472. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are

some instances where insurance companies are making delay in payment of sum assured to the insured persons, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some cricket celebrities have faced such incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government in case of default by the insurance companies in such cases?

Difficulties in maintaining ATMs by banks

2473. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the difficulties being faced by Banks in maintaining ATMs as they have become burdensome on their revenue, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted on the performance of ATMs and why they have become burdensome to banks and customers as well; and

(c) whether Government has any plan of limiting to onsite ATMs only which will reduce the burden of banks and customers as well?

NPA resolution through One Time Settlement (OTS)

2474. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is reviewing the top 500 exposures of banks that are partly or wholly classified as NPAs;

(b) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has stated that it would prefer One

Time Settlement (OTS) to lengthy legal process;

(c) the steps RBI will take to ensure and facilitate OTS implementation; and

(d) the deadline set by RBI in reduction of NPAs cases?

Soaring fiscal deficit by States

2475. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sum total of States Fiscal Deficits has reached ₹ 4,93,000 crores in the fiscal 2016;

(b) the break-up of the figures in the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether RBI has issued any advice on soaring fiscal deficits and its impact on the economy; and

(d) the steps proposed to control fiscal deficits of all the States?

Import duties on different agricultural crops

2476. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of import duties for agricultural crops like wheat, rice, pulses, edible oil in the years 2015-16, 2016-17 and till June, 2017;

(b) the number of times the import duties on the above agricultural crops, were amended and the details of the different amended rates; and

(c) the reasons for amendments in import duties?

Names of willful defaulters

2477. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies which have been declared willful defaulters;

(b) the amount of money they owe to each of the banks; and

(c) the efforts being made to realise the bank's dues?

Interest free/subsidised loans to farmers

2478. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the Banks and financial institutions to provide interest free or subsidised loans to farmers in Maharashtra and rest of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the provisions made by Government to make up the losses of the Banks and Financial Institutions (FIs) in implementing Government directive?

Opposition to appointment of Chief Financial Officer by RBI

2479. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI's decision to appoint a Chief Financial Officer is facing stiff opposition as its officers' association has questioned the move on the grounds that such a requirement is neither a Statutory nor a legal mandate, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is not the first time that the RBI's move to

have an outsider is facing resistance, if so, the details thereof?

Single window for annual allocation and sharing pattern of CSS

2480. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to evolve a single window system for communication of annual allocation and sharing pattern of CSS to the States, if so, by when it will be implemented; and

(b) whether Government in future will also consider to introduce the process of giving indications to States about annual allocation and sharing pattern of CSS in order to impart a greater degree of certainty to the budgeting exercise for ensuing years?

Assessment of DBT Scheme

†2481. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under the various welfare schemes has caused reduction in corruption, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is taking any special measures to assess the quality of work and utilisation of funds in these schemes, if so, the details thereof along with its results thereon?

Digital literacy of people

2482. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is having any statistics on digital literacy of the people in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, how Government is promoting cashless transactions in the large scale in garb of removing black money; and

(c) the number of people of the country who are having bank accounts and out of them how many are using thumb impression as their signature and how many of them are literate enough to write their name only?

Size and status of NIIF

2483. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA-SEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the size and status of the National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF) announced by Government in 2015; and

(b) the quantum of domestic and international investment attracted by the NIIF and the details of infrastructure investment made by the NIIF till June, 2017?

Investment on infrastructure projects by ADB

2484. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ADB has agreed to invest \$ 10 billion over a period of five years on infrastructure projects in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and also by when the funds would start flowing into the country to speed up the execution of the projects?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Resource gap occurred to A.P. post bifurcation

2485. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has estimated the resource gap that has occurred to the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh during 2014-15 due to bifurcation as ₹ 4000 crores, as against the demand of the State of ₹ 16000 crores, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how the Central Government has confined the resource gap to ₹ 4000 crores even after the reporting of the CAG that the resource gap is more than ₹ 16000 crore?

Pension scheme for elderly

2486. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a pension scheme for elderly, if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme is exclusively for the senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme is exempted from Goods and Services Tax and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach to the needy old persons particularly those living in rural areas?

Repayment of loans by farmers

†2487. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers including small and marginal farmers covered under banking services in the country, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of farmers out of the small and marginal farmers, who have taken loans from the moneylenders, family and so on, the estimated amount of loans taken by them, State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of farmers who had repaid their debts taken in 2016-17 and the number of those who had not repaid them, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, including small and marginal farmers?

Complaint regarding implementation of DBT schemes

2488. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has achieved desired results of developing information technology applications to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes, if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of beneficiaries of the said schemes as on date, State-wise/UT-wise and scheme-wise;

(c) whether Government has received any complaint in implementation of DBT, if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon, scheme-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for effective DBT in remote areas such as Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajasthan?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Threat to jobs by automation

2489. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the views of World Bank that automation threatens 69 per cent jobs in India, if so, the reactions of Government thereto; and

(b) if not, the views of Government on this issue?

Loans disbursed under Kisan Credit Card in Maharashtra

‡2490. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total loans disbursed under Kisan Credit Card during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the maximum amount of loan under Kisan Credit Card;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the same, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of farmers brought under Kisan Credit Card in Maharashtra during the last three years and the number of applications still pending?

Size/dimension of new currency notes

2491. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the size/dimension of all currency notes printed by the RBI in the denominations of ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 is respectively the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof, in respect of the size/dimension of both ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000 currency notes respectively; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Cloning of credit/debit cards

2492. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the cases of involvement of employees/agents in cloning credit/debit cards while obtaining payment from the customers and subsequent frauds;

(b) the total number of such cases reported upon and investigated during the last three years; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government and establishments concerned to generate awareness among public about skimming of plastic cards to ensure its safe use on large-scale to promote less-cash economy?

Fiscal and revenue deficit

2493. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the fiscal deficit in percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2017-18;

(b) the revenue deficit in percentage of the GDP during 2017-18;

(c) the revenue receipts during 2017-18; and

(d) the GDP growth during 2017-18?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Budgetary allocation for Karnataka

2494. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated for Karnataka under different heads by Government, the details thereof, Head-wise; and

(b) the details of progress in utilisation thereof and any help given by Central Government to the State for preparing budget dates?

Percentage of fake currency notes deposited during demonetisation

2495. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that among the devalued currency notes submitted to banks and those caught by authorities there are fake currency notes also, if so, what is their percentage;

(b) whether it is higher than what the study made by ISI Kolkata and revealed; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that fake currency notes of present denominations are being caught from different parts of the country?

Recent cyber attacks on the banking system

†2496. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banking system in India got affected following the recent cyber attacks on about 100 countries and RBI had to issue directions to close down the ATMs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether India is still not prepared to deal with such cyber attacks; and

(c) if not, whether Indian banking system is capable of dealing with any types of cyber attacks?

Beneficiaries under Mudra scheme

2497. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Mudra scheme; and

(b) the total amount taken as loans under this scheme till date?

Problems arising for common man after demonetisation and GST

2498. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of problems being faced by the people of the country after the demonetisation of the currency notes and implementation of GST in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to alleviate the problems of common man in this regard?

GST on sanitary napkins

2499. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:
SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has imposed GST on sanitary napkins at luxury items' slab, rather than making it GST-free at a time when Government is empowering women at vulnerable levels socio-economically, with affordable medicare;

(b) whether educational institutions making available personal hygiene wear at school/college premises since affordable personal hygiene has been the most crucial element for overall physical well-being for girls and women;

(c) if so, the reasons for taxing sanitary napkins; and

(d) whether Government would consider exempting sanitary napkins from GST or at least make it applicable only for high-priced premium brands?

Scheme to make education loan as an easy loans

2500. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA:
SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is providing education loan to students through banks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the accrual of interest begins on the same day when the education loan is given to students;

(c) whether it becomes a burden on students; and

(d) whether Government has worked out a scheme to make this loan as an easy loan, if so, the details thereof?

Direction for safer online transaction

2501. SHRI K. K. RAGESH:
SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the Reserve Bank of India to ensure that online transactions are made safer; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by banks to stop frauds in online transactions?

Identification of tax evaders during OCM

2502. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:
SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the second phase of Operation Clean Money (OCM), Government has identified 5.56 lakh people whose deposits during the demonetisation window do not match their income profile, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that another 1.04 lakh persons who did not disclose all bank accounts during verification in the first phase of OCM have also been identified, if so, the details thereof?

Increasing public expenditure on healthcare

2503. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Twelfth Five Year Plan and Draft Health Policy, 2015 committed the country to increase

public expenditure on health to at least 2.5 per cent of GDP, if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(b) by which financial year Government assures to increase the spending on healthcare to at least 2.5 per cent of the country's GDP, as the public spending on health in India is one of the lowest among BRICS nations?

Food testing laboratories accredited with NABL

†2504. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all laboratories meant for testing adulteration in various parts of the country are accredited by NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories);

(b) if so, the places in the country where accredited laboratories are located along with their names;

(c) whether there are also such laboratories in the country that are not accredited by NABL and are still engaged in testing of adulteration; and

(d) if so, whether Government would take action against such laboratories and if not, the reasons therefor?

Issue of No Obligation to Return to India certificates

†2505. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the No Obligation to Return to India certificates issued to doctors;

(b) the reasons for issuing such certificates by Government while the country is suffering due to acute shortage of doctors;

(c) whether Government is going to introduce exit examinations for doctors for admission to post graduate courses and issuing them licences, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the same exit examination conducted for the students doing MBBS from India and from other countries of the world will be the same; and

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

Rapid Test Laboratories for checking food adulteration

2506. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has implemented the use of Rapid Test Laboratory devices to check the adulteration of milk and edible oil, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to market and standardise such devices?

Assessment of PHCs and Sub-centres

2507. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertakes any assessment of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Sub-centres in different States;

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(b) the States which are deploying more funds for successfully improving the functioning of such centres; and

(c) the roadmap drawn up by Government for availing adequate financial resources to initiate transforming 1.5 lakh Sub-centres into health and wellness centres so as to promote use of generic drugs?

Curbing attacks on doctors

†2508. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the fact that Medical Protection Act is enforced in Uttar Pradesh, some incidents of attacks on doctors have come into light;

(b) the details thereof and the number of incidents of attack on doctors in the country as available with the Ministry; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop occurrence of such incidents and to make the Act more effective?

Regular Director for RIMS, Imphal

†2509. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Director has been lying vacant since 2014 in Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, Manipur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an IAS officer has been deputed as acting director in the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences;

(c) if so, the reasons for not appointing

the regular Director in the said institute; and

(d) by when a regular director is likely to be appointed in Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, Manipur?

Clinical trials of antibiotics on children

†2510. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any record regarding trial of antibiotics on children under one year of age, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to excessive use of antibiotics on infants, there is no effect of general antibiotics like Ampicillin on them; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent this?

Merging of departments in Safdarjung Hospital

2511. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the common treatments being done in Central Institute of Orthopaedics and Sports Injury Centre of Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) whether common treatments can be housed and merged in one department;

(c) whether both the departments can be housed in one building in the interest of patients; and

(d) whether Directors of both the departments may be housed in one building?

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Chemicals laced milk

2512. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of private milk producers mixing chemicals in milk supplied to the public;

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent the adulteration and also punish such suppliers; and

(c) the number of States where such adulteration is found to have happened?

Super speciality blocks in Rajasthan medical colleges

2513. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC) (India) Ltd. has been sanctioned to start work of super-speciality blocks in Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jhalawar and Ajmer under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)-III and IV, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the period to start and complete the super speciality wing in medical colleges; and

(c) how these super speciality blocks will get the required number of super specialists to run super speciality blocks?

Availability of facilities at AIIMS, Bhopal

‡2514. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an AIIMS similar to AIIMS, Delhi is operational in Bhopal the capital of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the total number of doctors working at Bhopal AIIMS happens to be in cent per cent agreement to the sanctioned strength;

(c) whether the total number of beds are being made available in Bhopal AIIMS as per specified numbers thereof; and

(d) whether Government has received any complaint regarding non-availability of specified facilities in Bhopal AIIMS on the lines of Delhi AIIMS?

Making healthcare affordable

2515. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 62 per cent of health expenditure is still out of pocket expenditure; and

(b) if so, the schemes and measures taken by Government in reducing the out of pocket expenditure and making healthcare affordable to all the citizens?

Dispersible TB drugs for children

2516. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the children diagnosed with

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tuberculosis are given pills meant for adults in lower doses by the doctors;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to introduce dispersible drugs for children according to their weight?

Modernisation of blood banks

2517. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial and technical support for modernization of blood banks in the country, if so, the details thereof, along with criteria adopted for this purpose;

(b) the number of blood banks modernised along with grants provided to them during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether there are any unlicensed blood banks that have come to the notice of Government, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government?

Increase in inferior quality of drugs

2518. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints about the inferior quality of drugs are increasing in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the present mechanism at Government level to ensure the quality of allopathic medicines; and

(c) the details of the complaint redressal mechanism available regarding the quality of medicines?

Huge waiting list for surgery in hospitals

2519. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge waiting list of patients to get surgery in Government hospitals in India especially in AIIMS Delhi, Safdarjung Hospital Delhi, RML Hospital Delhi, King Edward Memorial Hospital Mumbai, Kasturba Hospital Mumbai, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute and Calcutta National Medical College Kolkata; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to bring down the waiting list for surgery by creating more operation theatres and OPDs in Government Hospitals, if so, the details thereof?

Waitlisted patients for kidney transplant

2520. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of waitlisted patients for kidney transplant in the last three years till 30 June, 2017;

(b) the success rate of the kidney transplants in India; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the success rate of kidney transplants, the details thereof?

Reduction in infant death rates

2521. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

has not been able to achieve targets of reducing infant death rates during last three years;

(b) if so, the details of infant deaths occurring during last three years, State-wise, as against the pre-fixed targets of reducing the same; and

(c) the details of Government's plan to achieve the targets of infant death reduction effectively?

Empanelled hospitals under PMSSY

†2522. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the hospitals listed in the panel for providing treatment under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY);

(b) whether any survey has been conducted about the utilization of funds received under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana; and

(c) whether any discretionary quota has been fixed for Members of Parliament to extend the benefits under the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

Spending on social sector

2523. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high focus States allocate large amounts to the social sector to improve their indicators, if so, the names of those States;

(b) whether in reality they spend only a small amount, compared to what is allocated; and

(c) what steps Ministry would take to consider actual amounts in order to know the proper outcomes?

Involving private sector in primary healthcare

2524. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the draft National Health Policy, Ministry proposes to involve private sector in providing primary healthcare in rural and urban areas, if so, whether primary healthcare facilities are in a bad state under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and National Urban Health Mission (NUHM);

(b) if not, the details of PHCs functioning along with the manpower available and vacancies under NRHM and NUHM separately, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated and spent for running PHCs under NRHM and NUHM, separately, since 2014, State-wise and year-wise; and

(d) whether the involvement of private sector would make healthcare unaffordable for many?

Substandard drugs in Government supply chain

2525. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the largest-ever survey by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, more than ten per cent of drugs in the Government supply chain were found to be Not of Standard Quality (NSQ), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to

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tighten drugs quality norms before it implements the generics only prescription policy?

Palliative care units for cancer patients

2526. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of patients suffering from cancer in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether palliative care units are not adequate in all the States compared to the number of cancer patients, if so, the palliative care units in every State, district-wise;

(c) the districts in every State which have become total palliative care or where all cancer patients in need of relief from pain resulting from cancer are getting palliative care; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to provide total palliative care in all districts of the country so that sufferings of cancer patients are minimized?

Establishment of Kidney Diseases Research Centre at Uddhanam

2527. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal for establishment of Kidney Diseases Research Centre at Uddhanam in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the response of Government on such request and the details thereof?

Scrapping of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)

2528. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to scrap Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) Scheme under which a pregnant woman and lactating mother is entitled to ₹ 1400 for her first two deliveries; and

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

Starting AIIMS in Gujarat

2529. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to start AIIMS in Gujarat in the year 2017-18, if so, the name of the city;

(b) the details of the fund provision for the said project; and

(c) the details of the time-limit to complete the said project?

Survivability of newborns

2530. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India globally is the poorest country still having a lesser chance of survival of newborns;

(b) if so, comparative study of last three years in respect of the international neighbouring counterparts and African continent therefor;

(c) the proposal of Government to achieve minimum level of Health Care

targets towards universal health coverage thereof; and

(d) whether Government has any target period for sustainable development of healthcare for the people of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Fixing contents of sugar and salt in food and beverages

2531. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to high consumption of soft drinks, colas and other canned foods, diseases like diabetes, cardio vascular are affecting health issues, if so, whether Government is planning to fix quantity of sugar in various aerated drinks and energy tonics;

(b) whether Government is planning to fix standards for addition of salt in processed food like breads, biscuits and other bakery items;

(c) the estimate of extent of adulteration of food items by using artificial colours which have bad effect on health; and

(d) whether Government is planning to strengthen the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) at Central and State level?

Women suffering from cancer

2532. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women suffering from cancer in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to address this issue?

Skin Bank at AIIMS, New Delhi

2533. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS, New Delhi is considering to set up Skin Bank and also plans to develop artificial skin, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that need to have such banks in hospitals have increased across the country due to growing number of burn injuries; and

(c) if so, whether Government has any plans to set up skin banks in all Government hospitals across the country?

Upgradation of PHCs

2534. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to upgrade and/or develop the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) of the country into General Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details of State-wise primary health centres and sub-divisional hospitals in the country; and

(c) the details of the proposal and the time-frame of Government to provide free medical support systems to all and the technical developments with financial support therefor?

Law for regulating diagnostic labs

2535. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no law to regulate

diagnostic labs for their diagnostic services, pricing and quality;

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

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

Upgrading food testing laboratories

2536. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food testing laboratories set up in the country including Maharashtra along with the number of such laboratories out of these which fulfils international standards, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that several food testing laboratories are still not fully equipped to meet the requirement of food testing, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to upgrade the said laboratories, if so, the details thereof?

Action against companies not submitting financial accounts

†2537. SHRILAL SINGH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to take action against the companies not submitting their financial accounts under the Company Act for a long time;

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

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

Reviewing the functioning of NIHFV

2538. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFV), new Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a large number of posts in NIHFV are lying vacant which is adversely affecting its working, if so, the details of the vacancy and recruitment done;

(c) whether several posts including Librarian was advertised in 2013 but recruitment has not been completed so far; and

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

Under-reporting cases of dengue and malaria

2539. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the under-reporting of dengue and malaria cases;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details regarding action taken for prevention of vector borne diseases in India?

State-of-the-art medical treatment centres

†2540. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of

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establishment of AIIMS medical research and treatment centres in the country during the last five years and the updated details of standard of medical services being provided; and

(b) the details of plan or resolution for the setting up/construction of "super specialty" medical treatment centres equipped with the state-of-art medical treatment facilities besides AIIMS at national level?

Medical facilities in contaminated water affected areas

2541. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to consider providing quality medical care to habitations where quality of water is affected with contaminants like arsenic, fluoride and iron etc.; and

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

Falsification of Mission Indradhanush data

†2542. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the access to vaccination for newborn children and pregnant women is more in urban areas under 'Mission Indradhanush' and it is negligible in rural and remote areas and as

such timely vaccination is not taking place in rural areas;

(b) the State-wise, city-wise and rural area-wise details of the vaccination done in rural and urban areas under this Mission during the last two years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that concocted and overhyped blown-up data are being submitted under this scheme?

Prescribing of medicines at AIIMS, Raipur

†2543. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that doctors at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur, Chhattisgarh are prescribing such medicines which are available only in some of the local medical stores and patients are forced to buy medicines from certain medical stores located in that area; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that higher rates are being charged from patients by means of manipulating the prices of generic medicines available in medical stores of that area and the details thereof?

Checking wastage of blood by blood banks

2544. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:
SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last three years, over 28 lakh units of blood and its components were discarded by blood banks across India, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps being taken to check wastage of blood?

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**Framework for private hospitals
serving district hospitals**

2545. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop a framework to let private hospitals run select services in district hospitals and in cities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the departments or services that would be given to Public Private Partnership;

(c) whether key stakeholders from civil society and academia and NGOs were consulted or to be consulted, before implementation; and

(d) whether free consultation services and in-patient services will be provided to weaker sections of the society, how far this would help in achieving universal health coverage, the details thereof?

New drugs for malaria

2546. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is in the process of developing new drugs to combat the deadly diseases like malaria that affects millions of people globally, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of people affected and killed by this deadly disease during the last two years in the country?

**Skill development of minority
communities in Madhya Pradesh**

†2547. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched any special scheme for skill development of youth belonging to minority communities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of youth belonging to the minority communities in Madhya Pradesh, who have benefited from the special scheme for skill development launched for them; and

(c) whether any proposal for any scheme from the Government of Madhya Pradesh is under consideration under this scheme, if so, the details thereof?

**Garib Nawaz Skill Development
Centre in the country**

2548. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has proposed to establish Garib Nawaz Skill Development Centres in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the places identified in Bihar and Jharkhand for this purpose?

**Implementation of Sachar Committee
Report**

2549. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry would highlight the recommendations of Sachar Committee

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Report implemented so far keeping in view the fact that said Report has revealed the pathetic state of affairs of minorities in the country;

(b) salient features of the Report regarding living conditions, employment opportunities, health, education etc.;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any efforts to improve overall situation of minorities highlighted in the report in the last three years, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government will make innovative methods to draw more minorities to education so that they play a major part in the mainstream and empower themselves?

Minority communities in Kerala

2550. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any data which provides details of various minority communities in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the percentage of income, educational standard and employment opportunities of women from minority communities; and

(d) whether the Ministry has undertaken any exercise to know the comparative income, educational levels, employment opportunities of minorities in other States, the details thereof?

State Commissions on the line of NCMEI

2551. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissions on the lines of National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) have also been set up in the States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such Commissions have been set up;

(c) if not, whether Government is contemplating to issue any kind of guidelines to the States for setting up of such Commissions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Helpline for Muslims in distress

2552. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched a helpline for Muslims in distress, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has reviewed the working of the said helpline since its launch and if so, the details thereto?

Three tier education model for minorities

2553. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI:
SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a three tier educational model for minorities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has received a suggestion from a committee in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the report of the said committee recommended setting

up of 167 central schools in minority dominated rural areas/blocks and minority concentrated districts and forty-four in minority dominated and minority concentrated cities across the country; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the said committee wanted that the norms of Navodaya Vidyalaya and Kendriya Vidyalaya should be suitably amended and made applicable?

Contribution of sports industry to GDP

2554. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of Indian sports industry, Sporting leagues, sports apparel, sports equipment etc. to the GDP;

(b) whether there is a law to regulate the sports industry including different sports leagues, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Implementation of Lodha Committee reforms

2555. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reforms suggested by the Lodha Committee are being implemented in a tardy manner due to BCCI obstinacy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps Government is taking to implement the Lodha Committee reforms in letter and spirit?

Sports facilities for the residents

2556. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that RWAs of the DDA flats in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi which were constructed for the stay of participating sportspersons of Commonwealth Games 2010 have recently requested DDA, Lt. Governor of Delhi and to the Government to provide sports facilities for the residents, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government has taken or proposes to take on the requests of the RWAs?

Promotion of Kabaddi to International level

2557. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to promote Kabaddi in India and International levels, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has made any efforts to include Kabaddi in Olympics, if so, the details thereof?

Compulsory yoga/games in high school level

2558. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to make Yoga/games/sports compulsory at least up to high school level in all Government and private schools, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has strategy to inculcate interest in sports amongst the youth of the country through curriculum?

Action plan for new generation of youths

2559. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken any action plan to unleash the creative power and commitment of the new generation of youths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

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Utilisation of funds for differently abled persons

2560. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the utilisation of funds for differently abled persons under the Khelo India Scheme; and

(b) whether there has been Sports Infrastructure creation under Khelo India Scheme, especially for the differently abled, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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