

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018/Phalguna 29, 1939 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power)**

**Total number of questions — 15**

#### **Steps taken to address the high MMR**

\*256. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to address the high maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in India;

(b) the steps taken by Government to address alleged and increasing reports of obstetric violence, *i.e.*, the abuse of pregnant women by health workers, if any; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to address the alleged violation of consent of pregnant women during delivery, especially the performance of episiotomy procedures without obtaining informed consent?

#### **Waiver of inter-State power transmission charges**

\*257. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has extended the waiver of inter-State power transmission charges and losses of solar and wind projects commissioned till March 31, 2022;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the waiver was available for a period of 25 years from the date of commissioning of the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Scientifically validated Ayurvedic drug molecules**

\*258. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new drug molecules of Ayurvedic medicines which are validated scientifically and introduced in market;

(b) how much revenue generation has been made by marketing such molecule introduced, if any; and

(c) the future policy of Government for these types of research and how much is the fund allotted for research in Ayurveda?

#### **Setting up of Ayurvedic colleges in Chhattisgarh**

†\*259. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether setting up of Ayurvedic Colleges in Bastar division and Ambikapur region in Chhattisgarh is in the public interest in view of abundant availability of herbs and forest medicines there;

(b) whether quality medicines can be manufactured by setting up quality ayurvedic pharmacies in these regions, so as to encourage indigenous medicines; and

(c) whether Government would focus on improving pharmacy for manufacturing existing medicines as it is not possible to manufacture medicines as per requirement in the absence of supervision of Raipur Ayurvedic Pharmacy?

#### **Demonetisation impact on corruption**

†\*260. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demonetisation

could not get expected results in stopping the corruption for which it was intended by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that old currencies in the denominations of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 still continue to be seized in the raids; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Merging of laws into Government Savings Promotion Act**

\*261. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to merge various laws into a Government Savings Promotion Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the move is aimed at removing ambiguities;

(d) whether the main objective in proposing a common Act is to make implementation easier for the depositors as they need not go through different Rules and Acts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Strengthening the security of banks/ ATMs**

\*262. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of robbery, fraud and attack on customers in banks, cash vans, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) etc., reported in various parts of

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the country during the last three years and in the current year, bank-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Reserve Bank of India issued any guidelines to banks regarding safety and security of banks/ATMs and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government or RBI to strengthen the security of banks, cash vans and ATMs, by using latest modern technology to prevent and deal with such incidents in future?

**Amount involved in LoUs issued by banks**

\*263. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Letters of Undertaking (LoUs) were issued since 2011, year-wise, as well as number of LoUs issued till May 26, 2014 and thereafter;

(b) the amount involved in each LoU;

(c) the period for which the LoU was valid according to the LoUs for 90 days, 180 days and 365 days or more;

(d) how much money was withdrawn from the foreign branch of the other banks against each LoU; and

(e) in how many LoUs issued were the transactions completed by paying the LoU amount to the Punjab National Bank and how many LoUs were not honoured?

**Withdrawal of Contributory Pension System**

\*264. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the demand across the country seeking withdrawal of Contributory Pension System which has become a detriment to the employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any study and taken the views of the State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

**Reduction in airfares for Haj pilgrims**

\*265. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air travel cost for Haj pilgrims has been reduced by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to allow Haj pilgrims to avail private airlines on Government quota; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Reason for fall in GDP**

†\*266. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a continuous fall in Gross Domestic Product *i.e.* GDP is being recorded due to demonetisation itself;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the main reason for the fall in GDP?

(a) whether Government has conducted any study into health and nutrition problems caused in children by worms;

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

(c) whether Government has any plans for protection of children from diseases caused by worms; and

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

**Insecurity of public money in banks due to scams**

\*267. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about India's biggest Bank Scam which happened in the Punjab National Bank involving ₹ 17,600 crore;

(b) if so, whether Government is also aware about high degree of insecurity of public money deposited in the banks;

(c) whether Government has considered any mechanism to make good for such losses of public money; and

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

**Protecting children from diseases caused by worms**

\*268. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

**Rise in MMR in Gujarat**

\*269. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in year 2014-15, Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and anaemia cases in women in the age group 14-49 in Gujarat rose as compared to 2013-14; and

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

**Electrification of village households under DDUGJY**

\*270. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages electrified and intensively electrified under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for considering a village electrified if only 10 per cent of households are electrified;

(c) the details of methodology used to collect data on village electrification and stakeholders that provide data;

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- (d) whether the data is validated by any Government agency, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether number of households in villages keep varying monthly on GARV portal affecting the percentage of electrified villages, if so, reasons for the same and steps taken to address the glitch ?

NEW DELHI;  
*The 14th March, 2018*  

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*Phalguna 23, 1939 (Saka)*

DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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