

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 27, 2018/Chaitra 6, 1940 (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

Disposal of unusable assets of PSUs of Aviation Sector

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

(a) whether Government has carried out any survey to make an assessment of unusable assets of the Public Sector Undertakings in the Aviation Sector for the purpose of disposal;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the year when the last such survey was done;

(c) whether the unusable assets which were identified based upon a thorough survey could be disposed of; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the revenue generated in each of the last three years?

Investments for creation of fresh airport capacity

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India requires \$40 billion of investment to create fresh airport capacity, whereas the visible amount in the pipeline now is a little short of \$ 5 billion;

(b) whether there is any roadmap for an asset recycling strategy to infuse capital back into fresh capacity; and

(c) what are the opportunities for infrastructure players other than the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and L&T *wrt* bidding, technology, joint ventures and aviation ancillaries?

Pension for the elderly persons under Atal Pension Yojana

†*333. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had formulated a plan to provide pension to the elderly persons under Atal Pension Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several elderly persons who have crossed the age of 80 are not getting pension;

(d) if so, whether Government would investigate the same by conducting a re-survey in Bihar; and

(e) the number of remaining persons in Bihar who have attained the age of 70 to 80 years and the details thereof?

National Investment and Infrastructure Fund

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

(a) whether National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has been formed for investment in infrastructural projects;

(b) if so, details of investments done since its formation till date;

(c) whether Government invested ₹ 20,000 crore in NIIF and rest ₹ 20,000 crore was expected through fund raising with suitable instruments including off-shore credit enhanced bonds and attracting anchor investors to participate as partners in NIIF;

(d) if so, the present status of funds and the details regarding investors, category/investment instrument-wise, if any, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details regarding advisory services for infrastructure projects carried out by NIIF, if not, reasons therefor?

Farmers in debt of non-institutional sources

*335. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in India who are currently in debt;

(b) the number of these farmers who owe debt to informal sources such as money-lenders; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to fund any loan waiver measure and if so, the details thereof?

Development of International Aviation Hubs in the country

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) is developing International Aviation Hubs across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the AAI has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Enhancement of FRBM limit

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

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Telangana requesting for increase of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) limit to enable the State to get more loans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision on the matter; and

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

Grounding of A320 (neo) aircrafts

*338. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders were issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to ground all A320 (neo) aircrafts in the country, as these have flawed engine;

(b) how many such aircrafts are in operation by each airline in the country;

(c) whether Indigo Airlines also grounded same aircrafts recently, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any test check and safety audit were conducted on A320 aircraft to ensure their air worthiness, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, how DGCA ensures that such aircrafts are in air worthy condition for the passengers?

Support for indigenous vaccine manufacturers

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

(a) whether the Global Players and Multi-National Companies which manufacture vaccines are intimidating the indigenous manufacturers of vaccines in marketing of vaccines in India;

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

(c) whether there is any issue in proper exploitation of the products developed out of the researches by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and other institutes and if so, the details thereof?

Ongoing infrastructural projects at AIIMS, New Delhi

*340. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing projects of creations of additional infrastructure of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;

(b) the details of allocation made and utilised for the ongoing projects at AIIMS during the last three years and the current financial year, project-wise;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment of time and cost overruns of the ongoing projects in AIIMS;

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

(e) the action taken by Government to ensure that progress of ongoing projects are fast-tracked and operationalised in a time-bound manner?

**Impact of foreign exchange reserves
on value of rupees**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India achieved the mark of US \$400 billion as foreign exchange reserves in September last year for the first time in history;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how India can be compared to other advanced and developed countries of the world so far as foreign exchange reserves are concerned;

(c) what returns that the country is expected to get from this huge foreign exchange reserves;

(d) to what extent the rise in foreign exchange reserves will have an impact on appreciation of Rupee; and

(e) what are the current foreign exchange reserves?

Deadline for electrifying villages

*342. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the reason behind Government's constantly changing deadline of electrifying villages and how much electrification has been achieved so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that of the villages that have been declared electrified, a large number of households still do not get power; and

(c) whether Government is planning to consider per household electrification as opposed to villages, if not, the reasons for the same?

Cartelisation by Jet Airways

*343. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jet Airways have been colluding with other airlines in fixing and revising fuel surcharges, cargo prices and cancellation charges, etc.;

(b) if so, the details of cases being investigated by Competition Commission of India (CCI) in this regard;

(c) whether CCI has received complaints from Express Industry Council of India against Jet Airways for cartelisation; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and action taken against the airlines?

**Seizure of assets of fraudulent gems/
jewellery companies**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Enforcement Directorate and other Government agencies have started seizing properties and assets of the two leading gems and jewellery companies of India, namely 'Geetanjali Jewels' and 'Nirav Modi Global Diamond Jewellery House' which defrauded banks;

(b) if so, the value of such seizure of assets of the promoters and companies accused of the bank frauds; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to take to recover the loss suffered by Public Sector Banks and prevent such frauds in future?

Violations of food safety regulations

*345. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a violation of regulations governing food industry by some food companies;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported during each of the last three years in the country;

(c) whether Government has taken any stringent actions against such companies which have violated the rules; and

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

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

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