

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, April 3, 2018/Chaitra 13, 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

De-Nationalisation of PSBs

*376. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is seriously planning of de-Nationalise the Nationalised Public Sector Banks (PSBs) of our country, if so, the details thereof and planning of Government in this regard;

(b) how the de-Nationalisation would be beneficial to Government, to the people and the country as a whole; and

(c) the total liabilities of PSBs as on date?

(a) the amount invested by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in January, 2018 and the amount pulled out in February, 2018 and the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount invested by FPIs between September-December, 2017 in debt market and the amount sold out by FPIs from January to 10th March, 2018 and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether FPI outflow from equity and debt market has caused any impact on our economy; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures adopted by Government?

Out flow of FPIs from equity and debt market

*377. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

Purchase of farm stubble by NTPC

*378. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National

Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited has proposed to buy farm stubble from the farmers for its power plants;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity of stubble proposed to be bought and the amount allocated for the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the estimated power that will be generated by using stubble as fuel?

Increase in public expenditure on social sectors

‡*379. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of effective steps have been taken to bring down the non-performing public expenditure during the last four years as a result of which the non-performing expenditure has substantially come down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a record increase in the public expenditure in social sectors during the last four years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Poor access to healthcare facilities in rural areas

*380. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 600 million people in the country, mostly in the rural areas, have little or no access to healthcare facilities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering any mechanism/scheme/plan to train more health professionals and depute them in rural areas and, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether various Government hospitals in rural areas are facing the problem of infrastructure to accommodate critical care patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-repayment of loans by corporates

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

(a) whether it is a fact that non-repayment of loans by some of the country's biggest corporate houses is the major factor for the huge accumulation of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) if so, the details of non-repaid loans, corporate house-wise; and

(c) the measures adopted to get the loans repaid?

Electrification of villages in the country

*382. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in our country which have been provided with the facilities of total electrification and supplied with Electricity fully during the last three years;

(b) the number of villages in our country which are still not getting the electricity supply, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government is planning to provide electricity to these villages?

Women covered under MUDRA Yojana

*383. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the number of women entrepreneurs who have availed credit under the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Limited (MUDRA) Yojana in the country since its inception, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) the total amount earmarked and disbursed under the said scheme by the Public Sector Banks/financial institutions to women communities during the last three years, bank-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to cover more women entrepreneurs under MUDRA Yojana?

Scam in PNB Branches

†*384. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether another case of fraud through Letter of Understanding (LoU) in Brady House Branch of Punjab National Bank (PNB) has come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) total amount of money involved in scams at the said Branch of Punjab National Bank and similar scams in different other branches of the Bank as per the information received so far and the details regarding the action taken against persons involved in it; and

(d) the remedial measures taken for checking corruption and irregularities in the Banks?

Review of budgetary allocations for MSP and free medical care schemes

*385. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1169 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th March, 2018 and state:

(a) whether Government is aware that allocation of only ₹ 200 crore under Market Intervention Scheme and Price Support System and ₹ 2000 crore under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana is roughly ₹ 4/- and ₹ 40 per capita per year respectively to ensure 1.5 times the cost of production as MSP and free medical care to 50 crore beneficiaries during 2018-19 respectively;

(b) if so, the rationale for such a meagre allocation for said schemes;

(c) whether the Ministry would review the said allocations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

On-time vaccination of children

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

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 72 per cent of children in the country are not getting vaccinated on time;

(b) if so, the reasons behind their not getting on-time immunisation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that almost 6 per cent of children of the country between the age group of 12-23 months have never been vaccinated at all;

(d) whether Government proposes for a special drive with adequate staff to make infant mortality rate down to zero from present 4.1 per cent; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Strengthening of audit system of PSBs

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

(a) whether Government is planning to

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strengthen internal audit system of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) post Punjab National Bank scam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has analysed as to which loophole in internal auditing system has caused this scam to take place and what will be the solution for it?

GST on higher education

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the objective of Government is to keep education out of the purview of GST;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that GST exemption has been extended to the level below higher education and any service provided by higher educational institutions attracts 18 per cent GST;

(c) whether it hampers higher education and make it more expensive; and

(d) whether Government is aware of the fact that countries such as Australia, South Africa, etc., have exempted tax on higher education?

Delay in constitution of NFRA

*389. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government in going slow on notifying new agency to monitor Chartered Accountants;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the new Companies Act, which was enacted five years back, provides for setting up of a National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA); and

(c) if so, the reasons for not constituting the proposed NFRA?

Loans approved by Board of Directors of PNB

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

(a) the details of Members in Board of Directors of Punjab National Bank (PNB) at present;

(b) the details of Directors in the Board of PNB appointed/nominated by Central Government during the last four years;

(c) the details of amount of loans which are mandatorily to be approved by Board of Directors; and

(d) the details of loans secured by Nirav Modi and other fraudsters which have been approved by Board of Directors during the last four years?

NEW DELHI;
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Secretary-General.

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