

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Tuesday, March 6, 2018/Phalguna 15, 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

Loans written off by PSBs

†*106. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have written off ₹ 81,683 crore in the year 2016-17, whereas in the year 2012-13, this amount was just ₹ 27,231 crore;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Bank of India had written off loans of ₹ 20,339 crore in the year 2016-17;

(c) the total amount of loans written off by various nationalised banks in the year 2017-18; and

(d) the amount of loans given to farmers out of those written off amount?

Financial restructuring of Air India

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

(a) whether Government proposes to

reform Air India by means of any specific Alternative Mechanism before divesting;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the previous Government had approved ₹ 30,000 crore turnaround and financial restructuring package spanning upto 2021 for Air India; and

(d) if so, the details of improvement in its financial operations management?

Exorbitant medical fees charged by private hospitals

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

(a) whether Government is aware that private sector hospitals which cover 80 per cent of India's healthcare often indulge in systematic loot and extract huge money from the patients often running into lakhs;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been noticed during last six months;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that private hospitals have to keep showing increasing profits every year to be considered a success and charge exorbitant charges from the patients; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard and by when this problem is likely to be addressed by Government?

Evasion of GST by e-Commerce companies

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

(a) whether Government is aware that certain e-Commerce companies in the country have violated the licensing policy and evaded Goods and Services Tax (GST);

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

(c) whether any mechanism has been developed and monitoring done to see that online trading by e-Commerce companies entirely come under the tax net and the revenue is recovered?

Loss of market capital by PNB

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank (PNB) has lost one-third of its market capital in a fraud recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the huge amount of public money will be recovered and the details thereof?

Foreign institutional investors

*111. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign institutional investors operating in Indian stock markets;

(b) the names of different foreign institutional investors and their exposure in different stock exchanges; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

FDI in different sectors

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

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign investors have not shown any interest in some of the sectors even though such sectors have a provision of 100 per cent FDI;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the names of such sectors where foreign investment is done and quantum of such investment made during last three years?

Water scarcity at thermal power plants

*113. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India lost about 14 terawatt hours of thermal power generation due to water shortage in 2016;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has led to the cancelling out of more than 20 per cent of growth in the country's total electricity generation from 2015;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that about 40 per cent of the country's thermal power plants are facing great stress in terms of water availability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects sanctioned to Karnataka Biodiversity Board

*114. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some projects have been sanctioned to Karnataka Biodiversity Board in 2015-16 relating to medicinal plants protection and documentation;

(b) if so, the details of the projects and the present status of the same; and

(c) what are the other activities that are taken up under National AYUSH Mission in Karnataka?

Divestment plan of Air India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to split Air India into four separate companies and offer at least 51 per cent in each of them as part of a divestment plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the core airline business comprising Air India and Air India Express will be offered as one company and the process will be completed by the end of 2018; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MMR and IMR of West Bengal

*116. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the different States of the country; and

(b) what is the MMR and IMR in West Bengal and its position in the country?

Commercial air services from Tezpur, Assam

*117. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from Tezpur in Assam, there is great demand for commercial passenger air link to connect to Delhi and Kolkata on a daily basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this being a forward area, it is necessary to develop these areas with proper connectivity to the rest of the country;

(c) whether any proposal or clearance is pending with the Civil Aviation Ministry to start these air services; and

(d) what is Government's response to these proposals to have better and daily air connectivity to Kolkata and Delhi?

Direct Benefit Transfer to TB patients

*118. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), Government had proposed direct cash benefit transfer to TB-

affected patients for nutritional support during the course of the treatment;

(b) if so, whether such a proposal has been implemented, if not, the reasons therefor along with timeline by which this would take place;

(c) whether there is delay within Government on providing Direct Benefit Transfer to TB patients, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has prepared a clear implementation plan and an evaluating system to effectively monitor the execution of the proposal?

Status of National Institute of New Energy and Innovation, Odisha

*119. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status and progress of establishment of National Institute of New Energy and Innovation in Odisha near IIT, Bhubaneswar; and

(b) whether Government would expedite releasing the assistance for three

projects furnished by Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency under MNRE-UNDP-GEF assisted project in Scale up of Access to Clean Energy for Rural Productivity Uses?

New initiatives for harnessing renewable energy

*120. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken new initiatives and initiated new policies for the overall development and proper harnessing of renewable energy sources in the country from both land and sea;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of power generated through the renewable energy sources during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government has chalked out any new innovative strategy and scientific methods for harnessing of renewable energy in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,
Secretary-General.

I N D E X
(Ministry-wise)

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