

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018/Magha 17, 1939 (Saka)*

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**(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**

#### **Achievements under 15 Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities**

†\*31. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New 15 Point Programme of the Prime Minister for the Welfare of Minorities introduced in the year 2006 is still in existence;

(b) if so, the achievements of this programme from the year 2014 to 2017; and

(c) whether any arrangement has been made for its implementation and monitoring?

#### **Grants for projects in Andhra Pradesh**

\*32. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds or grants released for various projects in Andhra Pradesh,

including for the Amaravati Capital Region Development, in the last two years, under the special assistance measures announced for the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the State Government is urging for converting all Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) as NABARD projects, as the special dispensation amount instead of loans through External Agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken to release funds/grants for expediting the pending projects under the Central Assistance?

#### **Cheap air Operation for Delhi-Bhuntar and Delhi-Shimla sector**

\*33. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to introduce cheaper air journey for Delhi-Bhuntar and Delhi-Shimla sector by Air Deccan has been hanging in the balance;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any action to resolve the issue to introduce cheaper air journey for Delhi-Bhuntar and Delhi-Shimla sector; and

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

#### **Employment opportunities for Pharma. D graduates**

\*34. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of about 350 Pharma. D colleges in the country, there are nearly 120 in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether students who passed out Pharma. D course do not have proper employment opportunities since only NABH accredited hospitals are permitted to avail the services of Pharma. D graduates;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the Ministry to accredit more and more NABH accredited hospitals in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(d) whether, in view of the fact that Government is encouraging Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) and Private Medical Practitioners (PMPs), Pharma. D graduates also will be encouraged?

#### **Disinvestment of Dredging Corporation of India**

\*35. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employee unions in Dredging Corporation of India are strongly objecting its disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) why Government has decided to off-load its stake in Dredging Corporation of India even when it is having good brand value and market capitalization;

(d) whether the Corporation is running in losses; and

(e) the details of income and expenditure of the Corporation during last three years?

#### **Status of new AIIMS in various States**

\*36. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) institutions announced and opened after June, 2014, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have actually started functioning;

(c) the total strength of students enrolled and qualified teachers recruited respectively, in these new institutions so far;

(d) the state of infrastructure made available to these institutions; and

(e) the details of expenditure per-student, per-year in these institutions during the initial years?

#### **Identification of new currency notes by visually impaired people**

\*37. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that visually impaired people are facing problem in identifying the new currency notes issued by the Reserve Bank of India;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (c) what remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

#### **Disinvestment of Air India**

\*38. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to allow up to 49 per cent overseas ownership in Air India by a foreign airline;  
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (c) the details of the proposals received, if any, for the disinvestment of the airline since then?

#### **Deaths from tobacco consumption**

\*39. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the global tobacco epidemic kills nearly six million people each year, a figure that is predicted to grow to more than eight million a year by 2030 without intensified action;  
 (b) the number of people died due to beedi consumption in the country in the last three years, year-wise; and  
 (c) whether any steps have been taken to reduce deaths due to beedi smoking, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Eradication of Malaria by 2027**

\*40. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has unveiled a plan to eradicate Malaria by 2027;

- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly in relation to Global deadline for eradication of Malaria;

(c) whether Government has categorised the districts in the country for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof particularly in Assam and other North Eastern States together with the monitoring mechanism devised by Government for the purpose?

#### **Equipment for handling flights during foggy conditions**

\*41. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) what actions have been taken to equip the airports with advance effective system or imported equipment for landing in foggy conditions;  
 (b) what type of advanced and successful equipments are available for making the runway operational during foggy conditions;  
 (c) the reasons for the flights' cancellation in winter during fog situations in Delhi inspite of having advanced equipment; and  
 (d) how much revenue has been lost by the airlines companies during the period from 2014 to 2017 due to cancellation of flights?

#### **Research about rare medicinal plants for cancer treatment**

\*42. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the traditional village medical healers of remote villages of Kerala are in the knowhow of rare medicinal

plants/herbs which they had been using for centuries successfully in the treatment of cancer;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any survey in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any proposal of Government to conduct proper and thorough research work while maintaining the traditionality of the village medical healers in this regard for the benefit of millions of cancer patients?

**Declaration of Wilful Default as criminal offence**

\*43. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating any move for amendment of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934 and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to declare "Wilful Default" as a criminal offence and to set up fast-track courts for trial of wilful defaulters; and

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

**Purchase of commercial aircrafts**

†\*44. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased

to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to purchase 1000 aircrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India would become the third largest buyer of commercial passenger aircrafts in the world with the deal of these 1000 aircrafts, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated number of civil aircrafts in the country at present and the number of operational and non-operational aircrafts out of these?

**Declaration of cancer as a notifiable disease**

\*45. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancer has become the second most common cause of deaths in India after cardiovascular diseases;

(b) if so, the details of deaths due to cancer during the last three years;

(c) whether there is a proposal to declare it as a notifiable disease;

(d) if so, when and how it will be done; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;  
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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
*Secretary-General.*

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**I N D E X**  
(Ministry-wise)

<b>Ayurveda, Yoga &amp; Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)</b>	:	42,
<b>Civil Aviation</b>	:	33, 38, 41, 44,
<b>Corporate Affairs</b>	:	—
<b>Finance</b>	:	32, 35, 37, 43,
<b>Health and Family Welfare</b>	:	34, 36, 39, 40, 45,
<b>Minority Affairs</b>	:	31.
<b>New and Renewable Energy</b>	:	—
<b>Power</b>	:	—