

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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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 — 160

Cancer research using Ayurvedic method

1921. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL:
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) whether there is any successful
research on cancer by local or Ayurvedic
method; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and normal
expenditure on it compared to Allopathy
method?

Land for conservation of medicinal plants in Jharkhand

†1922. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA
& NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) how many hectares of land are
supported for Resource Augmentation of

Medicinal Plants in Jharkhand under
Central Scheme for Conservation,
Development and Sustainable Management
of Medicinal Plants; and

(b) the number of Herbal Gardens being
developed in the country in the last three
years, State- wise?

Conducting Arogya Melas and Fairs under IEC campaign

1923. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will
the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &
NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA
AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to
state:

(a) how many Arogya Fairs, Melas,
Exhibitions, etc. were conducted under the
scheme of Information, Education and
Communication (IEC) for the last three
years at National/State level;

(b) if so, the details thereof with respect
to each State;

(c) how many NGOs work under

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promotion of AYUSH Mission and what is the financial assistance provided for them and the details thereof; and

(d) what is the recent campaign adopted by the Ministry for promoting AYUSH drugs, AYUSH educational institutions and medical dispensaries in the country and the details thereof?

**New AYUSH dispensaries for
Himachal Pradesh**

1924. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up new AYUSH dispensaries in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, along with funds released and utilised for this purpose till date;

(c) whether the required number of doctors and infrastructure are available in AYUSH dispensaries in Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the financial assistance provided by Government to the State Government to resolve the problems?

Targets set for Rajasthan under NAM

1925. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding objectives of National Ayush Mission (NAM);

(b) whether any State-wise specific targets have been set up under the Mission;

(c) if so, the details in respect of targets set for Rajasthan;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government has increased budget allocation for NAM in the recent budget; and

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

**Pact with WHO for promoting
traditional medicine**

1926. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has inked any pact with the World Health Organisation (WHO) for cooperation in promoting traditional medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of achievements made under the pact with WHO?

**Partial closure of Ahmedabad
airport**

1927. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ahmedabad airport is closed during the day for repairs frequently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, by when will it be open for flights for whole day?

Licensing of foreign pilots by domestic airlines

1928. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued draft amendments to rules for licensing of foreign pilots by domestic airlines;

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

(c) the number of foreign and domestic pilots employed and phased out by various domestic airlines in India in the year ending 2016 and 2017, respectively?

Airports operated by Private Players

1929. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country which are being operated by Private Players;

(b) the details thereof along with names of their private operators, State-wise;

(c) what is the process for outsourcing the airport management;

(d) which other airports are being considered to be outsourced for development/operations/management;

(e) whether a survey had been carried out for Ahmedabad airport three years ago; and

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

Increase in number of airports

1930. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to increase the number of airports in the country by five times to that of the present number *i.e.* 124;

(b) if so, what is the criteria adopted by Government to short list the cities/town where these airports are to be built; and

(c) what is the total budget outlay for building these 620 airports throughout the country and what is the time period for completing the construction of these airports and make them operational?

High rise buildings near airports

1931. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are number of high rise buildings around various airports across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that these high rise buildings pose a severe threat to safe and secure landing and take off of flights from the airports;

(d) whether Government proposes to bring in new policy regarding height of buildings near airports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Re-naming of Vijayawada Airport in Andhra Pradesh

1932. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry to name Vijayawada Airport as Amaravati Airport;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) by when the Ministry is going to rename Vijayawada Airport as Amaravati Airport?

Lack of parking bays for new aircrafts

1933. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is struggling to find parking bays for newly ordered aircrafts;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is going to get 400 more commercial air crafts in the next three to four years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the AAI is going to spend ₹ 18,000 crore by 2021 on upgrading airports and services to cope up with the growing traffic; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that India is witnessing the fastest growth in air travel globally for months in a row?

Stranded and unused aircrafts at airports

1934. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government would state the number of stranded and unused aircraft parked all over the airports in the country, airport-wise;

(b) the reason for parking of such aircrafts;

(c) whether the requisite fee/charges are being collected by Government from the airline companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of airports through PPP mode

1935. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has failed completely in its efforts to bring improvement in the concept of investment in aviation sector and has been unable to take timely action;

(b) whether Government has been successful in carrying out the modernisation of airports through private-public-partnership mode;

(c) whether any special steps have been taken or will be taken by Government keeping in view the need for improvement in concept of investment in aviation sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial performance at Air India

1936. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial performance of the National Carrier Air India has improved and the company has posted a considerable amount of Operating Profit in 2016-17; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons why Government is going forward with the disinvestment of the National Carrier?

**Air services from Darbhanga,
Bhagalpur, Purnia and other
cities of Bihar**

†1937. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
has decided to operate air traffic from
several places of the country for the
convenience of common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that
Government is contemplating to commence
air traffic from Darbhanga, Bhagalpur,
Purnia and other cities of Bihar in the next
two or three months, the details thereof?

**Status of Jewar International Airport
in UP**

1938. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of setting up of
Jewar International Airport project;

(b) whether Yamuna Expressway
Industrial Development Authority
(YEIDA) has deposited the requisite
amount required to initiate the process of
acquiring land for the project;

(c) whether State Government of Uttar
Pradesh has offered or identified the land
for acquisition, if so, the details thereof;
and

(d) what is the total cost and time
schedule for completion of this project?

**Runway maintenance expenses of
Ahmedabad airport**

1939. MAHANT SHAMBHU-
PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister
of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data
for the runway maintenance expenses
incurred during the last four years by
Ahmedabad airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Policy to regulate private and
commercial use of drones
in India**

1940. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the
Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government is
contemplating to bring a policy to regulate
private and commercial usage of drones in
the country;

(b) if so, the details of any framework
formulated till now; and

(c) the details of all the stakeholders
whose views would be kept in mind while
formulating any such policy?

Private ground services operating staffs

1941. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Private Air
Operators and Helicopter carriers can have
their own ground services operating staffs;
and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking
care of security aspect of employing
private ground staffs?

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Liberalisation of rules for private Jet operators

1942. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has liberalised the rules for private jet operators flying outside the country; and

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

International flights from Imphal airport

1943. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of companies which provide the international flight services from Imphal International Airport;

(b) the number of flights operated by each of these companies with Imphal as a connecting point;

(c) the details of plans of Government to improve international flight services from Imphal to boost connectivity and development in the region; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to improve Imphal International Airport to bring it at par with International Standards?

Development of No Frills Airports across the country

1944. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airport Authority of

India (AAI) is in the process of developing No Frills-Airports across the country;

(b) if so, the details of the developing/ developed airports, State-wise;

(c) the gap between human resource requirement and availability to implement AAI's expansion plan; and

(d) the steps taken to fill this gap?

Increase in technical snags in aircrafts

1945. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what constitutes a 'technical snag' in an aircraft;

(b) whether it is not a fact that technical snags have gone up from 15,048 in 2014 to 21,500 in 2016;

(c) if so, the details of such snags in 2017 and reasons for such huge increase in technical snags year-after-year;

(d) what action DGCA has taken on operators on reportry of such snags; and

(e) what is baroscopic inspection and whether all airlines are strictly following this inspection?

Increase in air passengers in Odisha

†1946. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of air passengers travelling by air has been increasing every year in Odisha;

(b) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

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(c) the steps taken by Government to increase air services in view of increasing number of air passengers in Odisha?

Pending cases before Company Law Board

1947. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases pending with Company Law Board for preferential issue of capital filed by various shareholders in the country, so far, company-wise;

(b) the details and the nature of petitions filed by various shareholders with the Company Law Board, company-wise;

(c) the time by which the said cases are likely to be disposed in a time bound manner; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

Selection of works relating to Public Interest under CSR activities

1948. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the activities covered under the policy on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) whether any provision has been made for those companies to work under the CSR in the same area where they are situated and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms being adopted for the selection of works related to public interest at local level; and

(d) whether the suggestion of the local public representative should not be given priority for the works?

Cancellation of registration of shell companies

1949. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has cancelled registration of several shell companies recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether there are any companies promoted by Nirav Modi groups in those shell companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, why Government could not recognise these shell companies?

Tightening due diligence norms in r/o CIRPRs

1950. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to tighten due diligence norms in respect of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process Regulations (CIRPRs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a resolution plan approved by the committee of creditors and the adjudicating authority does not require shareholders nod for implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of resolution plans after enactment of IBC Ordinance, 2017

1951. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of resolution

plans submitted have reduced after coming into effect of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) (Amendment) Act, 2018; and

(b) the exact reduction in the number of resolution plans submitted in all cases after the promulgation of the above ordinance and enactment of the above Act?

Under-reporting of vanishing companies

1952. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coordination and Monitoring Committee (CMC) has been under-reporting of 'vanishing companies' all these years;

(b) if so, the number of entities declared as 'vanishing companies' and the number of companies referred and traced by the Ministry so far;

(c) the details of various companies de-registered by Registrars of Companies (RoCs) under MCA and entities in the defunct exchanges as 'vanishing companies' so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to revive CMC so as to keep a check on money launderers, entry operators and other unscrupulous elements?

Conversion of black money into white through LLP companies

1953. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that certain Limited Liability

Partnership (LLP) companies, under the garb of offering lucrative rate of interest is mobilising their unaccounted money from innocent people who get carried away and get trapped;

(b) whether Government has noticed any such illegal activities of people who are indulging in formation of such LLP companies to convert their black money into white particularly in Hyderabad and Bangalore; and

(c) whether Government will get such cases investigated to book such culprits and save the innocent people who might fall into their trap?

Disinvestment of Pawan Hans Limited

1954. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) had earned a considerable amount of profit in the financial year 2016-17 and also paid a good amount of dividend to its shareholders *i.e.* Government of India and ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for strategic disinvestment of Pawan Hans Ltd.?

Procurement and use of POS machines

1955. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total number of point of sale (POS) machines in the country;

(b) the selling Price of POS machines;

(c) whether Government is subsidising cost of POS machines, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether POS machines are being imported, if so, the details of manufacturers and importers of these machines;

(e) whether Government has done any study for number of POS machines required across the country to go cashless, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government has plans to bear the service charge on transaction being done by POS machines, if so, the details thereof?

Loans provided under Stand-Up India Scheme

1956. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the policies of various Private, Public Sector and Regional Rural Banks to support the Stand-Up India Scheme of Government;

(b) the number of loans given by Commercial, Public Sector and Regional Banks to support the Stand-up India Scheme since 2016; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Regional Rural Banks have not sanctioned a single loan to SC individuals since the launch of the scheme, if so, the reasons therefor?

Loans in foreign currencies

1957. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount of loans taken by the corporate sector in foreign currencies; and

(b) how much of that amount remains unhedged?

Decreasing growth rate and GDP

1958. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate and GDP have been decreasing, exposing the real financial health of the country;

(b) if so, details of the growth rate and GDP in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

(c) what steps are taken by Government in this regard?

Regulation of virtual currencies

#1959. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of virtual currencies in the Indian economy, the details of its growth and use; and

(b) what specific measures Government is taking to regulate, monitor and prosecute illegal activities involving virtual currencies given that there is a real risk, post demonetisation of black money moving to the cyber and virtual world?

Revenue collected from Punjab as taxes

1960. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the revenue collected from Punjab as Income Tax and other Central taxes during each of the last three years?

Credit facilities to farmers in M.P.

1961. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) the amount of loan and the nature of credit facilities given by Public Sector Banks to the farmers of Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of farmers of Madhya Pradesh benefited, so far, from the above facilities given by Public Sector Banks?

Waived off farmers' loans

†1962. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers whose loans have been waived off at present;

(b) the details of the conditions laid down for the same; and

(c) the time since when loans of farmers have been waived off and whether previous years have also been added into the same, if so, since when?

Recovery of demonetised currency notes

1963. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recovered illegally stacked demonetised currency notes in the last one year;

(b) whether Government has the details of recovery of illegally stashed demonetised currency notes, State-wise;

(c) if so, the details in respect of Rajasthan; and

(d) the details regarding action taken against individuals holding demonetised notes?

Enforcing strict appraisal of exposures in banking system

1964. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether scams in the financial sector keep hitting the Indian economy quite often, including the Punjab National Bank's case;

(b) if so, the reasons for the scams;

(c) whether if an annual review of non-fund based limits had been done, the damage would have been very minimal, especially considering the fact that irregular transactions have been going on for 6-7 years; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to strictly enforce appraisal of huge exposures of all kinds in the banking system?

Incurring of losses by Co-operative Credit Institutions

1965. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to declaration of Government to provide crop loan to farmers at subsidised rate of interest, the Co-operative Credit Institutions are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan; and

(c) whether Government intends to provide subsidised interest to recoup losses incurred by Co-operative Institutions due to crop loan disbursement at subsidised rate of interest?

Division of assesses under GSTN

1966. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the GSTN has divided the assesses between Centre and State pan India ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the method used to allocate the assesses between Centre and State under the ratio agreed by GST Council; and

(d) whether the assesses have been given a choice to opt for a particular tax administration *i.e.* Centre and State?

PNB scam

1967. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is actually aware as to when PNB scam started, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is planning to bring back these defaulters who are out of India, if so, the details of such defaulters and timeline for getting them back; and

(c) whether it is a fact that PNB Mumbai branch had issued Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) instructions to Indian Bank overseas without making entries in the core banking system, if so, the details of steps taken to ensure that this is not repeated?

Smuggling activities by crew of Jet Airways

1968. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several crew members of Jet Airways have been found engaged in smuggling activities and some of them have been arrested by Directorate of Intelligence (DRI) allegedly trying to smuggle foreign currency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that directors of Jet Airways are accused of having links with underworld who are financing Jet Airways; and

(d) if so, what action Government is contemplating to enquire into the exact source of funding to airline especially in view of continuing smuggling activities by their crew members?

Images from NE and J&K on currency notes

1969. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that natives of Andaman feel very proud that Light House situated at North Bay Island of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is printed on ₹ 20 currency note and this brings feeling of Patriotism in them though they are situated in a remote corner of India;

(b) whether Government is having similar ideas for North-Eastern States (NE) and Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof so as to imbibe and inculcate the feeling of Nationalism and Patriotism in the remote States/UTs?

Impact of PNB fraud on general public

1970. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has strengthened the Banking Policy of lending money to the Corporate/Businessmen, who are taking loans of huge amount, particularly after the recent Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what are the impacts on the general public, particularly the customers of the PNB after this major fraud?

Law to control crypto currency

‡1971. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) number of start-ups working on sale-purchase of crypto currencies in the country and number of transactions being done everyday across India;
- (b) total investment on crypto currencies in the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is no law in the country to control crypto currencies; and
- (d) if so, whether Government would make a law to control the crypto currencies in the country so that Reserve Bank of India could restrict the transaction being done through them and also stop conversion of black money into white and funding to terrorists through crypto currencies?

Objectives of e-way bill

1972. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that under the new system, for every inter-State movement of goods beyond 10 km with a value of ₹ 50,000 and above will require an e-way bill from 1st February, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the overall objective of the said initiative is to plug revenue leakages?

Tax on transactions at Stock Exchanges

1973. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of turnover at each Stock Exchange for the last three financial years;
- (b) the details of transaction tax rate applicable on transactions at these Stock Exchanges and total tax levied on total transactions; and
- (c) difference, if any, between levied transaction tax and actual receipts, the details thereof along with reasons therefor?

Rising NPAs of SBI

1974. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of India (SBI) has reported a net loss of ₹ 2400 crores in 2017 against a net profit of ₹ 2600 crores in 2016;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the SBI's Non Performing Assets (NPAs) have doubled to rupees two lakh crore from rupees one lakh crore in 2016;
- (c) if so, what are the reasons for such a performance by India's largest bank and its repercussions on other banks; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to address this problem during the last four years?

Amendments to laws governing Small Savings Schemes

1975. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present criteria adopted by

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Government for premature closure of PPF account;

(b) whether Government is considering new facilities for PPF account holders;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the new facilities will benefit PPF account holders, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has proposed several amendments to the laws governing small savings schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Losses to PNB due to fraud

1976. SHRI SANJAY SETH:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR
BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether State-run lender Punjab National Bank (PNB) has reported unauthorised transaction worth ₹ 11,500 crore in one of its branches in South Mumbai which is one of the biggest frauds in the Indian banking system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and quantum of loss to PNB;

(c) whether guilty persons have been arrested, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has constituted any inquiry in the matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) number of employees who have been found guilty and action taken against them; and

(g) other steps taken by Government to check and stop such type of unauthorised transactions?

Input tax refund to exporters

1977. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to speed up input tax refund to exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only 33 per cent impacted by GST transition;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government is now working on a system where refunds are paid within weeks of receipt of the final GST return; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing GST collection

†1978. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to increase GST collection;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps in this direction till date; and

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

Easing the liquidity crunch of exporters

1979. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite transitional hiccups the GST collections hitting a low of ₹ 80,000 crores in November, 2017, have made a spectacular rebound from December, 2017 onwards with the January, 2018 figures crossing ₹ 90,000 crores;

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(b) whether buoyed up by the boom in collection of GST, Government has set up a team of officers exclusively to ensure timely refunds to ease the liquidity crunch of exporters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Measuring growth through Gross Domestic Happiness

†1980. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rise and fall in the GDP of the country since independence till date, decade-wise;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to implement the process of fixing the criteria of Gross Domestic Happiness (GDH) for measuring the overall growth;

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

(d) the number of countries in the world where the overall growth-rate is being assessed through the GDH procedure, the details thereof?

Rooting out corruption in banking system

1981. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a lack of transparency and corruption in banking sector in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with

the deals in banking sector wherein corruption has been reported during the last two years;

(c) the response of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government would take concrete measures to root out corruption in banking sector of the country and bring transparency in these deals;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of SWIFT infrastructure

1982. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank had cautioned banks thrice since August, 2016 on the risks arising from potential misuse of Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons for not adhering the RBI's guidelines and rules;

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent PNB like banking frauds in the country; and

(d) whether the RBI has any mechanism to keep vigil on the various loan procedures used by banks, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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Shortage of currency in Banks

1983. SHRI DHARMAPURI
SRINIVAS:

SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of currency in the banks which led to insufficient supply in ATMs, causing innumerable troubles to customers;

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

(c) whether Government of Telangana has requested Government of India to release sufficient currency to meet the demands of customers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any assurance has been given to these States regarding supply of currency, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures being taken by Government to reduce the hardships of the account holders and general public?

Fall in revenue collection from taxes

1984. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gross revenue from customs and union excise duties collections in the year 2017-18 has reduced by ₹ 90,128 crores and ₹ 1,05,099 crore respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the revenue from Integrated GST(IGST) is projected to fall by ₹ 1,11,900 crore in 2018-19 compared to the revised estimates of 2017-18;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken to promote inter-State trade under GST?

Illegal crypto currency business

1985. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the unintended fall outs of the demonetisation is the blind pursuit for digital economy whereby common citizen not adept in electronic payment systems are being lured by crypto currencies;

(b) whether because of the craze common man develops for such crypto currencies, these are spreading like ponzi schemes; and

(c) whether despite Government serving notices to about one lakh tax payers who have not disclosed their dealings in crypto currencies in their tax returns, the illegal crypto currency business is thriving in many bitcoin exchanges in Indian cities?

Large cash deposits by persons with low tax profile

1986. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income Tax Department has identified several lakh individuals whose tax profiles are found to be inconsistent with the large cash deposits in old 1000 and 500 rupees notes post demonetisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the amount deposited by each individual; and

(c) what action has been taken against such persons?

Allocation/expenditure under budget head

1987. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of Ministry/Department allocating funds under objects head codes 01 and 36 under Major Heads, sub Major Heads and Minor Heads dedicated for SCs/STs;

(b) whether these allocations/expenditures are in compliance of Section 17 of Rule 230 of General Financial Rules, 2017;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the status of allocations/expenditures under each budget head since 2013-14 and status of employment of SCs/STs in total departmental strength at each pay scale?

Inability of insurance companies to bid for NHPS

1988. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the insurance companies have informed Government that they will not be able to bid for the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) announced in the Union Budget for 2018-19 with the proposed annual premium of around ₹ 1000/- per family; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

GST on furniture

1989. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the GST Council has

proposed to decrease the rate of GST on furniture;

(b) whether Government is aware of the loss in revenue and decline in business of furniture dealers in Punjab and other States in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to ameliorate the problems of furniture dealers?

Reduction in Long Term Capital Gains Tax

1990. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to reduce the Long Term Capital Gains Tax, which has been brought out in the recent budget in the light of falling stock market in India; and

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

Disinvestment of strategic PSUs

1991. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set a revenue target to be raised through the disinvestment of strategic PSUs including Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML);

(b) if so, the details of strategic PSUs to be disinvested and targeted revenue from each one;

(c) whether efforts have been made to revive these industries to make them robust and viable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Loans/assistance/grants taken by
Jharkhand**

†1992. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
takes loans, assistance, grants etc. from
various financial institutions, units, heads
on various conditions for infrastructural
development projects of roads, irrigation,
rural development, urban development etc.;
and

(b) if so, the details of institutions, the
heads and the amount for which the
Government of Jharkhand has obtained the
approval and sanction?

Benefits accrued from demonetisation

†1993. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
has accepted that its decision of
demonetisation was the worst decision;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the areas benefited from
demonetisation in the country, the details
thereof; and

(d) the amount of black money
recovered by Government through
demonetisation?

**Fund allocation for National Health
Protection Scheme**

1994. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the
Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) an estimate of the amount required
to provide ₹ 5 lakh health insurance per

BPL household in India;

(b) the amount of funds set aside for
this insurance scheme of National Health
Protection in the Budget, 2018- 19;

(c) if no funds are allocated, then how
and from where does Government proposes
to apportion this amount for spending on
health insurance scheme; and

(d) whether it is a fact that there is only
a marginal increase of ₹1469 crore in
expenditure on health in the Budget
2018-19 compared to revised estimates in
2017-18?

**Compensation paid to farmers from
premium of crop insurance**

†1995. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH
MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total amount
received from farmers as a premium of crop
insurance from April, 2014 to December,
2017;

(b) whether compensation is paid to
farmers from collected premium amount, if
so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether some amount is still left
after paying compensation from collected
premium, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the left over amount is
utilised for the interest of farmers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Consolidation of PSBs

1996. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union

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Cabinet has recently taken a decision to consolidate 21 Public Sector Banks into 10-12 banks in the medium term and 3-4 in the long term;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are still issues to be resolved in the recent merger of some banks with SBI; and

(d) if so, the details of such issues and time-frame within which Government is going to resolve them?

Failure in detecting PNB fraud

1997. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) where did Government, Bank Regulator and the Bank fail, in detecting and averting the recent huge PNB Bank fraud where thousands of crores of rupees were cheated by a very few number of corrupt people;

(b) whether Government/Bank was not aware of these fraudulent activities which were going on since so long; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Opening bank branches in Chhattisgarh

†1998. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it had been decided to open branches of Nationalised banks with the partnership of State Government and the Ministry at 150 places in the State of Chhattisgarh, particularly naxalite effected 8 districts of Dantevada, Bijapur, Sukma, Kanker, Kondagaon,

Narayanpur, Bastar and Rajnandgaon with the objective of overall development;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 50 bank branches/ATMs have been opened out of the same till October, 2017; and

(c) if so, the date by which the work of opening of remaining 88 branches/ATMs of Nationalised banks will be completed?

Status of Banks Board Bureau

1999. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) Chaired by former Comptroller and Auditor General of India Shri Vinod Rai set up by Government in the year 2016 has not been able to live up to expectations to improve the quality of human resources in State-owned banks;

(b) whether it is a fact that unscrupulous persons take advantage of the abysmal management of human resources in the banks; and

(c) whether existing Banks Board Bureau (BBB) is going to be abolished, if so, the reasons therefor and action taken by Government to address such deficiencies in the banks of the country?

Difference of opinion on resource gap in AP

2000. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference between opinion of Government of India and Government of Andhra Pradesh in finalising the resource gap that occurred to State of Andhra Pradesh between 2nd June, 2014 and 31st March, 2015;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Accountant General also finalised the resource gap as claimed by the State; and

(d) whether it is a fact that expenditure incurred on Pay Revision Committee (PRC) of employees and social security pensions were also not being allowed under resource gap?

Amount recovered under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act

2001. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount recovered under the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act till date; and

(b) the total number of cases detected so far?

Protecting investors from losses incurred by banks

†2002. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether losses of Cooperative, Public Sector and Private Sector banks have increased in the last three years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise, bank-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether some banks have failed to return the amount of investors during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the remedial measures taken or being

taken by Government for protecting the interest of customers in this regard?

Separate window for Islamic banking

2003. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has ruled out the proposal of opening of a separate window in banks on the principles of Islamic Banking;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the Federal Bank has been allowed to launch a non-interest banking savings account viz. "Noor Personal Account" based on Islamic Banking; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

Review of regulatory mechanism of banking system

2004. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to review regulatory mechanism of banking system including autonomy of RBI;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, whether there is a need to do so in view of recent mishappening in banking system?

Encouragement for innovators/promoters in healthcare sector

†2005. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the steps being taken to identify and encourage the innovators/promoters working in healthcare sector;

(b) whether any list of people identified and being identified for the said purpose is available with Government; and

(c) whether any efforts are being made to link them with "Make in India" and "Skill India" programmes?

Regional Medical Research Centre in Chhattisgarh

†2006. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval from the Centre is required for setting up Regional Medical Research Centre in tribal areas in Chhattisgarh; and

(b) whether there are a large number of patients suffering from TB, Malaria, Filariasis, Leprosy, Swine Flu and Japanese Encephalitis in the tribal areas who need proper treatment?

Monthly financial assistance to TB patients

2007. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to provide monthly financial assistance to TB patients across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to improve the nutritional status of TB patients in the country?

High newborn mortality rate

2008. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether newborn mortality rate in India is one of the highest in the world;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) what are the major causes of such deaths; and

(d) what is being done about it?

Initiatives to improve menstrual health

2009. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what initiatives are taken up by Government to improve the menstrual health in the country?

Loss of lives due to H1N1

2010. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that H1N1 virus is a threat for middle aged persons in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that persons with co-morbidities such as diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or cancer are vulnerable to death due to swine flu;

(c) whether many people have lost their lives on account of swine flu during the year 2017; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Negligency in treatment at Government hospitals

‡2011. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of accidents due to negligence during treatment in Government hospitals have increased in recent days;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the number of such accidents are primarily increasing because of no action being taken against the culprits responsible for such negligencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Chhattisgarh Health Project-2016

‡2012. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh Special Health Project-2016 has been presented before Central Government out of which certain projects have not been approved although same are required; and

(b) whether it is possible to do away with the injustice meted out to the students already admitted due to delayed process of admission in the wake of objections raised by Medical Council of India keeping in view that there is a proposal to obtain a permission for 100 seats for MBBS in the Government Medical College, Ambikapur?

Sectors and hospital beds availability

2013. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the numbers of doctors and hospitals beds for the treatment of patients are less than the requirement in our country;

(b) the number of doctors, State-wise and the doctor-patients ratio, State-wise as on date; and

(c) the number of beds in the hospitals, State-wise and the requirements of beds as on date?

New surgical block at AIIMS, New Delhi

2014. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has decided to set-up New Surgical Block, with 200 beds and 12 operation theatres to reduce the waiting time for patients; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the new surgical block will be made operational for patients?

Research projects through ICMR

2015. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated new research projects through various labs of ICMR and other autonomous Institute to find medical solution for severities due to varied diseases and ailments;

(b) if so, details thereof and funds spent so far in this regard;

(c) details of projects successfully completed and projects in progress under various research arms of ICMR and other

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autonomous institutes in the last three years;

(d) whether there is any issues in proper exploitation of the products developed out of the researches by ICMR and other institutes; and

(e) if so, details thereof and steps taken by Government in this regard?

Shortage of doctors for Palliative care

2016. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is shortage of doctors for healing and treatment for Palliative care in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of initiatives taken to train doctors, nurses and other specialists for Palliative patients in the country?

New wellness centres

2017. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many wellness centres have been established by Government in the past three years;

(b) what are the standards prescribed by Government for establishing these wellness centres; and

(c) how many people does one wellness centre caters to?

Child sex ratio

2018. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any projects are going on to

address the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any special assistance is given to States to meet the situation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of fund released to Kerala for the purpose during the last two years?

Regulating Caesarean sections conducted by private hospitals

2019. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an NGO claimed that the average birth by C-section in private hospitals of Delhi was as high as 65.54 per cent, as against 20.65 per cent in the Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether unwarranted caesarean sections are harmful to the mother and the baby and a violation of their fundamental rights; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is taking to regulate and monitor C-section in private hospitals of Delhi and other metropolitan cities in the country?

Mandating States and UTs to undertake de-worming programme

2020. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to mandate all States and UTs to undertake programmes of de-worming among children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the economically

backward States so that this programme can be a success; and

(d) if so, the amount allotted to such States in the last one year, State-wise?

Employing professionals to run Government hospitals

2021. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent incidents which happened in Government hospitals across the country justify that Government is bad at running hospitals;

(b) whether Government is considering to ask State Governments to employ more professionals in running hospitals other than doctors and nurses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bioresorbable stents

2022. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bioresorbable stents are banned in Europe, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that bioresorbable stents which are banned in Europe are selling hugely in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it is not a fact that the Drug Controller General of India has failed in stopping sale of banned stents; and

(d) the steps taken to stop these stents from entering into the Indian market?

Governmental prejuction on cancer cases

2023. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more men die from cancer than women in the country;

(b) if so, a detailed report on cancer affected persons in the country during the last three years;

(c) the sex-wise reasons behind the cancer mortality in the country therein;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government projects to have over 18 lakh new cases of cancer before 2020 with 14 lakh new cases in next three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the proposal of Government to check and treat patients to reduce mortality rate therefor?

Making outcomes of clinical trials public

2024. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make results of clinical trials public;

(b) whether the ICMR makes it mandatory for companies, organizations to disclose outcomes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India has had a mixed record with clinical trials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sending doctors to rural areas

†2025. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any policy initiatives have been taken or are being taken to send doctors to the rural areas for services;
- (b) the incentives being contemplated to be given to the doctors if they go and serve at the rural areas or places identified as those of adverse situations; and
- (c) whether such areas have been identified which need the doctors more or where there are relatively less health facilities?

High rate of cancer in the North Eastern region

2026. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that incidence of cancer in Assam and North Eastern region is the highest in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that cancer treatment facilities are highly inadequate in the region; and
- (c) if so, whether Government would consider stepping up its efforts to provide best possible treatment to cancer patients in the region?

Laxity in implementation of PNDT Act

†2027. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) reasons for laxity being exercised towards strict implementation of the laws on pre-natal test of sex determination and selection whereby the gap in terms of sex ratio remains unchecked;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Ministry for removing the gap of sex ratio in the last three years;
- (c) the number of the cases registered under the pre-conception and pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques law in the last three years and their current status; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the gap between the sex ratio in those States that are surrounded by nature is lower?

Implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana

2028. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH:
DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has been implementing the Janani Surksha Yojana (JSY) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the States in which the scheme is being implemented;
- (c) whether Government has conducted

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any study on the implementation of the scheme across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the implementation of the scheme is giving the desired results; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to expand the scheme?

Better medical facilities for rural areas

2029. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of about 600 million people live in rural areas of the country where the condition of medical facilities is deplorable;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to provide better medical facilities in rural areas of the country?

Mitigation of mortality rate of newborn children

†2030. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging behind its neighbouring countries as per the report of UNICEF related to newborn Infant Mortality Rate released in previous month

of February and the details of the number of cases of death of newborns within one month after their birth during the past three years;

(b) reasons due to which satisfactory level of success is not being achieved towards prevention of newborn mortality rate in the health sector; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government during the past three years in order to mitigate the mortality rate of newborn children?

Increase in cases of TB

†2031. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disease of Tuberculosis (TB) is continuously increasing in the major cities of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the State-wise details during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to tackle this disease;

(d) the medium through which this disease is spreading and whether any step has been taken to prevent it after earmarking those medium; and

(e) what are the reasons due to which patients suffering from this disease are being found in cities in greater numbers?

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Opening of new medical colleges

‡2032. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that health services are insufficient as compared to the increasing population in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has granted approval for opening new medical colleges in order to increase healthcare services in the public and private sector from 2014-15 to 2017-18, if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether applications from the public and private sectors are pending for approval of Government, if so, details thereof?

Observance of food safety standards in Government Institutions' kitchens

2033. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report on food quality and safety of institutional kitchens in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the kitchens of premier educational institutions have failed to clear the food safety audit report therefor;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes for regular checkups and monitoring of food safety in all the kitchens of Government institutions and organizations therein and if so, the details of steps taken/proposed; and

(d) the suggestion and recommendations of Food Safety and Standards Authority of

India (FSSAI) to Government on food safety in all institutions and organizations?

Curbing population growth

2034. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether most problems associated with providing healthcare and employment, social security etc., in India are due to its over increasing population growth;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that by 2021, the rate at which the population is increasing will touch the figure of 1.50 billion;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what action plan Government considers to launch to restrict the ever increasing population of India; and

(e) how far Government initiatives, if any, have achieved the goal, and the details thereof?

Incentives for Kerala under NHM funding

2035. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala State has been a high-performing State in Health as per NITI Aayog's latest Health Index Report; and

(b) if so, the initiatives/incentives given to Kerala under National Health Mission funding?

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Road map for National Health Insurance Scheme

‡2036. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced to provide health insurance of ₹ five lakh annually to 50 crore people;

(b) if so, the details of the road map for its disbursement; and

(c) if not, the reasons for Government not being able to fulfil its promise to extend the scope of previous National Health Insurance Scheme to Rupees one lakh announced in the Budget of year 2016?

Indian population to surpass China's

2037. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is set to surpass the population of China by 2024 as per United Nation's projections;

(b) how the country is planning to tackle the menace of population explosion; and

(c) what are the other factors that give rise to uncontrollable population besides the high birth rate, the details thereof and the measures contemplated therefor?

Refusal of hospital to admit pregnant women

2038. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the incidents in which hospitals are

refusing to admit pregnant women with labour pain or in other emergency cases on various pleas including not possessing Aadhaar card etc. in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Guidelines on stabilization of population growth

2039. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to take steps to achieve the stabilization rate for population growth;

(b) if so, details of States and cities where Government plans to implement the policy;

(c) guidelines that Government will adopt to ensure that the stabilization rate is achieved; and

(d) whether these guidelines will also focus on measures to be adopted by male partners, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Dialysis units in blocks/panchayats

‡2040. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up dialysis units in all the blocks/panchayats of the country to provide care to the local patients;

(b) if so, the details about infrastructure and procedures for setting up of such units and terms thereof;

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(c) the details of project proposals and budget including Centre-State partnership under this scheme; and

(d) whether the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model is being considered in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

National Health Protection Scheme

2041. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the contours and structure down to the lowest level of the National Health Protection Scheme announced by the Finance Minister in the Budget speech;

(b) whether private insurance companies shall be empanelled for this scheme; and

(c) whether Government has plans to extend the scheme to primary healthcare and outpatient costs?

Shortage of allopathic doctors

2042. SHRI MADHUSUDAN MISTRY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the shortage of allopathic doctors, State-wise;

(b) the ratio of doctor-patients, State-wise; and

(c) the Primary Health Centres without allopathy doctors?

Private hospitals allotted land at subsidised rates

2043. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private hospitals, in the NCR which have been allotted land at subsidised rates, for setting up of hospitals;

(b) how many of such hospitals offer mandated 10 per cent of beds to poor patients;

(c) the names of hospitals which do not comply with the mandatory condition; and

(d) what action Government has taken against them, the details thereof?

Increase in cases of respiratory disease

†2044. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients of respiratory diseases is continuously increasing across the country due to pollution;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete and effective step to check it; and

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

ISO certification of CHCs and PHCs

2045. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Community

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and Primary Health Centres in the country including Haryana;

(b) whether Government proposes to make all Community Healthcare Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs), ISO-certified and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of CHCs and PHCs in West Bengal which have been made ISO certified, so far; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to improve the quality of services in these healthcare centres in the country?

White Paper on non-communicable diseases

2046. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to publish a White Paper on the issue of non communicable diseases in the country and its policies to tackle the same;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to address the root cause of such diseases; and

(c) whether Government has received inputs from all the State Governments on the Model Concessionaire Agreement draft framework shared by Niti Aayog, if so, the State-wise details thereof, thereof; and if not, by when will it be able to share the same?

Privatisation of healthcare services in Government hospitals

2047. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is planning to privatise certain health care services in Government hospitals; and

(b) if so, the details and the rationale behind the policy?

Rise in cancer patients

2048. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that number of cancer patients in the country is increasing every year;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government will come forward to introduce Surgical Oncology in all Medical Colleges across the country in view of the increasing number of cancer cases;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Development of Waqf properties

2049. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO) had entrusted Deloitte Consultants, India to formulate plans for the development of Waqf properties, if so, what were the expenses incurred for hiring their consultancy;

(b) whether the Deloitte Consultants have submitted their Report, if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations of Deloitte Consultants have been fully

adopted and implemented by NAWADCO or is being reviewed for proper implementation?

Sea route for Haj pilgrimage

2050. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Saudia Arabia has agreed to revive sea route for Indian Haj pilgrims;
- (b) if so, the details of bilateral annual agreement and the conditions therein;
- (c) whether Government proposes to continue subsidy support for waterways services;
- (d) if so, the details of the proposal thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilisation of Haj subsidy on education of Muslim girls

†2051. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to withdraw Haj subsidy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to spend the Haj subsidy amount on the education of Muslim girls; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of Haj subsidies

2052. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred

Question 461 and 464 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6 February, 2018 and state:

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to withdraw the Haj subsidies being given to Haj Pilgrims in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken note of the serious resentment among the public across the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to consider the views of the public and revoke the decision?

Reduction in outlay of Haj subsidy

2053. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answers to UQ 454 dated 19.12.17 and UQ 461, 463 & 464 dated 6.2.18 and state:

- (a) whether Government reduced the outlay for Haj subsidy from ₹ 400 crore to ₹ 200 crore between 2014-2017;
- (b) if so, whether the reduced ₹ 200 crore was used for the welfare of the minority communities during the period 2014-2017, as per the directions of the Supreme Court; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Minority Commission in J & K

2054. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Minority Commission has not been set up in the State of Jammu and Kashmir despite the fact that National Commission for

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Minority Act, was passed in 1992 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is aware that in the absence of such a panel, benefits exclusively meant for minority communities of that region like Hindus and Sikhs, including aid worth crores of rupees are being given away to the Muslim Community which is in majority there, in an arbitrary manner and if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Central support to schemes for minorities

2055. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV
GOWDA:
SHRIMATI THOTA
SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of schemes that are Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) including flagship programmes being implemented under the Ministry at present and the quantum of funds allocated, targets set, funds disbursed and utilized to each of these scheme, for the past three years including present year, state/UT-wise, year-wise;

(b) whether certain CSS for minorities have been discontinued from 2018-19; and

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

Reduction in quota for HCI Haj pilgrims

2056. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MMA Committee has recommended reducing embarkation points for Haj pilgrimage from 21 to 9 to cut down Government spending

on Haj, if so, the reasons therefor and the list of embarkment points;

(b) whether Government is also planning to reduce the quota of pilgrims going through the Haj Committee of India (HCI) by fixing the ratio of HCI pilgrims and those going through private tour operators to 70:30; and

(c) whether the Committee has also recommended making the bidding process for airlines more competitive, reducing the cost factor?

Nai Roshni Scheme in Odisha

2057. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal online under the Nai Roshni Scheme for empanelment of organisations as implementing agencies from the State of Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof during 2017-18;

(c) whether Government has approved all these proposals, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the implementing agencies, out of the approved ones, which have started imparting training in the State of Odisha; and

(e) the total amount so far released to be paid to them during the current financial year?

Review of new Haj Policy

2058. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision in new Haj Policy, which debars persons with disabilities from applying for the pilgrimage to Mecca;

(b) if so, whether Government has received representations to review the Haj Policy; and

(c) the status of the representations?

Training under Seekho Aur Kamao Scheme

2059. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries that have received training under the Seekho Aur Kamao Scheme since 2013, year-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries that have received placements in jobs that were trained under the scheme since 2013, year-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated for the scheme for the financial year 2018-19?

Slow down in the renewable energy sector

2060. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the renewable energy sector is in the midst of a lull after the storm, as bidding for wind and solar energy projects is seeing a short term slow down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the wind energy sector is facing near term headwinds and the capacity addition in the near term remains adversely impacted due to migration from feed in tariff to bid tariff route; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Solar plants in Bihar

†2061. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to supply electricity generated through solar plants using sunlight;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States where solar plants have been set up so far and the details thereof along with their location in Bihar?

Closing down of regional office at Bhubaneswar

2062. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regional office of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy situated at Bhubaneswar has been closed by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

Solar component manufacturing in the country

2063. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government will soon invite expressions of interest for the setting up of end-to-end solar component manufacturing in India of 20 GW capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had already received bids for 32 GW of projects in wind energy, which is more than 50 per cent of the 60 GW target set for 2022; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Surge in NPAs of IREDA

2064. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has recorded a surge in Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), if so, the details thereof for the past three years;

(b) whether IREDA has been granting loans despite a surge in NPAs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether IREDA has deviated from RBI lending rates while granting loans, if so, the details thereof?

Development of Kakinada as a Solar City

2065. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1983 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th March, 2017 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh has been selected as a Solar City under the Development of Solar Cities Programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no funds were sanctioned to the city under the Programme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and steps

taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry to speed up the development of Kakinada as a Solar City and the amount demarcated for the same?

Potential of ground mounted solar panel

†2066. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the potential of ground mounted solar panel and the details of the targets achieved after year 2014; and

(b) the details of obtained grid connections and achievements of small power plants under second phase of Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission in comparison with the targets fixed under Five Year Plan of 2013-2017?

Auctioning of solar and wind capacities

2067. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to boost renewable energy production across the country, Government had announced auction of upto 21 GW solar and wind capacities by March, 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has already sanctioned 2 GW wind capacity in first and second rounds this year;

(d) whether Government will also put up for the bidding 10 GW wind capacities each in 2018-19 and 2019-20; and

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(e) if so, the details thereof?

Fund for solar and wind energy projects

2068. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to solar and wind energy projects during the past three years, State-wise and UT-wise; and

(b) whether Government has been meeting renewable energy generation targets during the past three years, if so, the details thereof?

National Electricity Fund

2069. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds disbursed as interest subsidies from the National Electricity Fund (NEF) since 2012, year-wise; and

(b) the number of loans for which interest subsidies were provided from the NEF since 2012, year-wise?

Demand and supply of electricity in the country

†2070. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of electricity generation, demand of electricity and its supply in the country as on January, 2018;

(b) the status of the actual shortage thereof and measures to deal with the shortage, State-wise; and

(c) the status of its demand and supply in National capital and the measures adopted to stabilise the fluctuation in voltage?

Commercial use of ISRO lithium-ion batteries

2071. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received recommendations for initiating requisite power tariff and access policies in regard to commercial use of ISRO lithium-ion battery technology for electric vehicles in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of Pudimadaka Power Plant project

2072. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Pudimadaka Power Plant project in the last three years;

(b) the funds allocated, released and spent by the Ministry towards the project in the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the expected timeline for completion of the project?

Dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for supply of power

2073. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

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there is a dispute between successor States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana regarding supply of power as per Section 69 of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act and tariffs for the supplied power, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has given any direction to any State regarding the issue?

Implementation of LED Street Lighting Project

2074. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going ahead with LED street lighting project across the country, particularly in the State of Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government has made any study on the implementation of the project, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the project is facing implementation problems, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to fix the implementation problems?

Coal availability for power plants

2075. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in absence of meticulous assessment of how much coal is available for producing power at power plants is causing a lot of concern for power plants as they are unaware when coal would be supplied;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry shall

develop a web portal which gives the details of current status of coal availability at mine, availability of railway rakes being supplied to plant, the status of coal stock at power plants, etc.;

(c) whether any action in this direction has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Power projects

2076. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects including thermal and hydel generating power projects pending for completion;

(b) how many thermal and hydel projects have started functioning during last three years, the year-wise break-up; and

(c) the power generated by these projects and share of distribution from each of these plants during the last three years?

Achievement of objective of Saubhagya Scheme

†2077. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any deadline has been fixed for achieving the objectives of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the benefits of the Saubhagya scheme are likely to be extended to those poor people who do not even have a Kutchcha house and are living in shanties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Stepping up coal supply to the power plants

2078. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by the coal companies and Railways to improve coal supply to the power plants so that they have sufficient coal stocks to meet their requirements;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Ministry will take up this issue at the appropriate level so that there is no shortage of coal in the power sector; and

(d) what other steps have been taken to step up coal supply to power plants?

Status of the Hydro R&M Schemes

2079. SHRI DEREK O' BREIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hydroelectric power projects targeted for the renovation and modernisation during the Twelfth Five Year Plan and the installed capacity of these hydroelectric power projects once renovated, the details thereof;

(b) the current status of the Hydro

R&M Schemes programmed for completion during Tawlfth Plan, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Ministry for the Hydro R&M Schemes for the last four years and current year, the details thereof?

Absence of back-end system infrastructure improvement under Saubhagya scheme

2080. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Saubhagya scheme of the Ministry to achieve universal household electrification does not provide for any back-end system infrastructure improvement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the earlier Central schemes like Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) had provisions for this purpose; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry would consider including back-end infrastructure under the current Saubhagya scheme?

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