

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

Inclusion of Sowa-Rigpa in UNESCO List

3521. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recommended and nominated Tibetan medicine system of Sowa-Rigpa for inclusion in UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of the Indian Systems of Medicine has been included in the above UNESCO's List; and

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

Yoga institutes

3522. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA &

NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of yoga institutes run by Government in different States of the country including Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government is planning to set up more yoga institutes in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of Air India employees

3523. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Air India will be retained after the privatisation proposal is materialised;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether any alternate proposals are under consideration for rehabilitation of these employees; and

(c) the details thereof?

New airports in Uttar Pradesh

3524. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop new airports in the State of Uttar Pradesh under Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Poor performance of Air India

3525. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) at what rate does the number of new air travellers increase yearly;

(b) if it is growing why Air India is in a serious financial crisis; and

(c) since many other airlines are profitable, what ails Air India?

Constitution of AISAM for disinvestment of AI

3526. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) to guide the process of strategic disinvestment from time to time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism has given any guidance/recommendation for the disinvestment of Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Measures to improve runways at the airports in the country

3527. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of runways/airstrips at airports in the country are unsafe and short for smooth landing and takeoff and if so, the details thereof, airports/airstrip-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve/modernise/expand the runways of various airports in the country?

Change of name of Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Maharashtra

3528. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for change in the name of Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport has been referred by State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for causing so much of delay in change of name of the Airport respecting sentiments of people; and

(d) how much further time Government is likely to take in taking a decision on change of name of the Airport?

Status of Bidar airport in Karnataka

3529. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is any proposal for Bidar airport;

(b) what is its status at present; and

(c) by when the demand of Hyderabad-Karnataka (H.K.) region, Karnataka people will be fulfilled?

Difficulties faced in UDAN Phase-I

3530. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has faced some problems with regard to Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) Phase-I;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has now finalised UDAN Phase-II also; and

(d) if so, whether Government has taken adequate measures to overcome the difficulties faced in Phase-I?

Purchase of two VVIP aircrafts by AI

3531. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of ₹ 4375 crore has been given to Air India for purchasing of two aircrafts meant for VVIP travel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the justification and rationalisation for such a move when Government is proposing to disinvest Air India by June 2018; and

(d) the details thereof?

Change of name of Mohali airport

3532. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali is still not named after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the both Punjab and Haryana Government have agreed to name the airport after the great revolutionary;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the airport will operate as Bhagat Singh International Airport?

Construction of new airports in Tamil Nadu

3533. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans for the construction and expansion of new airports in Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) the total estimated cost of this said project and the details of the funds to be generated for the same;

(d) whether Government has fixed any time limit for the completion of the said project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Initiatives taken by Maharashtra
under RCS scheme**

3534. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in improving air connectivity for small towns under the Centre's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS);

(b) the initiatives taken by the Government of Maharashtra under the above scheme; and

(c) the details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed by the Government of Maharashtra with AAI to develop airports in the State especially Amravati, Nanded, Solapur and Sindhudurg?

**Casual and contract labours at
airports in Maharashtra**

3535. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether casual and contract labourers are employed at various airports in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details of casual and contract labourers, separately, presently employed in these airports of the State, airport-wise;

(c) what welfare measures have been extended to these workers;

(d) whether Government propose to make these labourers as regular employees in their respective airports in a phased manner; and

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

**Release of remaining amount of turn
around plan of AI**

3536. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government was working on ways to deal with the ₹ 50,000 crore debt, which could potentially be a problem in the sale of Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the turn around plan, Air India was to get ₹ 50,000 crore in equity infusion till 2032, and since 2012, ₹ 26,000 crore has already been infused; and

(d) whether it is unlikely that Government shall release the remaining amount of the said turn around plan of ₹ 50,000 crore?

**Aircrafts for security
forces**

3537. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is considering to provide aircrafts for carrying security forces across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India has made any agreement with the Home Department in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Global tender for flying Haj pilgrims

3538. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes for global tender from airlines to ferry Haj pilgrims, as Government is extorting double the market rate of air tickets from Haj pilgrims;

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

(c) whether Air India and other airlines are levying GST on air tickets of Haj pilgrims while Ministry of Finance has exempted Haj from GST; and

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

Introduction of regular seaplane services

3539. SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY:
SHRI AMAR SHANKAR
SABLE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to start regular seaplane services from certain places;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the places identified for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to formulate rules for amphibious planes in order to facilitate start of seaplane services across the country?

Action under CA Act on complaints

3540. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:
Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAI can proceed with the complaint as per CA Act 1949, in case, complaint of a member or firm is filed with The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) pertaining to the audit of listed companies/unlisted companies within certain threshold limit, against which investigation is not initiated by National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Empowering ICAI to implement orders of NFRA

3541. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:
Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to empower The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to implement orders passed by National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ICAI has power under the existing Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 to implement orders passed by NFRA under Companies Act, 2013, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the mechanism of implementing orders of NFRA towards debarbing the members of ICAI and Chartered Accountants firms from practice by ICAI; and

(d) whether it is to be done by ICAI, if so, the details thereof?

Corporate data management

3542. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has put in place any mechanism for corporate data management;

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

(c) the details regarding making available authentic and reliable corporate data to various stakeholders; and

(d) whether Government has made any provision in the recent budget to strengthen corporate data management?

Impact of company registration procedure

3543. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of company registration procedure recently introduced by Government; and

(b) whether Government has undertaken any comparative study of ease of company registration in the country and other developing countries and in case, the country is lagging, what are the reasons therefor?

Powers of NFRA and ICAI

3544. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) has power to cancel the Certificate of Practice of a

Chartered Accountant and not to remove name from Register of Members maintained by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI);

(b) whether ICAI has powers to cancel the Certificate of Practice as per orders of NFRA under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949; and

(c) with the constitution of NFRA whether existing disciplinary cases against Chartered Accountants will continue to be dealt with by ICAI?

Data on NPA

3545. MAHANT SHAMBHU-PRASADJI TUNDIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the NPA during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the NPAs during the previous Government?

Protection of solar equipment firms

3546. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to protect the indigenous solar equipment firms and with this in view rejected the 20K Cr. Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the sops and concessions being offered to indigenous solar equipment firms to withstand foreign entrepreneurs?

Effect of GST on Make-in-India Programmes

3547. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that implementation of GST would lead to a big blow to Government's flagship programme "Make-in-India" in the India's smart phones market, as import duty on import of smart phones would become cheaper;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to safeguard the domestic markets?

India's contribution to world's GDP

‡3548. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a record increase in the contribution of India in world's Gross Domestic Product during the last four years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

White Paper on the state of economy

3549. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a survey has been conducted by National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) which indicated that demonetisation, GST has

greatly dented the business confidence and the Confidence Index fell by 2.5 per cent on quarter-on-quarter basis;

(b) if so, the details of the survey and steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the confidence of industry; and

(c) what constraints Government has to release a White Paper on the state of economy in the country and also impact of demonetisation and GST?

Short term loan at subsidised rate

3550. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to provide short term loan at subsidised rate of interest to recoup losses incurred by Cooperative Institutions due to crop loan disbursement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tax on agricultural income

3551. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to impose tax on agricultural income;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Niti Aayog has recommended for this tax imposition, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the stand of Government in this regard?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

GST on coconut shells

3552. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that GST of 5% levied on coconut shells has adversely affected the activated carbon production; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken by Government for the same?

Tax refund to exporters

3553. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many exporters have been entitled to tax refund till now under the GST framework; and

(b) how is Government planning to speed up the process for allocating the tax refund to the exporters?

Loans and micro credit scheme in West Bengal

3554. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that West Bengal has achieved excellent results in the scheme of providing term loans and micro-credit for 2016-17;

(b) the details of the physical and financial achievements made in scheme of providing term loans and micro-credit for minorities in the country for the years 2016-17; and

(c) whether the Ministry has taken steps to implement best practices learnt from West Bengal in disbursement of loans and micro credit to the beneficiaries of the minority community?

Scheme to promote accidental insurance coverage

3555. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any scheme to promote accidental insurance coverage;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its objectives;

(c) the challenges faced by Government in the implementation of the scheme;

(d) the steps taken by Government to overcome the difficulties in implementation of the scheme;

(e) whether there is any improvement in the related indices after implementation of the scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and State-wise distribution of the related indices?

Sudden surge in bond yields of Public Sector Banks

3556. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sudden surge in bond yields has resulted in mark to market losses for many Public Sector Banks which are already bleeding under the bad loan burden;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of losses suffered by each Public Sector Bank;

(c) whether the Public Sector Banks have requested Reserve Bank of India to allow them to spread these losses over two quarters;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the response of the Reserve Bank of India in this regard?

Impact of shortage of staff on timely refund of taxes

3557. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength in CBDT, Income Tax and other Departments which are dealing with tax related issues;

(b) the details of in-position strength of above Departments, Department-wise;

(c) how the staff is able to manage with information that is so collected about cash remittances between November and December, 2016 during demonetisation;

(d) the steps taken by Government to process information and how they are going to do it with limited staff;

(e) whether refund to the assesseees are not given on time and is delayed abnormally; and

(f) whether it is due to shortage of staff strength or due to other reasons, details thereof?

Recapitalisation of PSBs

3558. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government is planning to unveil Indradhanush 2.0-a comprehensive plan for recapitalisation of Public Sector banks with a view to make them remain solvent and fully compliant with the global capital adequacy norms Basel-III and if so, the details thereof?

Loans disbursed under MUDRA Scheme in Maharashtra

†3559. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan yet to be

disbursed to the entrepreneurs under the MUDRA scheme and the details of budget allocated and amount spent in compliance of targets set in this regard and the number of its beneficiaries, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of applications received for availing of loan and number of applicants who have been given loan under the 'MUDRA' Scheme and the District-wise number of beneficiaries particularly in Maharashtra under this scheme; and

(c) the number of SCs/STs and women beneficiaries under MUDRA Scheme and District-wise details of loans disbursed in this regard in Maharashtra?

Enhancing tax exemption limit for Very Senior Citizens

3560. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a category of 'Very Senior Citizens' (80) years and above) was designated in Budget 2011-12;

(b) whether it is a fact that since 2011-12, there has been no enhancement of their tax exemption for the last seven years;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal(s) for enhancement of the tax exemption limit for 'Very Senior Citizens';

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) number of 'Very Senior Citizens' Income Tax Assesseees during the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) whether Government proposes to enhance their tax exemption limit?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Clearing of NPAs of banks

‡3561. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed to clear the NPAs of the banks;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the quantum of NPAs of the Public Sector banks as on date and the steps being taken by the Government to clear the same?

Payment of Salary/Pension before 31st March

3562. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to give salaries, pension etc. to Government employees before 31st March of each financial year in view of the preponement of presenting of General Budget and completion of financial business before 31st March; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Transfer policy in banks

3563. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in most of the bank frauds, there is involvement of senior bank officials;
- (b) whether there is any transfer policy being followed by banks;
- (c) the total period of stay allowed to an employee or an officer in one branch of a bank; and
- (d) whether Government will ask banks

to transfer employees who are staying in a bank branch for more than the allowed period?

Bank scam under CBI investigation

‡3564. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the banks and total numbers of cases of Bank scam involving more than ₹ 1000 crore which are under CBI investigation;
- (b) for how many years these investigations are going on; and
- (c) the name of the banks along with the number of senior officers who are under CBI investigation, the details thereof?

Money pumped in banks

3565. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has pumped ₹ 2.6 lakh crore worth of money into Government run banks over some years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Public Sector Banks have been posting heavy losses in recent years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Enquiry against RBI officials for erroneous audit reports

3566. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has initiated any Enquiry against the officials of Reserve Bank of India who gave erroneous audit reports in respect of Nationalised Banks

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

including Punjab National Bank and State Bank of India during the last three years; and

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

Prescribed duration of LoUs for precious stones

3567. SHRI K.T.S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) total period for which Letters of Understanding (LoUs) for precious stones such as gems and diamonds can be opened, as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Guidelines;

(b) whether any action was taken by the Ministry against the companies of Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi including the bank officials for issuing LoUs to them for periods beyond the prescribed duration as per the said guidelines; and

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

Posts lying vacant in Banking Department

3568. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of vacancies in the Departments under different wings including Banking sector;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant in the Departments including Banking sector, as on date; and

(c) the steps the Department and Government are going to take to fill up the vacancies?

Opening of bank branches in rural/ backward areas

3569. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of lack of banking facilities in rural/ backward areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the norms/guidelines laid down by the Reserve Bank of India for opening of bank branches in rural/backward areas of the country; and

(c) the number of bank branches proposed to be opened in unreserved rural/ backward areas along with the steps taken or being taken by Government to open bank branches in unserved areas including the time-framed fixed thereof?

RBI instructions for linking core banking with SWIFT

3570. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has asked commercial banks to link their core banking software with the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) interbank messaging system by the end of April, 2018;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Brussels based SWIFT has said that it does not comment on individual customers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of Indian banks, including PNB, have not linked their core banking system with the SWIFT network which is widely used by global banks to communicate with each other on transactions?

Checkpoints set out by RBI for banks

3571. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set out more than two dozen checkpoints and asked banks to comply within set timelines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the checkpoints prescribed by RBI would have to be complied with immediate effect;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has reiterated its confidential instructions and mandated the banks to implement, within the stipulated deadlines, the prescribed measures for strengthening the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) operating environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rationalisation of GST rates

‡3572. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering upon rationalising the rates of GST;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step so far in this regard; and

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

Mobilisation of additional financial resources through disinvestment

‡3573. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

is considering to mobilise additional financial resources through disinvestment of public sector undertaking to fulfil the fiscal deficit;

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

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

P.M. subsidy on Vaya Vandana Yojana

3574. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding objectives of Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana for senior citizens;

(b) whether Government is incurring any cost on account of interest subsidy to LIC for the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details regarding the amount of subsidy borne by Government since inception of the scheme?

Deposit of huge sum by Nirav Modi before demonetisation

3575. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been alleged that jeweller Nirav Modi had deposited ₹ 90 crore at one of the branches of the scam-hit Punjab National Bank (PNB) hours before the announcement of demonetisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon in the matter?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Increasing outflow of gold exchange traded funds

3576. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the recent data by Association of Mutual Fund in India (AMFI) which has revealed the increasing outflow of gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs);

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

(c) the steps proposed by Government to address the increasing outflow of gold ETFs?

NPAs registered in SBI branches

3577. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of NPAs have been registered in SBI at its Mumbai, Ahmedabad, New Delhi and Chandigarh branches during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken by SBI to recover its dues from above mentioned branches to minimise NPA level, the details thereof?

Revival of old PPP projects

3578. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken note of all the PPP projects which are stalled for more than 2-5 years under various Ministries, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the main reasons for the PPP projects languishing in the country;

(c) the details of both internal and external factors effecting them;

(d) whether the Ministry has initiated any process/measures for the revival of these stalled projects and the dwindling relation between Government and private entities, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if Government has to invest in the stalled projects, the total amount of the capital required for the same, the details thereof?

Hand loan to farmers

3579. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Government scheme of giving "hand loan" to farmers which will be disbursed in three days without any hassle and needs to be returned on getting crop, that is in 4-5 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any serious thought given by Government to start a scheme like this to avoid farmers taking loans from private money lenders?

Writing off loan due from Punjab

3580. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Central loan due from Government of Punjab as on date indicating principal amount and interest thereon;

(b) whether Government proposes to write off the loan especially the amount incurred on maintaining law and order situation to control anti-National activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Linking Aadhaar with PAN

3581. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made it mandatory to link existing Aadhaar numbers with PAN for tax payers from 1st July, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives behind this move; and

(c) how many tax payers have linked PAN with Aadhaar by the end of December, 2017?

Loans by PSBs under MUDRA scheme

3582. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been disbursed as loan by the Banks under the MUDRA scheme since its inception; and

(b) the percentage of this money that was disbursed by PSU Banks?

Exposure of PSBs to Nirav Modi and Choksi groups

3583. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total exposure of various PSU banks to Nirav Modi and Choksi groups;

(b) the total amount of property seized so far from them;

(c) whether forensic audits have been ordered for these groups; and

(d) the steps being taken by PSBs to recognise further exposure of such kind to other clients?

Funds for schemes and projects under New Scheme

3584. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and projects which were funded using the ₹ 3000 crores earmarked for New Scheme in 2017-18 Budget for the Department of Economic Affairs;

(b) the details of the Ministry and the supplementary demand for grants in which the demand for respective projects was raised, project-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) whether supplementary demand for grants are scrutinised by Standing Committees, if not, the reasons therefor?

KYC requirement for customers using mobile wallets

3585. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has mandated mobile wallet companies to collect information from customers including their identification details and biometrics with 28th February, 2018 as deadline;

(b) whether reports indicate that at least 8 out of every 10 customers using mobile wallets in the country have not yet completed the KYC requirements; and

(c) whether industry experts feel that the prevailing uncertainty will lead to an erosion of nearly 30 per cent share in transactions for mobile wallets?

Bringing cryptocurrencies under purview of capital gains tax

3586. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income Tax Department is planning to bring cryptocurrencies under the category of capital assets and thus profits made through investment in any of the cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, Ethereum, Ripple and Dash etc., would invite capital gains tax; and

(b) if so, whether the same has retrospective application since individuals, prior to any such clarifications have already filed returns declaring gains arising from cryptocurrencies as income from other sources?

CSO forecast on GDP growth

3587. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Statistics Office has forecasted that the GDP growth in the current financial year will slowdown to a four year low of 6.5% from the provisional 7.1% seen in 2016-17;

(b) whether the GDP drag down is due to the deceleration in the agriculture and the manufacturing sectors; and

(c) the measures Government is planning to take to stabilise the GDP?

Crop loan to farmers at subsidised rate in Rajasthan

3588. SHRI RAJKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to provide crop loan to farmers of Rajasthan at subsidised rate of interest by Government, Cooperative Credit Institutions are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Accounts misappropriated after demonetisation

‡3589. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accounts reported to be misappropriated in the country after demonetisation on 8th November, 2016 and the number of accounts probed;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the rules under which Government filed cases in this regard?

Agricultural loans released by banks

3590. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount of agricultural loans released by each Nationalised bank and Scheduled bank for the last three years, State-wise with rate of interest; and

(b) the details of total amount of agricultural loans released by each Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies with rate of interest?

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Agriculture debt relief package

3591. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and amount written off for agriculture loan, if any, by Nationalised banks during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of amount written off for agriculture loan, if any, by Scheduled banks during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) whether any agriculture debt relief package is given by Government, if so, the details thereof?

Funding of affordable green homes by IFC

3592. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Finance Corporation (IFC) has finalised plans to provide fresh funding of close to US \$ 1 billion for affordable green home, including creation of a joint pool of US \$ 800 million with PNB Housing Finance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that IFC collaborated with HDFC last year to fund construction of affordable homes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Use of Clean Energy Cess on climate change

3593. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Clean Energy Cess collected from 2010 till GST Compensation to States Act was enacted;

(b) the amount used from the total to fight climate change, promote renewable energy, etc.;

(c) whether any part of this amount has been used for other purposes, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(d) the total amount of Clean Energy Cess collected after the enactment of the GST Compensation to States Act and the percentage of this amount being used to fight climate change, promote renewable energy, etc.?

Projects under PPP

3594. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects in various Departments of Government being worked with Public Private Participation (PPP), State/UT-wise details of all the projects;

(b) if so, the details regarding the projects started in the last three years; and

(c) whether the status of past projects have been changed to PPP model and if so, the details thereof?

Cases filed due to disputes arising out of GST

3595. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding cases filed due

to disputes arising out of GST, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of amendments in GST made by Government date-wise; and

(c) the details of products that were in the 28 per cent category and have now been shifted to a lower tax bracket with reasons therefor?

Payment of arrears of sugarcane growers

3596. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to levy sugar cess to create fund for bridging a gap between sugarcane prices fixed by Government and the price mills can pay;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other *via* media is proposed to pay the arrears of sugarcane growers in the country; and

(d) the measures suggested to protect the interests of sugarcane mills, which are in a bad shape, in view of surplus production and whether they include the need to abolish 20% export duty, the details thereof?

Passport details of borrowers of PSBs

3597. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to obtain passport details of all borrowers of Public Sector Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this will ensure safety of public funds?

Balance claim of States under GST

‡3598. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has failed in providing claim to the States under GST;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of balance claim of States with the Centre and by when it will be released?

Loan to farmers

‡3599. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in the country so far who have taken loans from Public Sector Banks and other Government agencies that are unable to pay it back;

(b) whether Government has waived off the loans of farmers and if so, the number of loans and the amount waived off, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, whether Centre has provided funds to States for waiving off loans of farmers, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether States had to mobilise their own resources, if so, from which head?

Written off loans by PSBs

3600. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans written off by

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Public Sector Banks which have been sanctioned after March, 2014, bank-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of the total loan amount written off after March, 2014 till date, PSB-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of total amount of recovery of written off loans after March, 2014 till date, PSB-wise and year-wise?

Creation of jobs under MUDRA scheme

3601. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MUDRA has created 5.5 crore jobs in the country in just a little over two years;

(b) if so, the details of MUDRA loans given and jobs created, Sector-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that SKOCH Group has conducted a detailed study which revealed the above information;

(d) if so, the details of methodology adopted and details of data so produced by SKOCH; and

(e) whether there are any NPAs under MUDRA and if so, the details thereof?

Non-deposit of TDS by companies

3602. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH
VERMA:
DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA
RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scam of ₹ 3200/- crore

has been reported regarding diversion and non-deposit of Tax Deducted at Source by 447 private companies during 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the names of the companies involved in alleged TDS scam; and

(d) the details of action Government has taken in this regard with a view to recover this amount and to curb such malpractices in future?

Institutional credit to farmers

3603. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reports of the agricultural debt of farmers owed to non-institutional sources, are available;

(b) the percentage of such agricultural debt of farmers taken through non-institutional sources such as intermediaries and money lenders; and

(c) whether any concrete measures are being taken by Government to ensure easy access of institutional credit to farmers?

Reforms in Banking regulatory mechanism

†3604. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many drawbacks in the regulatory mechanism of Banking system in the country at present and Public Sector Banks have suffered a huge loss due to these drawbacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many reforms are required to be made in the present regulatory

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mechanism of banking system and the steps being taken by Government in this direction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Slow growth of institutional sources of credit to farmers

3605. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trends of share of non-institutional sources of credit to farmers for the past decade in the country;

(b) the details of reasons for slow growth of institutional sources of credit to farmers in the country; and

(c) the growth in share of self-help groups in providing agricultural credit in the past year?

NABARD loan to Maharashtra

3606. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) extends loan facilities to States for improving drinking water facilities in their respective rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the loan facilities provided by NABARD to Maharashtra for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise and results achieved therefrom?

High mortality from cancer

‡3607. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether death rate due to cancer is

very high in the country and according to the report of Indian Council of Medical Research death rate due to cancer may reach at higher levels in coming years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of oncologists is very low in proportion to cancer patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deliberations on implementation of the official language

‡3608. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of comparative status of each meeting of the "Implementation Committee" held after 2014 in the context of the "Annual Programme" of the implementation of the official language Hindi under the Ministry; and

(b) the details of the Chairmanship of the meeting and prescribed continuity of the meetings and the time by which the set target would be achieved?

Opening of cancer care centres

‡3609. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a plan to open a cancer care centre in collaboration with National Cancer Centre;

(b) if so, types of treatments in addition

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to treatment for cancer, which would be provided in the cancer care centre;

(c) whether Government has a plan to open cancer care centres in other States also in collaboration with National Cancer Centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Deficiencies in implementation of JSY

3610. SHRI K.K RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any deficiencies in the implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) have been noticed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and details of the concrete steps which are being taken to address such deficiencies, if any; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY)

3611. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many States under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) where enrollment number is zero despite having an enrollment commencement date;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are many States of which data is not available under enrollment of beneficiaries;

(d) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor;

(e) the reasons why there is no implementation of RSBY in last two years since its announcement; and

(f) the details of the awareness programmes undertaken to sort out difference between total targeted BPL families and enrolled families?

Evaluation of the effect of implementation of NEET

3612. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any comprehensive survey to evaluate the effect of implementation of NEET on the quality of medical education in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the comprehensive survey;

(c) the steps take by Government in consultation with State Governments to further improve the quality of medical education in the country; and

(d) the details thereof?

Regulation of e-cigarettes

3613. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided on how to regulate e-cigarettes/Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has conducted any scientific study on the effect of e-cigarettes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has considered the best practices of other countries like the UK and if so the details of such report, if any?

Leprosy afflicted patients

3614. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in India affected by leprosy at present;

(b) how many of them are women and children below 5 years of age;

(c) the rate at which it is now spreading;

(d) how many patients are kept in hospital or quarantined; and

(e) by when Government expects to wipe this disease out or keep it under strict check?

Mandatory registration of IVF clinics and ART centres

3615. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is not mandatory for IVF clinics and ART centres to register themselves with ICMR;

(b) if not, how the Ministry can stop mushrooming of such clinics and centres and ensure accountability; and

(c) whether the Ministry will wait till ART Bill is passed or it is going to issue a simple notification which is sufficient to mandate IVF clinics and ART centres to register themselves with ICMR?

Non-accreditation with NABH by hospitals

3616. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one per cent of all the hospitals/nursing homes in the Country have applied for NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals) accreditation even after 12 years of its establishment;

(b) if so, the reasons for such reluctant attitude of hospitals and nursing homes; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure availability of best quality health services in the country?

Sampling authority of Drug Inspectors

3617. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Inspectors are authorised only to draw samples from the markets and not from drug manufacturing companies; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor and provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 which stipulates that Drug Inspectors can draw samples only from market and not from drug manufacturing company?

Fund allocation for AIIMS Bhubaneswar

3618. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate funds have been

allocated for the efficient functioning of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated to it during the last two years;

(c) whether Government is aware that functional requirement of doctors and staff is still to be completed in this Institute; and

(d) if so, the reasons of delay and the likely date by which the Institute will be fully functional?

Survey on harmful effects of energy drinks

3619. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that energy drinks which are prevalent in the youth are dangerous for the heart;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inadequate rural healthcare facilities

3620. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of healthcare professionals are available in urban areas only, leaving the rural people and areas unattended and, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any action plan to ensure more than adequate level of

healthcare facilities at rural areas and, if so, the details thereof?

CGHS Wellness Centre at Faridabad, Haryana

3621. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6 March, 2018 and state:

(a) the details of areas to be covered by the proposed new CGHS Wellness Centre, Sector 16, Faridabad;

(b) when was the building of the proposed CGHS Wellness Centre, handed over to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(c) when renovation of the building started and what was the original deadline for its completion;

(d) the reasons for delay, if any;

(e) the details of proposed timeline for handing over of renovated building; and

(f) whether staff to be posted at the said Wellness Centre has been sanctioned, if so, the details thereof, if not, wherefrom the staff will be posted?

Working group on NHPS

3622. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six working groups of officials from States and Union Territories were formed to finalize the contours of the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a

National consultation was organized for Health Department officials from all States and Union Territories to discuss on the NHPS; and

(d) if so, the deliberations made in the said consultation meeting?

Neo-natal mortality

‡3623. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six lakh children died annually within 28 days of their birth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

Eliminating malaria from the country

3624. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been central to the fight against malaria, since the beginning of the battle;

(b) whether at the East Asia Summit in 2015, Honble Prime Minister had committed India to eliminating malaria by 2030, and last year, India launched its National strategic plan for malaria elimination; and

(c) if so, the details of steps being taken to smoke out malaria from the country even before 2030?

Rationalising fee structure of MBBS and MD courses

3625. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to rationalise the fee structure of MBBS and MD courses across the country;

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

(c) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Construction of new Surgical Blocks at AIIMS, New Delhi

3626. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the three projects viz. Hostel Block, Surgical Block and Mother and Child Block of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi has been undertaken in the year 2010;

(b) if so, the details of the status thereof and reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has set any physical and financial targets of these pending projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the efforts made by Government to expedite the execution of these projects especially the New Surgical Block?

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Drug resistant bacteria and viruses

3627. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1931 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27 August, 2013 and state:

(a) the updated list of bacteria/viruses found in the country that have shown signs of drug resistance in various studies carried out by ICMR or other agencies during the last two years along with reasons coming into light for said resistance;

(b) the action taken by Government in consultation with State Governments and other entities to contain this rising trend; and

(c) whether Government intends to send advisory to MCI, IMA and State Governments to curb the tendency of advising unnecessary strong antibiotics to patients thereby making them drug resistant, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Enhancing budgetary support for health sector

3628. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's spending on health care is highly inadequate as compared to many developing countries including several South Asian neighbours;

(b) whether it is also a fact that poor funding has led to poor health care management and the facilities; and

(c) if so, whether Government would seriously consider enhancing the budgetary support to the health sector?

Elimination of viral diseases

3629. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked on any advance plan for minimization and elimination of the menace of dengue, chikungunya and other related viral diseases which are recurring in the country especially during the monsoon season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Quality check of foods served in dhabas/restaurants

3630. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating developing any mechanism of periodical check-ups of the quality of food being served in small restaurants and dhabas etc. to ensure application of minimal hygienic standards by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Maternity Benefit Programme

3631. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of maternal mortality rate and the reasons for deaths thereof, State-wise;

(b) the State-wise status of implementation of the National Health Mission and the timeline for the implementation of the National Urban Health Mission; and

(c) whether the Ministry has set targets for universalization of the Maternity Benefit Programme, improved quality of services for safe childbirth and neo-natal care and protected early child development, if so, the details thereof?

Timely completion of AIIMS, Nagpur

3632. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government approval for setting up AIIMS in Nagpur, Maharashtra was given on October 7, 2015 with an approved cost of ₹ 1577 crore;

(b) if so, whether the entire plan of completion faces a delay of two years and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the updated timeline for completion of the project and starting delivery of services; and

(d) what measures will the Ministry take to ensure the completion of the project on a priority basis?

New Born Mortality Rate

3633. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNICEF has ranked India as the 12th worst nation amongst 52 low middle income countries with New Born Mortality (NBM) Rate of 25.4 per thousand;

(b) whether it is a fact that the children born to mothers with no education face twice the risk of dying during the new born stage; and

(c) whether Government will consider providing counseling to the would-be

mothers about the care that is needed to look after new born babies for the protection of the babies and improving the mortality rate amongst them?

Monitoring mechanism for quality of drugs

3634. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism Government has to monitor the quality and standards of various drugs and pharmaceutical companies appearing in the market;

(b) if there is such mechanism, whether any malpractices of the drug companies have been found; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Doctor population ratio

3635. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of doctors per persons ratio and the details of steps taken in this regard in last three years; and

(b) the details of data regarding ratio of last three years?

Strategic plan to tackle dengue and chikungunya

3636. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in the number of dengue and chikungunya cases in the country in the last three years;

(b) if so, whether Government has

introduced any strategic plan to tackle such a rise; and

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

NQAS certified hospitals

3637. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals that are NQAS (National Quality Assurance Standard) certified as a proportion of total number of hospitals, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a process of continued evaluation of the hospital after having received certification;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the State-wise number of hospitals that have lost their certification since the inception of the scheme?

Modernisation of rural healthcare facilities in Uttarakhand

†3638. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released during the financial year 2014-15 to 2017-18 for extending rural medical facilities to Uttarakhand by the Centre and details thereof;

(b) the amount allotted for the construction of new medical centres and modernisation of old hospitals in the State; and

(c) whether Government would provide special assistance for extending medical

facilities to hilly and tribal areas, if not, the reasons therefor?

Undesirable effect of NEET

3639. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NEET might result in the mushrooming of expensive coaching institutes and sequester financially unstable students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Kidney ailments in Uddhanam and Srikakulam regions of AP

3640. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry sent a team of specialists from ICMR to Uddhanam region in Srikakulam region of Andhra Pradesh where people are facing with unusually chronic kidney ailments;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry has decided to set up dialysis centre at Uddhanam region;

(d) whether similar kidney failures are also reported from Prakasam and Krishna districts of Andhra Pradesh for last many decades and there have been demands to complete Veligonda project which is the only option to stop kidney-related problems; and

(e) if so, what Ministry has done in coordination with Ministry of Water Resources?

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Precautionary steps to tackle summer bound diseases

3641. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to take precautionary steps to tackle the common summer bound diseases in view of newspaper reports that this year summer will be longer and more hotter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sent any advisory to States to tackle the situation and ensure safety for the poor due to heat waves; and

(d) what are the deaths reported during last three years due to heat waves, State-wise?

Allocation of funds for wellness centres

3642. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an allocation of ₹ 1200 crore has been made for 1.5 lakh health wellness centres in the Union Budget of 2018;

(b) if so, the details of the facilities provided at each wellness centre; and

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated per wellness centre along with break-up of funds in relation to facilities earmarked?

Immunisation of children

†3643. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are still lagging far behind in immunisation of children;

(b) the details regarding immunisation of children from their birth to 23 months of age, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for not achieving 100 per cent success in necessary immunisation like disease resistance vaccination of children till now; and

(d) the details thereof?

Infant mortality rate

†3644. 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 according to UNICEF report regarding infant mortality rate published in the month of February and the details regarding the death of infants within one month of their birth during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for not getting satisfactory success in health sector to check infant mortality rate; and

(c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry for improvement in infant mortality rate during the last three years?

Adulteration of food items

†3645. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

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SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the number of cases reported regarding adulteration of essential food items including milk during last three years and the number of persons sentenced and fined therein and the total fine collected during these years;

(b) whether experts have been eliciting opinion that the offenders are let off scot free because of laxity and complicity of Department accountable for checking the adulteration of food items;

(c) the details of the harmful effects inflicted on humans due to food adulteration; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Shortage of junior doctors in AIIMS,
Delhi**

‡3646. SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of doctors in AIIMS due to delay in the selection process of new batch of junior doctors in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date and the reasons for such delay in the selection process due to which large number of posts of junior doctors are lying vacant; and

(c) the details thereof?

Dangerous chemicals in food products

3647. DR. V. MAITREYAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that dangerous chemicals and artificial colours are used in many adult and baby food products and packaged food items;

(b) if so, the remedial and strict measures taken by Government to curb such dangerous chemical adulteration in food products;

(c) whether Government has issued any strict norms and conditions to curb the use of hazardous chemicals and chemical contamination in agriculture produce and processed food products; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the effective steps taken by Government to protect people from such dangers and also to punish those companies engaged in food adulteration?

**Laxity in implementation of PC and
PNDT Law**

‡3648. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether laxity is being shown in strict implementation of the Law regarding gender testing and selection of embryo due to which the difference between gender ratio is continuing unchecked;

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(b) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to end the difference between gender ratio during the last three years;

(c) the number of cases registered under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Law during the last three years and the current status thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the difference of gender ratio is less in States which are close to nature?

Guidelines for safe disposal of expired medicines

3649. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any clear guidelines for safe disposal of expired and leftover antibiotics;

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

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to check growing anti-microbial resistance due to discharge of drugs and chemicals into environment?

Mother-to-Child transmission of HIV/AIDS virus

3650. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for pregnant women to undergo HIV/AIDS test, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether one of the major reason of HIV transmission in the country is through Mother-to-Child transmission;

(c) if so, the details of pregnant women tested along with the number of them diagnosed with the HIV/AIDS during each of the last three years and the current year especially in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the number of cases of Mother-to-Child transmission of HIV/AIDS virus reported in the country during the last three years and the current year?

Action taken to prevent pre-term births

3651. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pre-term deliveries of babies in India, State-wise, for the past three years, including District-wise data for the State of Bengal;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that India accounts for one fifth of the pre-term births in the world; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated under the National Health Mission towards solving this problem for the past three years and specific details of District-wise allocation and utilisation of funds in the State of Bengal under the National Health Mission?

Higher education of minority girls

3652. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether higher education level in minority girls in the country is not satisfactory;

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

(c) the details of schemes being implemented by Ministry to promote higher education amongst minority girls and women in the country, especially in rural areas; and

(d) the details of funds allocated/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year to promote higher education amongst minority girls and women, State-wise and year-wise?

New schemes for skill development of women

3653. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) which are additional new schemes implemented by Central Waqf Council for the education and skill development of women in the last three years ending January, 2018;

(b) which are the new schemes that have been introduced to empower the women and for enabling their economic growth to regain and for helping them their social status;

(c) a list of such effective schemes with proven results for the last three years ending January, 2018, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether any financial assistance for self employment opportunities is also available for such women, if so, details of such schemes?

Burden of subsidy withdrawal on the Haj Pilgrims

3654. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the difference between the fare of

chartered flights in comparison to the regular scheduled flights to Jeddah is more than three times;

(b) whether Government plans to cover the exorbitant charges of the chartered flights as the subsidy provided to the Haj Pilgrims will be totally withdrawn in the near future; and

(c) whether Government under these circumstances, would propose to address this burden of subsidy withdrawal on the Haj Pilgrims who perform Haj through Haj Committee of India?

Application from women Haj Pilgrims

3655. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Haj Committee of India from women who wish to go on Haj without a male guardian from each State;

(b) whether Government proposes to consider the cases of such women under a special category; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Abolition of policy of Preferential Selection by Reservation of Haj Pilgrims

3656. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new policy announced on 13 November, 2017 contains several changes including cancellation of "Preferential Selection by Reservation" of Haj Pilgrims applying continuously since last four years and brought them at-par with the freshers;

(b) if so, whether major cities of Maharashtra like Mumbai, Akola,

Bhiwandi, Malegaon, Dhule etc. are extraordinarily at the loser's end as thousands of pilgrims in Maharashtra alone are bound to suffer from this injustice which is Pro-rich favouring PTOs; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to save the interests of Financially Backward Pilgrims who wish to go to Haj after saving for "Decades Together"?

Conversion of Madrasas to public schools

3657. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has received any proposal wherein it has been suggested that all Madrasas be converted to public schools with Islamic educations as an optional subject;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has accepted/ proposes to accept the said proposal/ suggestion;

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

(e) the steps being taken by Government to provide infrastructural facilities in Madrasas across the country?

Financial assistance to orphanages

3658. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any scheme to provide financial assistance to various orphanage being run by minority institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of Merit-cum-Means Scholarship

3659. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 462 given in Rajya Sabha on 6 February, 2018 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that share of quota fixed for Buddhist students in Maharashtra has been shifted to other States since none of the Buddhist students applied for the scholarship;

(b) whether Government has received any request from Maharashtra Government to shift the quota fixed for Buddhist students to other minority students considering a large number of applications received; and

(c) if so, the decision of Government with regard thereto?

Schemes for Parsi community

‡3660. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA
VERMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parsi population is on consistent decline despite different schemes having been conducted for the Parsi, the Jain, the Buddhist, the Sikh, the Christian and the Muslim minorities in the country;

(b) whether Government would propose any separate and more effective scheme to protect the interests of the Parsi community in view of their gradually declining population;

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(c) the present number of the Parsi people living Below Poverty Line, who are getting benefits of schemes; and

(d) the amount spent through various schemes for the Parsi community during the last three years?

Waste-to-energy plants

3661. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has established waste-to-energy plants in the country including Karnataka; and

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

Independent agency to manage seized assets

3662. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assets seized by Enforcement Directorate (ED) in 2015, 2016 and 2017;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to appoint an independent agency to manage the seized assets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the agency indentified for the purpose?

Training programme for solar energy entrepreneurs

3663. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training programme is designed for professionals who are looking at demystifying the business, finance, technology and regulatory landscape of solar energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for making business opportunities in solar energy by providing proper training to unemployed youths; and

(d) whether any target has been fixed for producing more solar energy power from small entrepreneurs, if so, the details thereof?

Purchasing energy from renewable sources

3664. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the incentives being given for switching from supply driven programmes to demand driven programmes and technologies;

(b) whether any alternative subsidy structures have been developed to encourage utilities to integrate wind, small hydro etc. into their systems;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have been mandated to purchase energy from renewable sources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Solarisation of Konark Temple

3665. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal of the State Government of Odisha regarding solarisation of Konark Temple is lying pending with the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the said proposal?

Vision Document and Mission Statement of Ministry of NRE

3666. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has evolved its own Vision Document and Mission Statement as well as any annual plan of action in furtherance of its stated objectives, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what efforts are routinely made to create awareness amongst the functionaries and employees of the Ministry; and

(c) whether there is any structured mechanism to assess from time to time the progress made by the Ministry in achieving these stated objectives, if so, the details thereof?

Lull in solar power sector

3667. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that action in the solar power arena saw a lull in November, 2017 with tenders for new projects declining by 25 per cent to 300 MW and auction of new offerings dropping by 98 per cent to just 5 MW from level of activities seen in October;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cumulative installations surpassed 17 GW as of September, 2017 with over 7GW installed in the first nine months of 2017; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shelving of solar power plant at Mahbubnagar, Telangana

3668. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1000 MW solar power plant was proposed to be set up in Mahbubnagar in Telangana;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government has decided to shelve the project; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Promoting rooftop solar power generation

3669. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to promote production of energy on rooftop on a wide scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the targets for next two years and five years; and

(d) how Government intends to implement the project if it has one?

Performance assessment of DDUGJY in Himachal Pradesh

3670. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any performance assessment of the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome

thereof indicating the number of villages electrified during the last three years alongwith the number of un-electrified villages in Himachal Pradesh, District-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to electrify such un-electrified villages; and

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

Implementation of carriage and content scheme

3671. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States have been asked to come up with roadmaps to implement carriage and content scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the suggestions put forward by the States in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme would provide consumers the option to choose their electricity suppliers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Quality standard of LED bulbs

†3672. SHRIMATI SAMPATIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single Chinese company has joined due to strict quality standards in purchase of LED bulbs under Ujala Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to prescribe similar strict standards for other products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds to States for strengthening power infrastructure

3673. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the States are receiving funds of over ₹ 85,000 crore under ongoing Central Government schemes for strengthening their power infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that losses due to pilferage/theft exceeding 15 per cent cannot be considered for tariff determination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Saubhagya Scheme

3674. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the Saubhagya scheme to provide electricity to all households by December 2018;

(b) if so, the details of funding, target and modalities of the scheme;

(c) the details of number of households in the country not covered by electricity, State-wise; and

(d) how does Government plan to supply regular and uninterrupted power to all rural households if urban areas do not have proper electricity supply till date, the details thereof?

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Inadequate stock of coal at power plant

3675. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the onset of summer, the power plants are facing coal shortage with no or just one day's coal stock;

(b) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has not been able to meet the demand of power sector with 11 thermal power stations operating with less than a week's stock and about 14 such plants with less than four days' stock; and

(c) whether an ideal coal stock position at power plants would call for 21 days stock of 30 million tonnes with additional 30 million tonnes ready for dispatch at the pithead?

Adoption of new emission norms by coal based power plants

3676. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is adopting new emission norms in operating its coal based power plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment has been made to study the impact of power plants on environment after adoption of new emission norms by power plants;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal shortage in power plants

3677. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the stipulated stock level of coal (in tonnes) that is required to be maintained in thermal power plants;

(b) whether thermal power plants have been unable to maintain the required stock level of coal;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the stock level of coal in thermal power plants since 2014, month-wise;

(d) whether power plants have shut down due to poor availability of coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the number of power plants that have been shut down since 2014?

Upgradation of coal operated power stations in NCR

‡3678. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of coal operated power stations of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) operated in National Capital Region;

(b) the quantum of power generated by each power station every day and pollution emitted therefrom;

(c) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has asked the above coal operated power stations to upgrade themselves to meet the standards prescribed by the Ministry; and

(d) if so, by when the above power stations would be upgraded as per standards prescribed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Revival of distressed assets of
stranded Thermal Power
Plants in Gujarat**

3679. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Central Government
advised Government of Gujarat and
imported coal-based power producers to
find a way for reviving stranded thermal
power projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether banks have been suggested
to de-stress the assets of stranded thermal

power projects, if so, the outcome thereof;
and

(d) whether distressed assets of thermal
power projects in other States would also
proposed to be revived in the same way, if
so, the details thereof?

**Pollution caused by coal based power
plants**

3680. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the
Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures are being
taken to check the pollution caused by coal
based thermal power plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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