

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, April 3, 2018/Chaitra 13, 1940 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy  
(AYUSH); Civil Aviation; Corporate Affairs; Finance; Health and Family  
Welfare; Minority Affairs; New and Renewable Energy; Power)**

**Total number of questions — 160**

#### **Reservation of seats in Homoeopathy colleges**

4001. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Homoeopathy medical colleges set up by Government during last three years in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) how many Homoeopathy medical colleges out of them are operational at present in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(c) whether reservation is given to reserved category people in these colleges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Market share of Ayurvedic diabetes medicines**

†4002. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the share of Ayurvedic medicines among the medicines available in the market for the treatment of diabetes; and

(b) the number of Ayurvedic companies having the licences to manufacture and market the medicines for the treatment of diabetes and the details thereof?

#### **Reducing the doctor-patient ratio in AYUSH systems of medicine**

4003. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to reduce the gap between the number of doctors and patients in the AYUSH systems of medicine in the country;

(b) if so, details of the proposal and present doctors and patients ratio in AYUSH systems of medicine; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to further reduce the doctors-patients ratio in AYUSH systems of medicine and the details thereof?

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**AYUSH hospital at Visakhapatnam**

4004. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently approved a 50-bedded AYUSH hospital at Visakhapatnam under National AYUSH Mission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ₹ 100 lakh have also been released recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof and how this meagre amount is sufficient for the hospital; and

(d) why cannot the Ministry plan to have AYUSH medical college in Visakhapatnam as there is also Regional Ayurveda Research Institute at Vijayawada?

**Ministry's staff strength**

4005. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi;

(b) how many of these positions have been filled in as of January 31, 2018;

(c) what are the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies and action Ministry is taking in overcoming these problems; and

(d) the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi and what efforts, if any, are being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

**Funds for National Institute of Siddha, Chennai**

4006. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had provided adequate funds for the National Institute of Siddha, Chennai for enhancing infrastructure developments and research facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's allocation in the last three years in this regard;

(c) whether Government has provided all the required R&D facilities for Siddha doctors to find cure for HIV/AIDS, various types of Cancer and Diabetes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the same?

**Improving the quality of AYUSH educational institutions**

4007. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up undergraduate and postgraduate AYUSH educational institutions in all States, particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the quality of AYUSH educational institutions already in existence?

**Staff strength of employees at headquarters**

4008. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi;

(b) how many of these positions have been filled in as of January 31, 2018;

(c) what are the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies;

(d) what action is the Ministry taking in overcoming these problems;

(e) what is the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry headquarters in Delhi; and

(f) what efforts, if any, are being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

**Proposals for new routes under second bidding of RCS**

4009. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received new proposals for flight operations and helicopter services under the second bidding of regional air connectivity scheme;

(b) if so, the number of proposal received and routes covered under the scheme; and

(c) the period by which these routes are likely to get inaugurated?

**Commencement of flight operations from Orvakal Airport**

4010. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will

the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Orvakal Airport in Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh is in progress, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which this airport would get ready for starting flight operations, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the other airports which are being constructed in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the status of their construction work?

**Flying life of aircrafts**

4011. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the flying life of an Aircraft; and

(b) whether there are any passenger aircrafts flying beyond their flying life?

**Shortage of pilots in the country**

†4012. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the country is experiencing an acute shortage of pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 550 pilots will be required by Air India in coming three years and other aviation companies will have the requirement of even more pilots;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to fulfil the shortage of pilots; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Development of airports in  
Maharashtra**

4013. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any detailed plan including extension of runway for the development and creation of additional facilities at airports in the State of Maharashtra;

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

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

**Upper limit in pricing of air tickets**

4014. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is aware of rampant exploitation by various Airlines in over charging ticket prices around festive seasons;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has not taken a serious note on the matter despite specific recommendation by the concerned Standing Committee of Parliament;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would now seriously consider fixing an upper limit in pricing of the air ticket for every sector in the country?

**Replacement of out-of-the service  
aircrafts**

†4015. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies/airways

providing civil aviation facilities in the country and the number of in-service aircrafts with each of the airways and those taken out-of-the service due to mechanical faults by them; and

(b) by when the aforementioned aircrafts taken out-of-the service would be replaced by new ones and the details of the system of periodic tests of the out-of-the service aircrafts?

**New airports under regional  
connectivity scheme**

4016. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to establish new airports as a part of regional connectivity scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated and released so far to these works;

(c) whether these projects are being developed with the expenditure of Central Government or any State share is also proposed for their early execution, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the regional airports interconnected under this scheme?

**Compensation for denying seats due  
to overbooking**

4017. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: 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 asked the airlines to pay for denying seats to those with confirmed tickets due to overbooking;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that such cases were reported concerning Air India way back in 2015;

(c) whether it is a fact that DGCA added that its 2010 rules do not put a cap on the compensation that can be demanded from the airlines in case of over booking and a passenger has full right to approach a Court for relief; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **NextGen Airport for Bharat (NABH) Nirman**

4018. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch a new scheme called NextGen Airports for Bharat (NABH) Nirman;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the scheme;

(c) the details of airports likely to be upgraded and expanded under the scheme in the country, particularly in Odisha and the quantum of investment proposed to be made in this regard;

(d) whether both public and private companies are likely to be involved in the developmental projects under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented fully?

#### **Huge debt of Air India**

4019. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector aviation company Air India is burdened with huge debt;

(b) if so, the details of the total amount of debt outstanding against Air India as on 31 December, 2017;

(c) the details of the estimated loss likely to be suffered by the Air India during the current financial year 2017-18; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/being taken by Government to address the issue?

#### **Sale of Air India**

4020. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that process of finalising the contours of Air India's is Stake sale is being finalised by Group of Ministers (GoMs);

(b) if so, whether GoM would also consider that Airlines like Jet Airways are barred from submitting expression of interest due to alleged link of top executive of airlines with underworld groups; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revival of Air India**

4021. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is one of the worst performing Public Sector company;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's response thereto;

(c) what is the current financial status of Air India Limited indicating its loan, liabilities and assets;

(d) whether Government has any concrete plan to revive Air India in the future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Proposals/recommendations for Air India stake sale**

4022. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering for disinvestment of Air India during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the various proposals/recommendations that have been received by various quarters for the AI's stake sale; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for getting more attractive bid for Air India?

**Expression of interest by foreign players for acquisition of AI**

4023. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a foreign aviation player has expressed interest in acquiring 49 per cent of Air India share on as is where is basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Poor passenger facilities at Visakhapatnam airport**

4024. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that Airport Authority of India (AAI) is not maintaining high standards of services and management in airports run by it in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that basic sanitation, availability of drinking water and other normal services expected to be had in a modern airport are absent in

Visakhapatnam airport which is visited by thousands of visitors;

(c) the criterion adopted to levy parking fee and how AAI is monitoring that contractor levying correct parking charges at Visakhapatnam; and

(d) the steps taken to improve facilities urgently at Visakhapatnam airport?

**Availability of additional seats under UDAN Scheme**

4025. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 underserved and unserved airports and helipads would be connected under the phase 2 of the regional connectivity scheme Uday Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the scheme will provide around 26.5 lakh seats per annum that would be covered with airfare cap of ₹ 2500 per hour of flying; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that in addition, around two lakh RCS seats per annum are expected to be provided through helicopter operations?

**Amendments in CA Act by High Level Committee**

4026. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Public Sector Bank (PSB) fraud has sparked off allegations about the role of Chartered Accountants abdicating their mandated function as watchdogs of the fiscal transparency in corporate houses and public entities;

(b) whether Government has failed to gain any hindsight from the equally infamous Satyam scam earlier after auditors were indicated for dereliction of their fiduciary responsibilities; and

(c) whether Government appointed High Level Committee (HLC) has already drafted amendments to the CA Act and if so, the status of the HLCs recommendations?

**Surrogate audit by Multi-National accounting firms**

4027. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether any steps have been taken by the Ministry to implement Supreme Court judgement in respect of Writ Petition No. 991 of 2013 to lift corporate veil to prevent surrogate audit by Multi-National Accounting firms, if so, the details thereof?

**Official Language Implementation Committee**

†4028. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state the date on which Official Language Implementation Committee was constituted in the Ministry since 2014 and the status of progressive use of Hindi in the meetings held so far as per the 'annual programme' circulated by the Department of official language meeting-wise?

**Robust IT software for online registrations**

4029. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any

steps to provide robust IT software for enhancing Government's online registrations pertaining to Corporate Affairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the IT software companies involved and the funds provided for the same in the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to appoint Auditors/Company Secretaries and adequate officers to enhance the offline performance pertaining to Company Affairs; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

**Action against vanishing companies**

4030. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies that have vanished after raising Public money during the last three years, State/UT-wise and Company-wise; and

(b) whether Government has taken any action against such companies, if so, the details thereof?

**Fake development work under CSR**

†4031. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:  
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent during the last three years by different Public and Private sector companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

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(b) the details of the amount spent by the Private and Public companies during each of the last three years, State-wise, district-wise and work-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the private firms/NGOs are completing the tasks taken under CSR in fake manner on large scale which is adversely affecting the development work; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Action against non-compliance of CSR norms**

4032. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of companies are failing to comply the mandatory norms of spending two per cent of their annual average net profit on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR),

(b) if so, the details of such companies for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken against such companies for non-compliance of CSR norms?

#### **Audit work by banned audit companies**

†4033. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of audit companies in the country which are banned by various Government agencies, the details thereof;

(b) whether these banned companies cannot audit any agency of Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the banned audit companies are being assigned audit work by Government, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rules for crowdfunding**

4034. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considering to bring a dedicated set of rules for crowdfunding, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to bring all required activities/provisions under crowdfunding rules, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the startups are allowed to raise the funds through crowdfunding activities if so, the details thereof?

#### **Draft norms for regulation-making process**

4035. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBC) has finalised draft norms for regulation-making process;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the stakeholders have been consulted before finalising the said norms;

(d) by when, the regulations would be notified; and

(e) whether the delay would not impact the process of resolution of cases admitted by National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

#### **Introduction of Auditing standards**

4036. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is

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set to introduce auditing standards for practicing Company Secretaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the auditing standards will be voluntary in nature;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the ICSI will introduce four auditing standards very soon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Violation of code of ethics by MNAFs**

4037. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to punish violation of code of ethics of sharing of fees with non-members and soliciting of professional work in international brand name by Multi National Accounting Firms (MNAFs) in view of Supreme Court's judgement at Writ Petition No. 991 of 2013, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action is taken by ICAI against 171 Multi-National Accounting Firms for violation of code of ethics as per above Supreme Court's judgement; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Diversion of cess money to smart city projects**

4038. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the money collected through the 1 per cent additional education and health cess will also be diverted towards the smart city projects in addition to the fund already allocated for education and

health in those projects; and

(b) if so, the additional funds projected to be allocated for education and health in the smart city projects?

#### **Administrative action against official involved in PNB scam**

4039. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of administrative action taken against Bank officials in the Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam;

(b) whether it is a fact that circulars and instructions of the RBI were not followed and that led to a huge scam of fake LoUs in Public Sector Banks (PSBs), if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of officials who were responsible for these lapses and action taken against them?

#### **MoUs with PSBs for capital infusion**

4040. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Public Sector Banks (PSBs) for capital infusion;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of banks identified for MoUs; and

(c) the period by which first tranche of capital will be infused?

#### **Muslim women beneficiaries under Nai Roshni Scheme**

4041. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Muslim women

beneficiaries covered under the Nai Roshni Scheme since 2014, year-wise;

(b) the quantum of funds allocated to the Scheme since 2014, year-wise; and

(c) the quantum of funds actually used under the Scheme since 2014, year-wise?

#### **Outcome of Income Tax raids**

4042. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by the Enforcement Directorate and the Income Tax Department, agency-wise, year-wise during the last three years;

(b) the number of investigations initiated, investigations concluded, convictions secured and cases appealed by each agency during this period year-wise; and

(c) the number of investigations and cases pending at the beginning and end of each financial year during this period, agency-wise?

#### **Fine imposed by RBI on banks**

4043. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed fine on some of the Public Sector and Private Sector Banks for violation of NPA and KYC norms;

(b) the banks on which fine has been imposed by the RBI; and

(c) the quantum of fine and the violation in each case?

#### **Difference in average CDR of PSBs**

4044. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) of the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) during the current financial year till December, 2017;

(b) whether there is a difference in the average CDR of PSBs in various States/UTs of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to minimise regional imbalances in credit deployment?

#### **Search and surveys conducted by IT Department**

4045. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many search and surveys have been taken up by the IT Department in the country during the last three years;

(b) how many search and survey have been converted in raids during the same period; and

(c) the actual amount of recovery and revenue generated to Government?

#### **Bank transactions and defaults**

4046. SHRI RANVIJAY SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government will look into the bank transactions and defaults, NPAs occurred since 1950 as a number of industries might have got sick and their loans must have been prematurely closed?

**Litigation rates for cases involving tax matters**

4047. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding litigation rates for cases involving direct taxes and indirect taxes during the last three years;

(b) whether litigation rates for cases involving direct taxes and indirect taxes are high; and

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

**Disruptions in implementation of e-way bill**

4048. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of e-way bill introduced under Goods and Services Tax (GST) on 1st February, 2018 caused major business disruptions across the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the trial period for the implementation of the system has been extended;

(c) if so, the reasons for the failure in implementation of the system; and

(d) if so, the measures Government is planning to take during the trial period to counter such disruptions in the future once the e-way bill system come to implementation?

**Recovery of demonetised notes**

4049. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 currency notes present in the market during demonetisation;

(b) the details of the number of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 currency notes recovered through bank deposits during demonetisation in 2016; and

(c) the details of the amount spent on issuance of new currency notes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 2000, respectively?

**NPAs of banks**

4050. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are facing the challenges of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(b) if so, the names of these banks and the amount of NPAs in each such bank;

(c) whether Private Sector Banks of our country are also facing the same problem; and

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

**ATM cards to small and marginal farmers**

4051. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to provide ATM cards to small and marginal farmers of Maharashtra and other parts of the country so as to connect them with banking system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-frame has been prescribed for this purpose; and

(d) the role of Public Sector and Private Sector Banks in this regard?

**Export of pure gold from the country**

4052. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to allow export of pure gold from the country in the course of the proposed comprehensive gold policy of the country;

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

(c) whether this move may pave way for the import of raw gold into the country; and

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

**Reduction in GST collection in January, 2018**

4053. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GST collection/has drastically reduced in the month of January, 2018 in comparison to previous months, since its launch;

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

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

**Reduction in public-debt by States**

4054. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States are allocating considerable funds towards payments of interest on public debts in their budgets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any Indian State which has reduced its public-debt over a period of time; and

(d) which States are utilising maximum allowed public-debt based on debt-GSDP ratio?

**Institutional loans to farmers**

†4055. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to provide institutional loans to the farmers so that they may not need to take loans on higher rates from private lenders and other sources in view of the fact that the loan plays a major role in getting better agriculture produce to the farmers;

(b) the target set for total amount for agricultural loans during the year 2018-19; and

(c) the total agriculture loan given during the last three years, State-wise details thereof?

**Decrease in formal credit to farmers**

4056. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new rural bank branches opened in the last three years with details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether there is a decrease in formal credit being obtained by farmers from Co-operative Banks, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

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(NABARD) intends to lend more to the agriculture sector, the details thereof?

#### **Self-Help Groups in the country**

4057. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a large number of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in our country in different States;

(b) if so, the number of SHGs and the number of members in those SHGs in the different States as on date; and

(c) the amount of financial help in the form of banking loan and subsidies given by Government, State-wise?

#### **Problem of banks due to wilful defaulters**

4058. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nationalised Banks are facing problems due to the wilful defaulters refusing repayments of loans taken by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof, for the last three years, bank-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to realise the repayment from these wilful defaulters?

#### **Sale of Public Enterprises**

4059. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of Public Enterprises which have their shares sold by Government during the last three years;

(b) what percentage of shares have been sold, what amount Government got out of it;

(c) the number of Public Enterprises which have been completely sold out by Government, how many of them have been bought by other Public Enterprises; and

(d) the number of private sector companies which have been sold or closed down during this period?

#### **Less money mobilisation under PMGKY**

4060. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to curb black money and fake currency in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government was expecting to mobilise ₹ 55 lakh crore under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) but the actual collection was only ₹ 5 lakh crore;

(c) if so, where the IT department has failed and also what was the basis for such estimation;

(d) whether instances of harassment by income-tax assessors and forced deposits in PMGKY have come to the notice of the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken on such Income Tax officers?

#### **Promotion and imposition of Hindi by Vijaya Bank**

4061. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vijaya Bank has put up advertising posters saying-"Hindi mein kaam kijiye-Desh bhakti ka parichay dijiye";

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

(c) whether use of mother tongue or English make the non-Hindi customers less patriotic;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the job of the Nationalised Banks is the financial inclusion or imposition and promotion of a particular language?

#### **Writing off loans of crony corporates**

4062. SHRI RITABRATABANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2.4 lakh crore amount of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) loans of crony corporate have been written off by the present Union Government till September, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof corporate house-wise and the reasons therefor?

#### **RBI notification on restructuring of stressed assets**

4063. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued any notification recently on resolution of stressed assets to the banks;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether Indian Banks Association has requested for relaxation in its revised framework, as far as infrastructure sector is concerned;

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

(e) whether there will be scope for restructuring of stressed assets, if the

revised framework is strictly implemented by banks; and

(f) how Government will achieve projected GDP growth of 8 per cent this year, if banks are not willing to lend to infrastructure sector?

#### **Import duty on motor bikes/ automobile products**

4064. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has raised import duty on motor bikes and automobile products, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some countries have expressed concern in the matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intends to sort out the issue with those countries?

#### **Meeting of bankers in view of PNB scam**

4065. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to hold a meeting with bankers in view of the PNB financial irregularities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has sought RBI's views on lapses in banking system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Tax evasion by service providers**

4066. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that

many service providers, hoteliers, traders etc. are collecting Government taxes from their customers but are not depositing it in Government accounts;

(b) if so, whether Government has assessed the quantum of losses occurred to it, the details thereof for the last two financial years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent such malpractice; and

(d) whether Government would make it mandatory for all service providers to use and issue bar-coded billing system receipts to customers so that such tax evasion is tracked and contained, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cases of NPAs in Bank of India**

4067. SHRI CHUNIBHAI KANJIBHAI GOHEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of NPA for more than five crore rupees registered in the Bank of India (BoI) during the last two years;

(b) the type of assets attached for granting loans; and

(c) what action has been taken by BoI to recover its dues from above said branches to minimise NPA level, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in direct tax collection projection**

4068. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has asked its field officers to step up efforts and put more focus on better performing zones;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the 2018-19 budget, Government had raised

the direct tax collection target, which includes personal income tax and corporate tax, collection target to ₹ 10.05 lakh crore from ₹ 9.8 lakh crore budgeted initially; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Study of levies imposed by the Centre by Fifteenth Finance Commission**

4069. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fifteenth Finance Commission will study the levies imposed by the Centre to not just mop up revenue but also avoid sharing it with the States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Fifteenth Finance Commission will kick off discussion with States;

(c) whether the Fifteenth Finance Commission has sent any questionnaire to the State Governments prior to holding discussions with them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **GST refund of exporters**

4070. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 70 per cent GST refunds have stuck due to flawed filings by exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Board of Excise and Customs has asked exporters to amend details in the final return of the subsequent month to enable Government to process the refund claims by March this year;

(d) whether it is a fact that claims worth ₹ 10,000 crore have been stuck due to discrepancies in the information furnished by exporters on GST network in GSTR 1

or Table 6A or GSTR 3B and shipping bills filed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Provision for liability on account of fraud by Nirav Modi**

4071. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contents of FIR lodged with CBI by Deputy General Manager of Punjab National Bank on 29.01.2018 for fraud perpetrated by Nirav Modi, were considered by Audit Committee and Board of Directors of Punjab National Bank on 06.02.2018, while approving the Financial Statement for the period ending 31.12.2017, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) why no provision for liability on account of fraud perpetrated by Nirav Modi has been made in Financial Statement for the period ending 31.12.2017, which were approved by Audit Committee and Board of Directors of Punjab National Bank on 06.02.2018, if so, the details thereof?

**RBI guidelines for relief measures to farmers**

4072. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Reserve Bank of India has issued guidelines for relief measures including interest free agricultural loan to farmers affected by drought and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of beneficiaries and fund disbursed under the scheme in the last three years, State-wise, particularly in Rajasthan and Gujarat?

**Stringent measures to recover loan amounts from wilful defaulters**

4073. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the list of wilful defaulters having due of ₹ 100 crore or more to Banks, Bank-wise;

(b) whether Government had taken any concrete steps to find the exact volume and value of NPAs and defaulters of Public Sector Banks in Indian rupees, Bank-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the Government's action in the last four years in this regard; and

(e) whether Government has taken any stringent measures to recover the loan amount from the wilful defaulters?

**Loans under MUDRA Scheme in Gujarat**

‡4074. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started the disbursement of loans under MUDRA Scheme to people;

(b) if so, the number of people, particularly the people from the State of Gujarat, having been provided loans under this scheme so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**20:80 Gold Import Scheme**

4075. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is examining the circumstances under which private parties were benefited under the 20:80 Gold Import Scheme;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) the names of trading houses that benefited from the scheme till November, 2014 with the volume of gold imported by these traders?

#### **Decline in sale of life insurance policies**

4076. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed a steep decline in the sale of life insurance policies during the last fiscal;

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

(c) whether Government has devised any strategy to revive investor sentiment in life insurance sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Rolling out of PFMS**

4077. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched initiatives for PF account holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) has become a game changer in Government

business and all the modules would be rolled out by December, 2018; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Education loan within NPAs**

4078. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of education loans which are treated as NPAs;

(b) whether Government is planning to remove them from NPA list; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Revenue deficit grant to Andhra Pradesh**

4079. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fourteenth Finance Commission has recommended revenue deficit grant to the State of Andhra Pradesh for its recommendation period between 2015-2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount already released to the State, so far, out of the total funds recommended?

#### **Investments made by FIIs**

4080. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money received through the Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) route that is parked through debt funds in the country; and

(b) total investments made by FIIs both in debt and equity in the last three years, year-wise data?

**Status of cases against wilful defaulters**

4081. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have filed a number of cases against wilful defaulters and suits for recovery of dues, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of number of cases registered, number of suits filed for recovery from defaulters; and

(c) number of persons involved in the cases and total amount to be recovered and amount already recovered?

**GST on hospital services**

4082. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no GST will be charged on services of senior doctors, consultants and technicians hired by hospitals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether patients not admitted to hospitals will have to pay GST?

**Rise in exposure limit under exchange traded currency derivatives trading**

4083. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has raised exposure limit under exchange traded currency derivatives trading for residents and foreign portfolio investors to US \$ 100 million across all currency pairs involving the Indian rupee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the RBI's decision to raise the limit will help entities engaged in forex transactions to maintain their currency risks in a better manner; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the onus of complying with the provisions of this decision rests with the participants in the Exchange-Traded Currency Derivatives (ETCD) market?

**Constitution of Fifteenth Finance Commission**

4084. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently constituted the Fifteenth Finance Commission;

(b) if so, the terms of reference given to the Commission;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Finance Commission was asked to revisit the 42 per cent devolution formula;

(d) whether the Ministry will take back Central Sponsored Schemes (CSS) which were given to States under Fourteenth Finance Commission if the Commission reduces devolution;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether there are any restrictions or there is anything in terms of reference about conferring Special Category to States; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Higher GST charged by restaurants and hotels**

4085. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has slashed GST levied by restaurants and hotels to 5 per cent only from November, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that 18 per cent GST is being levied by restaurants and hotels in some States arbitrarily till date, particularly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

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

(e) the details of inquiry initiated and action taken or proposed to be taken against erring restaurants and hotels?

**Closing of saving accounts for not maintaining minimum balance**

4086. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH  
VERMA:  
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SBI has closed 41.2 lakh saving accounts for not maintaining minimum balance between April, 2017 to January, 2018;

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

(c) the details of accounts closed by other PSBs for the same reason, PSB-wise; and

(d) the details of money collected by SBI and other PSBs as penal charges for not maintaining minimum balance during 2017-18, so far, bank-wise?

**RBI data on frauds involving loans**

4087. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) reported ₹ 61,201 crore loan frauds in the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this figure may be higher as cases reported to RBI only include frauds involving loans of ₹ 1 lakh or more;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the RBI has been too guarded about publicly sharing data on loan defaults or fraudulent loans; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Irregularities in interest rate on KCC**

4088. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) holders in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the loans sanctioned by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to the farmers under KCC scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has directed the Public Sector Banks to increase the number of KCC holders and raise the amount of loan to be distributed under KCC scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government has received any complaints against banks for irregularities in interest rate on KCC and if so, the details thereof?

**Change in ownership structure of PSBs**

4089. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has failed to recognise the importance of regulation in the banking industry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that to avoid such scams in future, drastic changes in the ownership structure of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are required;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the private sector participation is a must which should be complemented with tightened scrutiny from the banking regulator; and

(d) if so the steps proposed to be taken up by Government in this regard?

**Investigation on the veracity of LoUs issued by PSBs**

4090. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any investigation/inspection in all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to check the letters of Undertakings (LoUs) issued by each and every Bank and their veracity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Non-compliance of CVCs instructions by banks**

†4091 CH. SUKHRAM SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR  
PRASAD NISHAD:  
SHRIMATI CHHAYA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transfer related instructions of Central Vigilance Commission are not being complied by various banks;

(b) the number of cases wherein banks have not complied with transfer related instructions of Central Vigilance Commission during the last five years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Ministry regarding shortcomings surfaced after demonetisation for further streamlining for banking system?

**Memorandum against privatisation of PSBs**

4092. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received memorandum against privatisation of PSBs;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there was negligence in audit performance of Bank Boards Bureau since the last four years;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to privatise PSBs to hide their faults; and

(d) the effective proposal of Government to overcome the financial crises thereof?

**Increase in lending rates on home and auto loans**

4093. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has raised lending rates on home and auto loans;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that the loans were issued on lower rates with commitment as no-variable rate of interest therein;

(c) whether it is also a fact that raise of 10-20 basis points reflects 35-40 basis points over the marginal cost of funds-based lending rates (MCLR); and

(d) the reasons behind upward revision in MCLR?

**Insurance Companies operating under PM Fasal Bima Yojana**

‡4094. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of insurance companies operating Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana along with the amount of premium charged from the farmers and the amount paid to the affected farmers during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether the insurance companies operating the scheme do not provide any kind of information or documents to the farmers;

(c) whether it is a fact that claims are rejected by Insurance Companies by entangling the farmers in contract conditions, time-limit etc. despite the farmers being eligible claimants; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to provide appropriate and timely compensation to the farmers?

**Indifferent implementation of Reverse Mortgage Loan**

4095. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the representations

received regarding Reverse Mortgage Loan (RML) and crux of the matter involved in the same;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to tackle the issue;

(c) whether Government is aware that senior citizens are still facing problem due to indifferent attitude of the concerned officers in implementation of the scheme; and

(d) how Government proposes to resolve the RML issue?

**Exemption from GST to Fibre Grid Project**

4096. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for exempting the Fibre Grid Project from GST;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken on the matter so far, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to exempt Fibre Grid Project from GST?

**Financial inclusion of small farmers in Maharashtra**

4097. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any roadmap for promoting financial inclusion in rural and remote areas of Maharashtra for small and marginal farmers; and

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

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**More rural bank branches for loans to farmers**

4098. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty five per cent of the direct credit to agriculture is given to farmers through urban and metro branches of banks;

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

(c) whether Government has any plans to extend more loans to farmers through setting up of more rural branches of banks; and

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

**Blanket ban on all loans by PNB**

4099. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has issued a blanket ban on all loans following misuse of them by PNB;

(b) whether such drastic steps are affecting trade and commerce of genuine entrepreneurs; and

(c) whether recent developments in financial sector have caused some loss of confidence of people in banking system?

**Allocation to States under Swachh Bharat Mission**

4100. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected through Swachh Bharat Cess during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted to allocate Central share under Swachh Bharat Mission to various States; and

(c) the reasons that Rajasthan and Gujarat have been allocated more than ₹ 1,100 crores each and Karnataka was given just about ₹ 500 crores during the last two years?

**Naming and shaming the bank loan defaulters**

4101. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked the banks to name and shame the defaulters by publishing their photographs and other details in the newspapers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the list of the first fifty defaulters and the amount of loans, defaulter-wise?

**Funds to Jharkhand for flagship schemes**

†4102. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allotted to the State of Jharkhand for different flagship schemes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the funds utilised by the State which were made available to it and the quantum of funds allocated under spill over, PL account and advance heads for these flagship schemes; and

(c) the details thereof, Department-wise?

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**Bank scam cases under CBI investigation**

‡4103. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) number of bank scam cases which are under CBI investigation;
- (b) the status of the progress of their investigation; and
- (c) the number and names of banks involved in it?

**Banning of junk food in schools/ colleges**

4104. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal before Government to ban junk food in schools and colleges in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacant posts of oncologists**

‡4105. 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 only 106 cancer specialists are working against the sanctioned posts of 148 in the hospitals/ institutes of Central Government in the country;
- (b) if so, for how long the rest of the 42 sanctioned posts have been lying vacant

and the steps taken in the last three years to fill these posts and the reasons for these vacancies;

(c) whether cancer patients are compelled to visit from one hospital to another due to lack of treatment in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi as 15 out of 64 posts of oncologists are lying vacant; and

(d) the details regarding vacant posts of specialist doctors including other doctors in Central Government hospitals in the country?

**Regulating E-cigarettes/ENDS**

4106. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is a home to 12 per cent of the world's smokers which kills more than a million people every year, amounting to 11 per cent of overall deaths in India;
- (b) whether E-cigarettes/Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) have been promoted by UK and many other countries as a better alternative to smoking; and

(c) despite the same, why have several States already banned E-cigarettes/ENDS despite allowing smoking tobacco, and whether Government plans to follow suit or is considering regulating the same in view of the demonstrable and medically proven benefits of E-cigarettes/ENDS?

**Provision of drug kit for ASHA workers**

4107. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise status of the scheme

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to provide ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers with a drug kit containing a set of drugs, medical equipments and products;

(b) whether any delay in the scheme is reported; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Benchmark to improve hygiene, safety and regulation for marketing of fish**

4108. SHRI K.K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has any benchmarks to improve the hygiene, safety and regulation in processing as well as marketing of fish;

(b) if so, whether any reports are available about the status of implementation of such benchmarks; and

(c) whether any concrete steps are being taken to ensure implementation of the benchmarks?

**Ambulances provided to Maharashtra under NRHM**

4109. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordinary ambulances and also critical care ambulances provided to the State of Maharashtra under NRHM during the last three years, the details of such ambulances, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide such ambulances in adequate numbers in all district hospitals of the State within a time-frame; and

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

**Doctor-population ratio**

4110. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current doctor-pouplation ratio is 1:1596, which is very low as compared to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government contemplates to adopt various measures including the enhancement of UG seats in Medical Colleges across the country from the existing to 250 and also sufficiently increasing the PG seats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Affordable sanitary napkins**

4111. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to tackle the issues of affordability of sanitary napkins;

(b) whether Government is considering to exempt imposition of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on sanitary napkins; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Cases of spurious drugs**

4112. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of spurious drugs registered since 2014, year-wise including 2017-18;

(b) the number of cases prosecuted since 2014, year-wise including 2017-18; and



(c) the number of cases where convictions were obtained since 2014, year-wise including 2017-18?

#### **Adoption levels of sanitary napkins**

4113. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 12 per cent of India's 355 million women use sanitary napkins;

(b) if so, whether Government has identified the reasons behind this;

(c) the number of States and districts covered under the Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene for Adolescent Girls Scheme in the last three years; and

(d) whether Government has a mechanism to assess the trend in adoption levels of sanitary napkins under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Reducing the MMR**

4114. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has achieved the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of reducing Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR);

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

(c) the latest figures for Maternal Mortality Rate, category-wise, rural, urban, SC, ST, OBCs and others;

(d) the total percentage of birth attended by skilled health workers, category-wise, rural, urban, SC, ST, OBCs and others for each State; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in

the last three years to reduce Maternal Mortality Rate in the country with special reference to SCs/STs?

#### **Latest data on IMR**

4115. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest data on Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the country, category-wise, rural, urban, SC, ST and others, for each State;

(b) the latest data on neo-natal mortality rate in the country, category-wise, rural, urban, SC, ST and others, for each State;

(c) the latest data on under-five mortality rate in the country, category-wise, rural, urban, SC, ST and others, for each State; and

(d) the schemes/programmes/funds launched/released to check high child mortality rate during the last four years and the current year, Scheme and State/UT-wise?

#### **DISHA draft legislation**

4116. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft legislation named DISHA (Digital Information Security in Healthcare Act) has been drawn up to regulate the growing digitisation in healthcare;

(b) if so, the contours of such regulations which are sought to be proposed; and

(c) how will data security and privacy be safeguarded?

**Long waiting time for surgery at  
AIIMS, New Delhi**

4117. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of serious patients are not getting admission in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and have to wait for years for undergoing surgeries;

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

(c) the number of patients registered during the last three years in AIIMS Surgery Department and the number of patients operated upon and referred to other hospitals due to non-availability of beds; and

(d) corrective steps taken by Government to increase the number of beds and other facilities in the Surgery Department?

**Wastage of blood units**

4118. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is wastage of 28 lakh units of blood in the last five years as reported by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had conducted any investigation on the matter, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard?

**Mandatory prescribing of generic  
medicines by doctors**

4119. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is making it mandatory for doctors to prescribe generic medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the doctors' community are against this regulation, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to address the apprehensions of the doctors' community who are against this rule?

**Affordable TB medicines**

4120. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TB patients in India at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that we have not succeeded in wiping out this malady from our country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some medicines effective in treating some types of TB are not available at low cost; and

(d) whether Government will take measures to make them available at low price?

**Impact assessment of anti-tobacco  
campaign**

4121. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of deaths due to tobacco consumption since 2014;

(b) the State-wise details of progress under the anti-tobacco campaign-Sunita;

(c) whether Government has conducted an impact assessment of the campaign to measure its impact and success, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) what other measures Government is taking/planning to take to minimise tobacco consumption in the country?

#### **Government hospitals in the country**

‡4122. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Government hospitals in the country, the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the State-wise number of shortage of doctors in Government hospitals;

(c) the State-wise details of shortage of nursing staff in Government hospitals; and

(d) the State-wise details of availability and non-availability of blood banks in the country?

#### **Guidelines on institutional deliveries**

4123. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued guidelines for the safety of the mother and child that all deliveries should be conducted by qualified persons in hospitals;

(b) if so, the States which have achieved this goal of 100 per cent deliveries in hospitals;

(c) the States which have not been able to achieve this goal; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to extend financial or other assistance to these States to achieve this goal?

#### **Alternative treatment therapies under CGHS panel**

4124. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to bring more private practitioners under the panel of CGHS for providing treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of private ayurvedic trained practitioners under CGHS panel; and

(d) the reasons for not bringing more hospitals of alternative therapies on CGHS panel?

#### **Scrutiny of OTC drugs**

4125. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sought regular scrutiny of drugs sold Over-The-Counter (OTC) to assess which of them were being abused for addiction;

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

(c) whether any system to track the sale of OTC drugs has been put in place/proposed to be put in place and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs to focus on OTC drugs to prevent abuse?

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### Beneficiaries of RSBY

4126. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of States covered under health insurance schemes, so far;

(b) the State-wise data on the total number of beneficiaries under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) in the last three years including the current year; and

(c) whether Government proposes to increase the insurance cover provided under RSBY, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

### Psychiatric illnesses

†4127. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the threat of psychiatric diseases is rising rapidly due to smoking;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take certain steps for the prevention of the same; and

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

### National Strategic Plan for TB elimination

4128. SHRI N. GOKULA-KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched the National Strategic Plan for TB elimination 2017-25;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tuberculosis kills an estimated 4.89 lakh

Indians every year and more than 1,400 every day;

(c) whether India also has more than a million missing cases every year that are not notified; and

(d) whether most of these cases remain either undiagnosed or unaccountably and inadequately diagnosed and treated in the private sector?

### Ayurveda Health Clinics in the country

4129. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to set up Ayurveda Health Clinics across the country to boost the rural health care;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the other facilities being provided in the Primary Health Centres?

### Shortage of life saving medicines/ equipments in Government hospitals

4130. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of life-saving medical equipment/diagnostic devices and medicines in Central Government controlled medical colleges/hospitals and affiliated hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi;

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

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measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government proposes to provide more administrative and financial powers to the Medical Superintendents of these hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**MoU with Jordan on health and medical science**

4131. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Jordan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhanced cooperation in the field of health and medical science;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives and the key areas identified for cooperation in this MoU; and

(c) whether the MoU would also attract any investment from Senegal in strengthening various health programmes undertaken by Government through foreign investment, if so, the details thereof?

**Mandatory HIV/AIDS test for pregnant women**

4132. 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) the details of pregnant women tested alongwith the number of them diagnosed with the HIV/AIDS during last three years;

(c) whether there is a gap between HIV/AIDS infected children and such infected

children who are getting treatment, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to curb Mother-to-Child Transmission (MTCT) HIV transmission and to reduce the stigma associated with such mothers and children in the country?

**Merging of two Departments at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi**

4133. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Sports Injury Centre of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether Government considers that the Central Institute of Orthopaedics and the Sports Injury Centre are doing the same work;

(c) in what ways both the Departments have distinct features; and

(d) whether, by merging both the Departments, expenditure can be saved in the patients' interest?

**Separate recruitment rules in CIO and SIC, Safdarjung Hospital**

4134. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are separate rules of recruitments in different posts in the Central Institute of Orthopaedics (CIO) and the Sports Injury Centre (SIC) of Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) in how many grades or posts, the rules of recruitments are different and in how many grades or posts, these are same;

(c) if such situation exists, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether these anomalies would be removed?

#### **Sale of unapproved antibiotics**

4135. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 64 per cent of antibiotics are sold in the country without the approval of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO);

(b) if so, whether Government has received any survey report in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India rates as the highest consumer of antibiotics with more than unapproved 3300 brand names with different 118 types of formulations of Fixed Dose Combination; and

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to restrict the usage of unapproved drugs in the country?

#### **Free drugs under NHM**

4136. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds are being provided to States/Union Territories for provision of free drugs in public health facilities under the National Health Mission (NHM);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Health Mission Free Diagnostic Service Initiative has been rolled out in 29 States/Union Territories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Effectiveness of cardiac stent**

4137. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that studies have shown that the impact of the cardiac stent is a short term relief lasting 6 to 18-24 months but not a long term remedy;

(b) if so, whether the treating Doctors make their patients aware of the fact that the cardiac stent implant is a temporary relief and not a permanent solution; and

(c) whether the Ministry will consider issuing an advisory to the Doctors to provide complete information on the implant of the cardiac stent before the procedure to their patients?

#### **Use of staple pins, adhesive tapes and zip locks for sealing food packets**

4138. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of food products use staple pins, adhesive tapes and zip locks for sealing food packets;

(b) whether Government is also aware that using staple pins of food items can cause life threatening injuries, if consumed with food items; and

(c) if so, the steps Government and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is taking to completely ban staple pins and adhesive tapes on food items packets?

**Research project works on diseases**

†4139. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of diseases and subjects on which research project works have been going on in the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Central research institutes connected therewith in the country;

(b) the important research and remedy conducted in the medical sector and the amount spent therein and the extent of success achieved by the country thereby during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the current situation and undertake major research in the country?

**Free viral load tests**

4140. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched free viral load tests which will measure the quantity of virus in the body;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the move is likely to benefit 12 lakh people living with HIV/AIDS in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Sex ratio at birth**

4141. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sex ratio at birth for last three years, year-wise and State-wise including 2017-18;

(b) the number of cases registered and

convictions done under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994 for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government has estimated the number of female children lost as a result of illegal pre-natal diagnostics for last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Physiotherapists with CGHS**

4142. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of physiotherapists having Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Degree in India;

(b) the number of filled posts and vacancies of physiotherapists under CGHS;

(c) whether Physiotherapists Recruitment Rules are reviewed/amended for hospitals once in five years as per DOPT guidelines, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps are being taken to implement Seventh Pay Commission's recommendation of cadre restructuring for physiotherapists, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry is providing physiotherapy services at all CGHS dispensaries to increase public accessibility; and

(f) if not, whether Government plans to provide this in future?

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**Vacant faculty posts at AIIMS,  
New Delhi**

4143. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of vacancies *vis-a-vis* sanctioned strength of Faculty and non-Faculty positions in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;

(b) whether the vacancy situation has affected the standard of medical education at AIIMS;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to fill-up the vacant posts in AIIMS on priority basis?

**Banning of plastic bottled medicines**

4144. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Statutory Authority on standard for medicines, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board which conducted laboratory tests, has recommended banning the bottling of medicines in plastic and PET bottles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard?

**Measures to address shortage of  
doctors in rural areas**

4145. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 600 million people in rural India have little or no access

to healthcare due to shortage of doctors, if so, details thereof;

(b) the number of districts that have shortage of doctors at primary healthcare services, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is planning to introduce a short term course on modern medicine to train primary care physicians or Licentiate Medical practitioners to address the shortage; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, what other measures Government is planning to take to address this shortage?

**Districts with poor healthcare  
facilities**

4146. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has indentified some districts in the country as most backward in health care;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly those located in Assam and other North Eastern States;

(c) whether Government has decided to make available basic services in the health sector in these districts; and

(d) if so, whether Government has finalized the action plan for a Uniform Policy to bring the backward districts at par?

**Legislation for preventing violence  
against doctors**

†4147. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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is seriously considering to enact a Law towards prevention of violence taking place against doctors in the country;

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

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

**Staff strength of employees at headquarters**

4148. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees/staff strength sanctioned for the Ministry's headquarters in Delhi;

(b) how many of these positions have been filled in as of 31 January, 2018;

(c) what are the problems being faced in early filling up of the vacancies;

(d) what action is the Ministry taking in overcoming these problems;

(e) what is the mother tongue-wise break-up of the employees currently working in the Ministry headquarters in Delhi; and

(f) what efforts, if any, are being taken to ensure adequate language diversity?

**KUSUM solar energy scheme for agriculture**

†4149. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is launching Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan

Mahaabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme to enhance the use of solar energy in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would provide hundred per cent financial assistance to the marginal and medium farmers who are not in a position to buy solar pumps due to economic hardships;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds transferred to Ministry from NCEF**

4150. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of funds transferred to the Ministry from National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) and funds utilised, 2014 onwards;

(b) the year-wise details of budgetary allocations made to the Ministry other than funds transferred from NCEF, 2014 onwards;

(c) whether the Ministry was consulted when Government decided to use funds under NCEF for compensation to States for GST;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry had raised any objections and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, how will this decision impact the project implementation under the Ministry and what additional sources of funding does the Ministry plan to use?

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#### **Meeting of the ISA**

4151. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many countries participated in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) meeting and what are the objectives of ISA;

(b) what are the 10 action points presented by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the meeting;

(c) the suggestions made for providing affordable financing for massive solar energy deployment among the Member-Countries; and

(d) the commitment made by India towards the objectives of ISA and details thereof?

#### **Wind and solar power generated in Tamil Nadu**

4152. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wind and solar energy accounted for 14.3 per cent of Tamil Nadu's total electricity generation in 2016-17;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State leads the country in variable renewable energy market share and it also leads in installed renewable energy capacity;

(c) whether out of the total 30 MW of installed capacity across the State as of March, 2017, variable wind and solar power account for 9.6 GW or 32 per cent of the total power generation; and

(d) whether the zero emissions capacity represents a leading 50 per cent of Tamil Nadu's total?

#### **Solar energy potential of Himachal Pradesh**

4153. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out solar energy potential in the State of Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government has launched various schemes for promotion of solar energy in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the financial assistance Government has allocated/released/utilised under the above schemes to Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise?

#### **MoU with Fiji in renewable energy sector**

4154. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Fiji had signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhanced cooperation in the field of renewable energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives and the key areas identified for cooperation in this MoU;

(c) whether Government has also signed MoU with other countries to enhance cooperation in the field of renewable energy sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with country's name and the major areas of cooperation?

**Power generation through new and renewable energy**

‡4155. 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 considering to increase the capacity of power generation through means of new and renewable energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would supply electricity in the country by generating power using solar energy; and

(d) the details of the places in the country especially in Bihar where solar energy plants are to be set up?

**Setting up of a "Holding company" to rescue stressed private power plants**

4156. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the status of debt-laden private power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating on setting up of a Holding Company with the help of NTPC, PFC, REC and banks to acquire the debt-laden private power plants and run the companies, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the outcome of the review meeting?

**24 hours power supply to every households**

‡4157. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is swiftly moving towards providing the 24/7 electricity to every household throughout the country but there is a lack of yet competition at distribution level is still lacking;

(b) whether Government is taking any step to have competition at distribution level in each State;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**24 hour electricity to Himachal Pradesh**

4158. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint initiative of the Central Government and Government of Himachal Pradesh aiming to provide electricity to each household, industrial and agricultural consumer round the clock has been introduced in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the programme;

(c) the financial assistance and other support Government has extended/proposes to extend to the Government of Himachal Pradesh under the programme;

(d) whether Government has prescribed any time limit by which each and every household, industrial and agricultural consumer will be provided electricity round the clock; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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**Environment clearances to Yadadri  
Thermal Power Plant in  
Telangana**

4159. SHRI DHARMAPURI  
SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of POWER  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry  
has received environmental clearances to  
the 4000 MW Yadadri Thermal Power  
Plant being established by Government of  
Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which execution of the  
work will start, the details thereof?

**Steps to reduce AT&C losses**

4160. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aggregate  
Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss in  
the power sector is increasing every year;

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

(c) whether Government has taken  
steps to reduce the AT&C losses for saving  
energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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DESH DEEPAK VERMA,  
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