

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Friday, July 28, 2017/Shravana 6, 1939 (Saka)

(Ministries of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Defence; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Women and Child Development)

(आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष); कॉर्पोरेट कार्य; रक्षा; वित्त; स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण; महिला और बाल विकास मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions—20

Electro-homoeopathy

†*181. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Electro-homoeopathy is more than 150 years old system of medicine and the same is being practised by medical practitioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to grant recognition to this system of medicine; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be granted and if not, the reasons therefor?

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

*182. KUNWAR

BHARATENDRA:

DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the work being done to train the Panchayati Raj Institutions/Urban Local Bodies/Grassroot workers to enable them to work as a catalyst for social change as mentioned in the implementation guidelines of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme;

(b) the steps taken to promote the early registration of pregnancy and the effects thereof;

(c) whether the constitution of a

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National and State Task Force for the implementation of this programme has been effective and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the fund allotted to this scheme has been properly appropriated as per the guidelines and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of Organ Donation

†*183. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued draft guidelines for simplifying the rules and process of kidney donation with a view to promote organ donation across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the opinions/comments have been sought by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation from public/stakeholders on this issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with the States and institutions in this regard?

Insurance Schemes for AYUSH Medication

*184. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the insurance schemes offered by the Government cover Ayurveda, Yoga Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) treatment/medication and hospitals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any insurance scheme which specifically covers AYUSH treatment/medication and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any regulation on the premium of such insurance and the kind of treatments that are covered therein; and

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

Manufacturing of Ammunition

†*185. SHRI ANANDRAO

ADSUL:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a policy to set up manufacturing units in collaboration with Indian firms/Companies and foreign vendors to meet the defence requirement of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the names of the private companies which have collaborated with foreign vendors for the purpose;

(b) whether private companies have been permitted to tie up for manufacturing ammunition with foreign vendors/companies which have been black listed/banned for wrong doings/corrupt practices and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the companies/vendors along with the reasons for which these have been banned and the circumstances under which these have been allowed to manufacture ammunition;

(d) whether ammunition for which tender has been given to the black listed/

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banned vendors/companies are also easily available from other non-black listed vendors/companies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto and the measures taken by the Government to recover penalty from foreign vendors/companies which adopt wrongful business practices while bidding for Indian contracts?

Demands of Odisha

*186. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE
वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Odisha had raised several issues concerning the State before the Union Government and urged to address their demands in Union Budget 2017-18;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry to address these issues?

Shortage of Vaccines

*187. SHRI R. P. MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the huge shortage of vaccines in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to restart the production of

vaccine in three laboratory units-BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Chennai, Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor and the Central Research Institute, Kasauli;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the safety norms being implemented in those units; and

(e) the time by which the above units are likely to start functioning?

Mission Parivar Vikas

*188. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched new family planning initiative 'Mission Parivar Vikas' on the occasion of World Population Day and if so, the details thereof including the aims and objectives of the Mission;

(b) the number and names of the high fertility districts in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the Mission Parivar Vikas and correlated the achievements with time to gauge if the programme is moving in the right direction and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has enhanced the basket of contraceptive choices to meet the changing needs of people and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has launched a new Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign on the occasion to create awareness regarding population stabilisation and if so, the details thereof?

Agreements with Foreign Companies

†*189. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently entered into any agreement/pact with the foreign companies under 'Make in India' programme for encouraging production of defence products in the private sector of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main objectives/features of the agreement/pact?

National Rural Health Mission

†*190. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:
PROF. RAVINDRA
VISHWANATH
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Mission in the country and its achievements in each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the condition of primary health centres in rural areas in the absence of trained doctors or staff posted there and lack of availability of medicine and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of progress in providing public health infrastructure after launching the NRHM and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government is aware that there is an acute shortage of basic facilities in rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for making available better health services in the Government hospitals of rural areas?

Vacancies in AIIMS

*191. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that a large number of posts are vacant in medical and non-medical cadres in All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) set up in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the six new AIIMS are struggling to fill up 1285 vacant posts including reserved categories post during the current year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is true that last year a total of 1300 posts were advertised for the six new AIIMS against which only 300 were selected, out of which only 200 finally joined and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to hire retired professors up to the age of 70 years on contract as faculty and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to expedite recruitment process in this regard?

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Food Adulteration

†*192. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the food production companies identified by the Government which are not complying with the norms/standards prescribed under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006;

(b) whether the Government has recently registered cases against the food production companies for giving misleading information, if so the details thereof and the present status in this regard;

(c) the number of incidents of adulteration in food products, inspections/raids carried out, cases registered, food products found unsuitable for human consumption and the persons convicted during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has requested the State Food Security Commission to ensure the compliance of prescribed regulations/norms for food security and increasing the monitoring of packaged food products and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further measures being taken to regulate the use of chemicals in the packaged food products and create consumer awareness regarding food products and the details of the steps taken for ensuring compliance of the prescribed regulation/norms by food manufacturing/processing companies?

**Honorarium of Anganwadi Workers/
Helpers**

†*193. SHRI RAVINDER
KUSHAWAHA:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA
KALVAKUNTLA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the remuneration/honorarium paid to Anganwadi Workers/Helpers is low compared to even the daily wage workers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enhance the honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers/Helpers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee are also proposed to be implemented in this regard, if so, the time-frame thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has also convened any meeting with the States regarding the demands and pay hike of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken by the Government to address the problems/demands of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers?

Modernization of Defence Technology

*194. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has

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implemented any measures to modernize defence technology through private investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of agreements signed with foreign countries to upgrade defence technology?

Health Card for Cancer Treatment

*195. SHRI RAM CHARITRA
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to come out with health card for the treatment of cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether people with the health card will be able to get treatment for cancer from any hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Health Insurance Coverage among Senior Citizens

*196. DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the health insurance scheme exclusively for senior citizens in the country;

(b) whether the health insurance coverage among senior citizens is very low in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the percentage of senior citizens covered under health insurance schemes of public and private sector companies in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints against public/private sector insurance companies for their reluctance/denial of health insurance coverage to senior citizens during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, company-wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure health insurance coverage to each senior citizen in the country?

Blood Banks

*197. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:
PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Blood Banks across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether 81 districts spread across 17 States do not have a single blood bank, if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken by the Government to address the situation;

(c) whether the Government is planning to open National Bone Bank on the line of National Blood Bank across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be opened and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the concrete steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

HIV and AIDS Patients

*198. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER
REDDY:
SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of HIV/AIDS patients in the country along with the number of new patients diagnosed with HIV/AIDS infection during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of deaths attributable to HIV/AIDS during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of schemes/programmes under implementation for the treatment of HIV and AIDS along with funds allocated and utilised during the said period, State/UT-wise and the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

AYUSH Hospitals

†*199. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether performance of these hospitals has been assessed by the Government;

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(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether various hospitals are not functioning properly due to the shortage of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for proper allocation of funds to these hospitals?

Pre-Natal Sex Determination Test

†*200. SHRI SADASHIV

LOKHANDE:

DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government in conformity with the order of the Supreme Court has directed all the States to stop illegal Pre-natal Sex Determination Test in the country and seize the unregistered and unlicensed ultra-sound machines being used by all those clinics and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set up a task force to check unscrupulous Pre-natal Sex Determination Tests and abortion rackets;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of cases detected and registered during the last three years and the current year along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANOOP MISHRA

Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Safety of Women in Cabs

2071. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of increasing cases of sexual harassment of women commuters in the cabs;

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

(c) whether the Government has any concrete guidelines/mechanism for the safety of women commuters in the cabs and if so, the details thereof?

Leakage of Question Paper

2072. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding the leakage of AIIMS, MBBS question paper and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has constituted any enquiry regarding the reported incident; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to ensure the examination more credible?

BIT with USA

2073. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between India and the USA have been put on hold and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the shelving of the BIT has adversely impacted American investment in India, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the issue was sought to be addressed during the Indian PM's visit to the US recently and if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereon?

Disinvestment of PSUs in Kerala

2074. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in Kerala are approved by the Government for disinvestment plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Co-ordinating Food Safety Laws

2075. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as many as 20 laws governing the issue of Food Safety and Standardisation are implemented through various ministries and departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is taking necessary and remedial steps for effective implementation and strict coordination to arrest corrupt practices of food adulteration, fake food and drinks wherein man-made eggs and plastic rice are being sold?

Women Personnel in Defence Forces

†2076. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy for recruitment of women personnel in the three services of armed forces, service-wise;

(b) the number of women personnel recruited in the three services of armed forces during the last three years, service-wise and year-wise;

(c) the percentage of women personnel in the three services of armed forces compared to men, service-wise;

(d) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme to increase the participation of women personnel in the three services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Listing of Profit Making PSUs

2077. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes that all Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) that have been earning profit for three years should be listed and a detailed timeline put in place to unlock the value of State run companies and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the first set of public offers of State run companies are expected around Diwali this year and if so, the details thereof?

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Achieving of Disinvestment Targets

2078. SHRI Y.V. SUBBARREDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of disinvestment targets set in the last three years and the current year, year-wise and PSU-wise;

(b) whether the year-wise target for disinvestment has not been achieved every year during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for achieving a mammoth Rs. 72, 000 crores disinvestment target set for current fiscal?

Quality of Food Items in Military Canteens

2079. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the report that almost half of food items sold in the armed forces canteen department are sub-standard and a large percentage of food items are not tested and some items are supplied past their expiry dates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to probe the issue, action initiated against the guilty and also to ensure quality and proper ration foods to the military personnel; and

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

Disinvestment Strategy

2080. SHRI PR. SETHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any strategy to disinvest the Government's shares in certain loss making PSUs and also to acquire certain PSUs by the profit making PSUs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has devised new initiatives and policies for the development of Nava Ratna and Mini Ratna Companies in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the performance and loss of the companies for the last two years?

Cellulose Capsules

2081. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the types of cellulose capsules that are presently available in the market are different from animal based gelatin capsules, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether switching over to vegetarian cellulose capsules will hit the Rs. 5000 crores gelatin capsule industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to address the problem?

Adulteration in Sweets

2082. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey conducted by Society of Pollution and Environmental Conservation Scientists (SPECS) has found that sweet shops were selling adulterated food items during festivals and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to prevent such practices;

(b) whether the Government has organised outreach programme to sensitise people regarding this issue and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Krishi Kalyan Cess

2083. SHRI LADU KISHORE SWAIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Krishi Kalyan Cess (KKC) collected and utilised since its inception;

(b) the purpose for which KKC have been used; and

(c) the impact of Goods and Services Tax implementation on KKC and the amount budgeted for financial year 2017-18?

Research and Development in Pharma Sector

2084. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is giving highest consideration to R&D in pharma sector;

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

(c) the budget allocated to the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government is considering involvement of private sector for developing new drugs in order to fight acute diseases in the country;

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

(f) the steps taken/ to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Legislation on Parental Abduction of Children

2085. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper law for parental abduction of children and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has also constituted any committee on the issue of inter-country child removal or abduction;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring any legislation or frame any guidelines in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Fund to Small Scale Pharma Companies

†2086. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides fund to small scale pharma companies for procurement of modern equipments to improve the quality of medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the research projects which are funded by the Government through National Laboratory for small scale pharma units during the last three years; and

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

Healthcare Facilities

†2087. KUNWAR SARVESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether healthcare facilities are still not available to a large number of rural households and only 32.7 per cent of rural households in the country avail themselves of this facility; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Foreign Capital Investment

†2088. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the necessity to boost foreign capital investment for building the infrastructure for the development of the country;

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

(c) the amount of foreign capital invested in India so far in the infrastructure sector?

Use of Defence Facilities by Civil Airlines

2089. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has expressed severe concern regarding use of defence facilities by civil airlines in cities such as Gorakhpur; and

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

Central Registration System under Ease of doing Business

2090. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken measures to provide greater ease of doing business to corporate and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government plans on automation of certain services for faster handling of procedures and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the aims and objectives of the Central Registration System, timeline for implementation and features of the same?

MRAU

2091. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Market Research and Analysis Unit (MRAU) is operational in the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) and if so, the details along with its objectives thereof;

(b) the number of cases of serious frauds unravelled by MRAU since last two years including the cases of corporate houses reported for fudging of accounts and financial resources; and

(c) the details of punishment/penalty imposed on the corporate houses during the said period?

Funds for HIV/AIDS

†2092. SHRI BAHADUR SINGH KOLI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under various schemes/ programmes being run for treatment of HIV/AIDS patients, State/ Union Territory-wise including Rajasthan and the amount of funds utilised by the various Non-Governmental Organisations;

(b) whether financial irregularities are committed in funds allocated for treatment of AIDS to the NGOs in various parts of the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government against the NGOs involved in these kind of activities?

Supervisory Colleges for Banks

2093. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up supervisory colleges for various banks both in public and private sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the objective of the said colleges;

(c) whether this has been done as part of supervision of cross border operations of these banks, which have sizeable international presence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Immunisation of Children

2094. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children immunised under Mission Indradhanush in the last two years and the current year, especially in the rural areas of the country especially Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the States which are being provided vaccines for Japanese Encephalitis and Haemophilus influenzae type B;

(c) whether Government has achieved its target of expanding full immunization coverage; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tuberculosis Research Consortium

2095. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to implement measures to promote R&D in TB for vaccine development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified any potential vaccine candidates; and

(d) the funds allocated to the Tuberculosis Research Consortium so far and the quantum of funds earmarked for R&D in Tuberculosis under the National Strategic Plan (NSP) (2017-25)?

National Health Policy, 2017

2096. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the National Health Policy (NHP), 2017;

(b) the number of health centres that have been established across the country; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the objective of the NHP?

National AYUSH Mission

2097. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
SHRIMATI P.K.

SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) and Extra Mural Research (EMR) scheme;

(b) the details of schemes/programmes subsumed in the above Mission;

(c) the present status of NAM and EMR with a particular reference to Kerala; and

(d) whether any targets have been set under the above Mission/scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructure Development in Border Areas

2098. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the expanding military advancement and infrastructure development by China close to the border areas of the country including Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the development of infrastructure, particularly road and rail connectivity in border areas of the country, is adequate for faster mobility of troops and weapon systems in forward areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether various strategic roads have been identified for construction almost two decades ago and if so, the number of strategic roads constructed so far along with the reasons for delay in constructing all such roads?

National Nutrition Mission

†2099. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Nutrition Mission for children is being implemented by the Government in Gujarat and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the districts in which the said Mission is being implemented, particularly in Gujarat;

(c) the funds allocated/released and utilised under the Mission during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware of shortcomings in the implementation of the said Mission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in eradicating these shortcomings?

Setting up of Hospitals in Rural and Tribal Areas

†2100. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge shortage of hospitals in rural/tribal areas in various States/UTs including Singhbhoom of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has made any efforts to open a Government hospital and medical college at Central level in such areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

AYUSH Hospitals

2101. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of AYUSH hospitals/ dispensaries including research centres functioning at present in the country, stream-wise and State/UT-wise along with the number of hospitals set up during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from various States for upgradation/setting up of new AYUSH hospitals/dispensaries and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the response of the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open new hospitals, dispensaries and research centres in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, location-wise and stream-wise;

(d) the funds earmarked for the purpose along with the time by which the said institutions are likely to be started; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to set up multi-speciality AYUSH hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Kerala?

Ayurvedic Institutions in Bihar

†2102. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recognised/approved Ayurvedic institutes in Bihar and Jharkhand;

(b) the number of institutes out of them which are functioning at present;

(c) whether any time has been set for making all these institutes fully operational; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Occupancy in Working Women Hostels

2103. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of occupancy in the Working Women's Hostel set up in Delhi by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern region;

(b) whether the occupancy rate is low in such hostels and if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to improve occupancy;

(c) the boarding and lodging charges per occupant along with the steps being taken to bring down the cost of occupancy; and

(d) whether sufficient transportation and security measures have been provided for the occupants and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

GST Exemption to Tirupati Temple

2104. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified some religious places including the Balaji Tirupati Temple of Andhra Pradesh, which were earlier enjoyed exemption from paying any tax and are now covered under GST to pay taxes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Death of Soldiers

†2105. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers martyred in different parts of the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has given full compensation to the next of kins of the martyred soldiers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there are some families which have not been given compensation till date; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to give compensation to bereaved families?

Special Term Loan

2106. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended a Special Term Loan (STL) of

Rs.5800 crore to Punjab to fight militancy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the balance STL of Rs.5029 crore was waived off by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for reimbursement of Rs.298 crore for the deployment of paramilitary forces in Punjab; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft

2107. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement for joint-development of a Fifth-Generation Fighter Aircraft with Russia has been signed by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total expenditure incurred till date as development cost for the said aircraft;

(c) the total planned expenditure as development cost that the Government has to pay as per the agreement;

(d) whether Indian pilots and engineers have access to the aircraft and its technologies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and its expected time to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

Inactivated Polio Vaccine

2108. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in both Government and private sector hospitals in some States including Kerala, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and reasons for such shortage;

(b) whether IPV is unavailable in the private sector hospitals due to global shortage as the Union Government has been purchasing it in bulk and it is being made available only through Government healthcare institution for the past several months, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the inconvenience, overcrowding and other practical problems has been preventing many parents from going to Government hospitals for IPV, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government?

Transfer of Technology from USA

†2109. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United State of America (USA) has agreed to provide strategically important technology, fighter and cargo planes, helicopter and drone etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether efforts have been made to develop technology for manufacturing fighter planes and drones in the country so as to make the country self-reliant in defence sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Satellite for Security

2110. SHRI A. ANWHAR
RAAJHAA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government/ Indian Army is using separate satellites for security of our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of satellites being launched for exclusive use of Indian Army as on date;

(d) whether all these launched satellite are performing/functioning properly and fulfil/met the needs of Indian Army; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Nutrition Level under ICDS Scheme

2111. SHRI RADHESHYAM
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nutrition level of meals served under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is sufficient to meet the nutrition need of the children and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the status and percentage of children receiving supplementary nutrition out of the total number of beneficiaries under the scheme along with the funds allocated and utilised under ICDS scheme for this purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

Functioning of Pre-Primary/Play Schools

2112. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has envisaged any mechanism to monitor the functioning of primary schools, play schools and day care centres for the welfare of children and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note that the fee levied in such schools/centres are exorbitant and if so, the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to improve the standard of Anganwadis in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government to provide nutritious food to children in pre-primary level, play school level and Anganwadis; and

(e) whether the Government provides financial assistance to States/UTs for improving the infrastructure of Anganwadis and if so, the details thereof indicating funds provided therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise with special reference to Uttar Pradesh?

Shell/Ponzi Companies

2113. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formed a task force to examine the details

of shell companies/ponzy companies/khoka companies and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard till date;

(b) the details of the outcome of the enquiry so far and the action taken thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry/Department and other agencies are sharing their information with all other concerned agencies so that these companies and their directors/owners can be booked and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to freeze/make non-operational the bank accounts of the companies and their directors/owners and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any other steps are being taken so that the companies and their directors/owners shall not open new accounts in any banks in India; and

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

Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill

2114. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a move to strengthen drug regulation in the country, the Government proposes to drop the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to bring forward a new legislation to cover emerging health sector including stem cell therapy, food supplements and devices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and time by which a new law is likely to be enacted?

Agricultural Credit

2115. SHRI S.P.
MUDDAHANUME
GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of agricultural credit given by Public Sector Banks (PSBs), State/ UT and bank-wise;

(b) the percentage of this agricultural credit given to urban areas and rural areas, State and bank-wise for the last three years and the current year so far;

(c) whether the agricultural credit given in urban areas is much higher than the credit given in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Exemptions Sought under GST by Telangana

2116. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER
REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received representation from the State of Telangana requesting for deduction of Goods and Services Tax on Beedies, Granite, Drinking Water etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has taken any decision in this regard; and

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

Manufacturing of Helicopters

†2117. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering manufacturing helicopters and fighter planes in private firms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Separate Bench in Courts for Child Adoption

2118. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up separate benches in High Courts for handling child adoption cases in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including its salient features?

Implementation of National Health Policy, 2017

2119. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government under NHP, 2017 has set targets with respect to

elimination of leprosy, reduce infant mortality rate and achieve global target for HIV/AIDS and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the use of digital technology has been suggested under the National Health Policy with a view to make available the services of psychiatrists in the country particularly in the rural areas;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that only 17 per cent of the rural population can use the internet; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the use of internet is likely to be made by them for the effective use of digital technology?

Uniform Guidelines

2120. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experts committee has recommended the Government for formation of National Board of Promotion and Development of Yoga and Naturopathy and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also decided to bring a uniform guidelines for degree and diploma courses in Yoga and Naturopathy; and

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

Annual Grants under NAM

2121. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned any annual grants for the development of AYUSH centres under the National AYUSH Mission in the Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total amount proposed and sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh under the National AYUSH Mission;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to sanction 46.3 crores for State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) under the National AYUSH Mission for the year 2017-18 in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorists Attacks on Army Camps

2122. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH
HOODA:

SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in attacks on army camps by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details of the attacks on army camps by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(c) the number of soldiers martyred and the number of terrorists killed in these attacks;

(d) whether new technologies are being booked at to improve the border security and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents and strengthen border security post Uri attack?

Investments by NRIs

†2123. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure for investment in the country by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs); and

(b) the investment made in the country by the NRIs during the last three years along with the details of foreign companies involved in providing insurance in private/public sector?

Sahayak System in Army

†2124. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to scrap the Sahayak System presently in place for high level officers in the army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make any other arrangement in this regard; and

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

Dividend by Banks

2125. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that hit by and mounting bad loans, demonetization and lower credit off take, some Public Sector Banks (PSBs) may skip paying dividend and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the non-paying of dividends by some PSBs will have implications for Government receipts in the current fiscal, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the previous fiscal as many as 16 public sector banks skipped paying dividend leading to a threefold decline in Government receipts to Rs. 1444.6 crore and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether only six State owned banks declared dividend though at a lower rate for the financial year ended March, 2016 and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether some PSBs bankers have already indicated to the Government that it may be possible for them to pay dividend as their profits are likely to remain subdued due to lower credit off take, effect of demonetization and rising Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), if so, the details thereof?

FRBM

2126. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) framework has failed in curbing of

dangerous fiscal imbalances and in bringing debt in declining trajectory;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in strengthening the FRBM to check the fiscal imbalances in future?

PMSMA

2127. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritava Abhiyan (PMSMA) drive launched for providing better health facilities for pregnant women in the country including Chhattisgarh State;

(b) the fund allocated for the above scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the number of private doctors who have been associated with the said drive in the country including Chhattisgarh?

Rapid Survey on Children

2128. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1106 dated July 22, 2016 regarding Malnutrition among women and children and state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that in our country around 30 per cent children and underweight, 39 per cent are stunted and 15 per cent are wasted

according to the Rapid survey on Children and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the expenditure on the National Nutrition Mission that seeks to remove malnutrition was only Rs. 20 crore in the year 2014-15 and for the year 2015-16, there was no expenditure on this Mission at all;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allocate enhanced budget towards the nutritional needs of the children given that India has a huge population of malnourished children and also enable fulfilling our commitment under the Sustainable Development Goals; and

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

Islamic Bank

2129. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up any committee on financial sector reforms and inter-departmental group to study the prospects of Islamic banking in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether huge savings potential can be tapped through interest free shariah-compliant financial instruments; and

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

Loans to SHGs

2130. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans sanctioned to Self Help Groups (SHGs) by various nationalised banks in the country, State/UT and bank-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to provide more bank loans to SHGs?

Duplicate Beneficiaries under Social Subsidy Schemes

2131. SHRI G.M.
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the revenue generated by various departments through the termination of fake and duplicate beneficiaries from social subsidy schemes since 2014, scheme-wise;

(b) the methodology by which this revenue has been calculated; and

(c) the number of fake beneficiaries identified in these schemes, State/UT-wise and income-wise?

Cesarean Procedure

2132. SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:
SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:
SHRIMATI SANTOSH
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey conducted by National Family Health Survey in 2015-16 in 15 States reported the rate of C-section births at 87 per cent and an yearly increase at 16.7 per cent above the recommended rate of WHO and one of the highest in the World, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to take action against the Gynecologists/Nursing Homes/private hospitals/Government hospitals, who preferred cesarean procedure to a normal delivery and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has collected any data of new born babies by Cesarean and normal delivery in the country in the last two years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to investigate the matter and corrective measures mulled upon; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to make it mandatory for hospitals to publicly display the number of C-section surgeries and normal deliveries carried out and if so, the details thereof?

Blood Transfusion Centres

†2133. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up state-of-the-art blood transfusion centres in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

INS Sindhurakshak

2134. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sink the INS Sindhurakshak;

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

(c) the total expenditure made on salvage operation for its retrieval; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to explore possibilities for using it for target practice to avoid huge wastage of public money?

Research on Cancer

2135. SHRI SISIR KUMAR
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a new research report on a new way to treat cancer and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the new process of treatment will be able to stop metastasis process of spreading cancer cell in the body by destroying the primary tumour therefor and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Tetanus Toxoid Medicine

2136. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that medical companies have stopped production of the medicine for tetanus toxoid; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Investment under Make in India

2137. SHRI RAJESHBHAI
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details on the investment made by Indian investors and foreign investors under the 'Make in India' scheme during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the estimated annual revenue generation through various sources like taxes and duty from both sources of investment?

Harassment of Soldiers

2138. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of reports relating to soldiers being subjected to harassment and menial jobs by senior officers;

(b) if so, the report of the deaths of such soldiers of the Indian Army been brought to the prominent notice of the Government;

(c) whether the Government has conducted an inquiry into the matters alleged by the relatives of the victims concerning harassment by superior officers as the principal cause of their suicide;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to consider granting compassionate employment to the spouse or next of kin or merit and if so the details thereof?

Community Based Management Programme

†2139. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any policy for Community Based Management Programme for women and for children below the age of five years suffering from malnutrition in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of its implementation; and

(c) the funds allocated to Rajasthan and other States/ UTs along with the funds utilised and the funds yet to be utilised for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Chopper Services in India2140. SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has undertaken any critical study to know the utility of chopper services in India keeping in view the economic standards of the average patients in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government shall bear the expenses of the patients unable to afford the chopper services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a study on chopper services has been undertaken by the Government hospitals in other developing countries like India; and

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

Bank Loan to Bhamashah Scheme

†2141. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide required assistance

to the banks for effective implementation of Bhamashah Scheme in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Money Laundering†2142. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate has recovered important documents and valuables from farm houses in money laundering cases and possession of property exceeding their income recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Delhi;

(c) whether any evaluation has been made regarding cases registered by the Enforcement; and

(d) the action taken in the said cases during the last one year and the current year?

Child Mortality

2143. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest number of child deaths in the world and if so, the details thereof and comparison of India's standing with BRICS and SAARC member nations and African countries;

(b) whether India has achieved/is on track to achieve the fourth Millennium Development Goal (MDG-4) aimed at reducing under five child mortality by two-third and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and corrective action taken by the Government; and

(c) whether the Government has identified high risk districts and if so, the details thereof and interventions and if any taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme2144. SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct new building for Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) in Kottarakkara of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred and facilities provided for the said ECHS building?

Unregistered Companies2145. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of unregistered

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companies are operating in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of companies operating in the country without getting themselves registered with the Registrar of Companies (RoCs) and the details of action taken by the Government against such companies during the last three years?

Income Tax on J&K Residents

2146. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the rules and regulations under Income Tax Act are automatically applicable to the residents of Jammu and Kashmir and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the income tax collected from the State of J&K during each of the last three years?

R&D Projects in Yoga and Naturopathy

2147. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to strengthen and expedite various R&D projects in Yoga and Naturopathy; and

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the programme and if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the action taken against NGOs/institutions found guilty of alleged funds misutilisation?

Reduction of Penalty on Black Money

2148. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reduced the penalty on black money from 132 per cent to 50 per cent and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount of black money collected after the said reduction of penalty; and

(c) whether the Government is considering any other options to unearth black money in the country and if so, the details thereof?

TDS Losses

2149. SHRI A.

ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has incurred a revenue loss of almost Rs.3000 crore either due to Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) not being collected or being collected and not being deposited by the assessee during the financial years 2013 to 2015 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that in many cases during the said period

the assessing officers failed to impose interest on defaulting tax deductors for failure to deduct TDS or deducting less TDS under the relevant sections of the Income Tax Act and if so, the details thereof; and

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

SBI Branches

†2150. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State Bank of India branches functioning at present in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open new branches of the SBI and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for full computerisation of the SBI branches along with better service facilities to the customers?

Currency Printing Press

2151. SHRI M. MURALI
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present currency/coins printing press across the country;

(b) whether the Government is considering to set up Currency Printing Press at Rajahmundry and other important places in view of the shortage of currency

notes after demonetization of Rs. 1000 and Rs. 500 notes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Privatisation of Ordnance Factories

2152. DR. ANBUMANI
RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to privatize Ordnance Factories of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether ordnance factory present at Trichy, Tamil Nadu will be privatized and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in the recruitment of Group B&C technical and non-technical posts by Avadi Heavy Vehicle factory, Tamil Nadu is done with the help of regional employment exchanges in order to attract eligible candidates belonging to State of Tamil Nadu and are given first preference over candidates from States in the process of recruitment;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number and percentage of candidates from the State of Tamil Nadu selected by Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi, Tamil Nadu out of total recruitments happened in the past ten years, category-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Protection for NBFCs Collection Representatives

†2153. SHRI DILIPKUMAR
MANSUKHLAL
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether after having been duped by Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) in financial scams, a large number of people have attacked the collection representative of the said NBFCs in the State of Maharashtra after losing their deposited amount;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the safety and protection of collection representatives of such NBFCs?

Fund Allocation to Maharashtra

†2154. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received under Central Taxes from Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the amount allocated to Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(c) whether there has been any increase in the amount allocated to Maharashtra after implementation of GST and if not, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Lack of Transport Facilities for Heart Attack Patients

2155. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether delay in reaching hospital due to lack of transportation for the heart attack patients is one of the leading cause of fatalities and if so, the details thereof and remedial steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether it is true that the Indian Council of Medical Research has been invited to take up the programme towards heart attack management; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Medical Facilities to Bank Employees

2156. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides medical facilities to the employees of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) including employees of Central Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also provides medical facilities to the retired employees of PSBs;

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

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to provide medical facilities to the such retired bank employees?

Unnecessary Stent Implants

2157. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

Shelter Homes for Destitute, Old and Widow Women

†2159. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of the Government is in force in respect of building shelters for the destitutes, old and widow women in every district and tehsil headquarter;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such centres operational in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, State/UT-wise; and

(c) if not, the time by which such centres are likely to be set up in all the locations?

Contracts under Make in India Programme

2160. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of contracts signed by the Government and domestic private and public sector, as a part of "Make in India" in the defence sector, during the last three financial years;

(b) if so, the details of the amount in value of the above mentioned contracts; and

(c) the number of contracts signed with foreign Governments during the said years and the amount in value of the foreign contracts?

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the concerns raised by prominent cardiologists about the rise in number of unnecessary stent implants in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce an audit of the cath labs to check such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to regulate the functioning of cath labs and hospitals to check irregularities?

UNICEF Report on Malnutrition

2158. SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that hundreds of children die in the national capital due to malnutrition and hunger, according to UNICEF report released thereon;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of annual untimely deaths of children in various metropolitan cities, city-wise, during the last three years;

(d) the various schemes that are in place for the welfare of children and to provide healthcare and food to them; and

(e) the steps taken to reverse the trend by reducing child mortality rate in the country?

Financial Assistance for Agricultural Debt Waiver Scheme

‡2161. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for providing financial assistance for the implementation of agricultural debt waiver scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government has also requested the Union Government for directing the Reserve Bank of India for accepting Government bonds with a view to facilitate the implementation of the above scheme in the State; and

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

Deworming Tablets

2162. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of school children who were administered deworming tablets complained of uneasiness and nausea in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof and the sources of procuring these deworming tablets by the States;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any preliminary investigations regarding the supply of allegedly outdated/

spurious deworming tablets and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the further action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidents in the future?

Oncology

2163. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of persons suffering from different types of cancer and attributable deaths thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of oncologists working in the Government sector;

(c) the details of Government medical colleges having oncology wards, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government provides/proposes to provide financial assistance to the persons suffering from cancer, the details thereof?

FDI in Defence Production

2164. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN: SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in defence sector has increased in the country during the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(b) the mechanism in place to ensure that the security of the nation is not compromised from such FDI in defence sector;

(c) whether the Government has received representations/suggestions from various quarters in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/ being taken by the Government on such representations/suggestions; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to maintain a fine balance between FDI in defence sector and security of the nation?

Insurance Scheme for BPL

2165. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any insurance scheme for the people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government offer the benefit of free life insurance scheme to such people and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Defence Equipment Manufacturing Units

‡2166. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the defence equipment/material manufacturing units in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the locations where defence equipment manufacturing units have been proposed to be set up for catering the increasing need of defence armaments, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of the scheme of the Government to set up sophisticated and state-of-the-art weapon manufacturing units; and

(d) whether the Government has contemplated any scheme to produce maximum quantity of explosives in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Activities under CSR

‡2167. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE: SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include more activities including sports activities and enhance expenditure in the existing CSR;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which more activities are likely to be incorporated along with the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of CSR and judicious use of funds therein by the companies?

Atal Pension Yojana

2168. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of subscribers of the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and funds allocated thereon during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the financial allocation for the APY is considered adequate by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government consider enhancing the same and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has recently made it compulsory for all subscribers to link their aadhaar to their bank account to make the scheme transparent; and

(e) if so, the details of response received thereon?

Ponzi Companies

2169. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ponzi schemes floated by firms in different States in the country;

(b) whether many of these firms have cheated the small investors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to curtail these ponzi schemes and save millions of people from becoming prey to these schemes; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the Chit Fund Act to protect the small investors and if so, the details thereof?

CCI

†2170. SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE
AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance that in view of prevailing situation of economic development and diversity of economy in the country, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) should continue to work even in future as a dynamic regulatory institute and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government considers special emphasis on the importance of making balancing between the needs for opening economy and socio-economic requirements of the country for international competition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Metro Blood Bank

2171. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has sanctioned to set up a Metro Blood Bank at Chennai at a project cost of Rs. 213 crore;

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

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

Facilities to Employees of BRO

†2172. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of Border Road Organization and Defence services are not getting equal facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the employees of both the said organizations have to work in inaccessible areas and difficult conditions;

(d) if so, whether any concrete policy has been prepared by the Government to provide equal facilities to the employees of both the said organizations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Initial Public Offerings

2173. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/ Securities and Exchange Board of India has noticed a mismatch between the stated purpose of the Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and its end use, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating on bringing a proposal to make it compulsory for all companies to appoint monitoring agencies to ensure proper utilisation of IPO money; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Drinking Water to Soldiers

2174. COL. SONARAM
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that drinking water is not available on the drought affected areas of Western Rajasthan borders Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bikaner and Hanumangarh to soldiers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount of the funds allocated and spent during each of the last four years and the current year for making available drinking water to soldiers on border; and

(d) whether the Government intends to provide financial assistance and approve pending proposals for provision of drinking water projects of State Government to provide drinking water to soldiers on border and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Defence Sector

2175. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary provision for 2017-18 as well as the dismal status of capital procurements do not reciprocate the seriousness required towards meeting defence needs and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the allocation is Rs. 18000 crore in the capital budget, whereas the committed liabilities itself are to the extent

of Rs.22000 crore as far as the Navy is concerned and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether against the committed capital liability being carried forward from 2016-17 to 2017-18 amounts to Rs.23000 crore and the capital allocation made in the budget 2017-18 is Rs.25254 crore;

(d) if so, whether Rs.4000 crore allocated in the budget for 2017-18 exclusively for new schemes would hamper the modernisation drive of the Indian Air Force; and

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

National Medical Commission

2176. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to constitute National Medical Commission in the country;

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

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

Unani Centres

†2177. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Unani centres functioning in the country under the Ministry, State/UT-wise and location-wise;

(b) the estimated number of patients getting treatment in these centres; and

(c) the total amount of funds spent during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

GST on Petroleum Products

†2178. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has not implemented Goods and Services Tax (GST) on petroleum products whereas GST is implemented on all the goods and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the people pay maximum tax on petroleum products in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the prices of petrol will come to half if it is brought under maximum limit of 28 per cent of GST by eliminating Central and State taxes and if so, the details thereof?

Disparity in Health Status

2179. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is exhibiting variation in the status of wide inter-State

disparity in health status with respect to urban and rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the healthcare infrastructure in the country is overburdened by increasing population;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the country is facing the twin epidemic of continuing/ emerging infectious disease as well as chronic degenerative disease; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Central Body for Study on Cow Urine

2180. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to set up a Central Body, comprising scientists and health experts, to study the role of cow urine and dung in curing diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also fact that the Ministry would also involve itself to strengthen the research on India's ancient knowledge of natural substances in the context of this benefit to health; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Registration Facility for CGHS Beneficiaries

2181. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registration facility for Urology Department of CGHS beneficiaries is available in CGHS wing of Safdarjung Hospital and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to start separate registration counter for CGHS beneficiaries in the said wing to provide relief to patients particularly pensioners from heavy rush; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said facility is likely to be started in the said wing?

Centres for Empowerment of Women

2182. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to open different centres for empowerment of women during the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of proposals received from the Maharashtra State in this regard and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) whether any timeframe has been fixed for clearance of these projects and if so, the details thereof?

Policy Governing the Loan Waiver Schemes

2183. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy, principles and broad outlines governing the loan waiver schemes;

(b) whether the RBI guidelines permitted waive off long outstanding Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public sector banks and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of sector-wise loan waivers granted by Government including agriculture, Small and Medium Enterprises, infrastructure projects, education, corporate sector and others during the last five years; and

(d) whether the Government intends to review and lay down strict norms for allowing loan waivers only for larger public welfare as compared to individual benefits and if so, the details thereof?

Adolescent Health Education

2184. SHRIMATI K.

MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a nationwide programme with the youth working as peer educators to adolescents, and respond to their queries on key health issues, including mental and physical changes, nutrition and addition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the peer educators will act as catalysts for generating demand for adolescent health services, and imparting age appropriate knowledge on key adolescent health issue to their peer group; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of AYUSH through Private Companies

2185. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives taken to promote the traditional methods of healing in the country;

(b) the manner in which the domestic market for AYUSH is developing in India;

(c) the infrastructure being developed in the country to leverage AYUSH in delivering healthcare services; and

(d) the role of private companies in the development of AYUSH in the country?

National Organ Donation Policy

†2186. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new National Organ Donation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has entered into an agreement with Spain on organ donation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the State-wise amount spent to provide incentives for organ transplantation in the country including Bundelkhand during the last three years and the current year?

Privatisation of PSUs

2187. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the reasons for profit making Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) being privatised in the country;

(b) whether it is the policy of the Government to do away with profits of these industries contribute annually to Government, reduce security of workers and pass on the benefits to private sector and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the profit making PSUs become loss making due to the Government's policy of increasing import duties on raw materials and decreasing those on finished products and then privatise them;

(d) if so, whether the motto of "Make in India" really means to promote privatisation in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Use of CSR Funds for Education of Children

2188. SHRI DEVUSINH

CHAUHAN:

SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to use the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund for the education purpose of the street/orphan/ destitute children in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Medical Facilities in Tribal Areas

2189. SHRI JITENDRA

CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals in tribal areas;

(b) whether a large number of people die due to lack of medical facilities in the tribal areas of the country;

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

(d) whether the medical facilities are not good in the tribal areas of the country?

GST on Branded Rice

2190. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be please to state:

(a) whether a branded rice selling company is exempted from paying Goods and Services Tax (GST);

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

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Different Rate of HRA

2191. SHRI P.

KARUNAKARAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received the representation from the Government employees from Mahi, a province of Pondicherry with regard to HRA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is different rate of HRA implemented in Mahi and Pondicherry;

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

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana Scheme

2192. SHRI RAM MOHAN

NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee or authority has been set up to monitor the effectiveness of the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has been able to achieve the target that it has set for the total number of persons to be covered under the scheme; and

(e) whether the Government has a State-wise data of the number of people covered under the scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Interest on Subsidy

2193. SHRI N.K.

PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that the banks are charging interest on the subsidy amount sanctioned for self employed and transferred to the bank accounts till the clearing of the loans given under various self employment schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to provide a split up of loan details, loan amount, interest, subsidy sanctioned etc. to the entrepreneur through online facility in this regard?

Import Duty sought by Sugar Mills

2194. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the sugar mills have sought higher import duty; and

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

Kisan Vikas Patra

2195. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified farmers who would be benefitted from the kisan vikas patra in the country;

(b) if so, the number of farmers identified thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Panel Report on Cancer and Diabetes

†2196. SHRI RAM KUMAR

SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panel constituted by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently submitted a report stating non-abiding of cooking norms/parameters and due to over use of sugar, fat and salt disease like cancer and diabetes are rapidly spreading in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said panel has also suggested to implement various measures for their necessary prevention and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken for implementing these measures to protect the interests of the common consumers in the country?

Ban on Milk from China

2197. DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has decided to extend the ban on import of milk and milk products from China till June 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for banning milk and milk products from China;

(d) whether the Government is planning to ban the import of any other products from China in view of the prevailing political scenario;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Relaxation on Changed MRP

2198. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed the manufacturers/packers/importers of pre-packaged commodities to declare the changed retail sale price/maximum retail price on the unsold stock manufactured/packed/imported prior to 1st July, 2017 and after inclusion of the

increased amount of tax due to Goods and Services Tax; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Adulteration in Milk

†2199. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
DR. PRABHAS KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding adulterated food items including milk and milk products, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether cases have been registered under Prevention of Adulteration Act and action taken to monitor and check the sale of adulterated food items during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to check adulteration of milk and milk products, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide any grant to make this mechanism available, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide grant on the purchase of self test kits to the consumers to check the

quality of food products at home and if so, the details thereof?

Legislation on Child Trafficking

2200. SHRIMATI HEMA
MALINI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring a comprehensive legislation to deal with the issues of child trafficking, missing children, sexual exploitation, slavery and employment of trafficked children, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has received some suggestions from the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other experts in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the present status of the legislation along with the time by which it is likely to be enacted?

Shortage of Soldiers

2201. SHRI VINOD
LAKHAMASHI
CHAVDA:
SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of soldiers in the Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of soldiers in the Armed Forces?

Testing of Meat Products

†2202. SHRI JAI PRAKASH
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether raw meat like beef, buffalo meat, mutton, pork, chicken etc. is being sold to the consumers without any medical test;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct test of raw meat at district level itself before selling it to consumers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total consumption of raw meat of various types in the country, State-wise?

Mobile Food Testing Labs

†2203. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that alloxan chemicals are used in the manufacture of refined flour and it leads to diabetic and heart related disease and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a study has been conducted by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India to examine the contents of food items sold in the

restaurants and streets, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has set up mobile food testing laboratories under FSSAI across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the scope and testing process in such laboratories; and

(e) the States where such mobile food labs are proposed to be set up in the country including Maharashtra?

Crop Loan

†2204. SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to grant crop loan on easy terms to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned for the said purpose during the current financial year?

Economic Growth

†2205. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to promote open market for providing pace to economic growth of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether manufacturing and agriculture output have declined at present in the country;

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

(e) whether despite lower production in the country the open market system will boost the economic growth of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Features of GST

†2206. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goods and Services Tax (GST) will pave the way for financialization of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the GST will make the dream of 'one nation, one tax and one market' true in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the GST will promote business and development by making the taxation structure easy and by eliminating the numerous taxes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the GST will improve productivity and easiness of business and if so, the details thereof?

Custom Duties on Textiles and Garments

2207. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is examining the additional custom duties imposed by Turkey on a range of textiles and garments from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the duties imposed violate WTO norms, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which such duties have impacted Indian industries?

Bank Loan to Jatropha Farmers

†2208. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether public and private sector banks provide loans to farmers for the cultivation of Jatropha in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government provides any subsidy on such loans during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ambulances on NHs

2209. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ambulances running on the roads particularly on National Highways (NHs) are without basic medical facilities for patients, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has set norms for all the new ambulances that will ply on the roads from April 2018, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that there are sufficient well equipped ambulances on the NHs/other roads to cater to the medical emergency situations?

Smuggling of Gold and Medicines

2210. SHRI SANGANNA
AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of the gold smuggling and other medicines has been increasing;

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

(c) the quantum and status of gold/medicines seized along with the number of persons convicted during the last three years;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb such cases of gold and medicine smuggling; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to sell this gold into the market on the discounted rates, if so, the details thereof?

Impact of GST on Sports Items

2211. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the imposition of Goods and Services Tax (GST) at its highest slab of 28 percent on all kinds of sports goods including shot

puts, javelins, high jump poles, boxing gloves, gymnastics equipment and swimming gear etc. is likely to discourage many youngsters from taking up sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether these items were earlier taxed at a lower rate around 4-5 percent and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the cricket gear and carrom which were earlier taxed at highest slab have now been taxed at lower slab and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer

2212. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH
CHAUDHARY:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA
KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of different type of cancer cases and attributable deaths recorded in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether as per WHO, cancer deaths are preventable if diagnosed at an early stage and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of cancer cases are detected at an advanced stage due to shortage of Primary Screening Centres (PSCs) and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of PSCs and doctor-patient ratio in these PSCs in the country and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of schemes/programmes launched/proposed to be launched and

funds allocated for prevention and treatment of Cancer, State/UT-wise;

Ayurveda Colleges

†2213. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE PATIL:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recognised ayurvedic colleges in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open/grant recognition to new ayurvedic colleges particularly in backward and tribal areas in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Residential Accommodations near Ordnance Depots

†2214. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people have constructed residential accommodations in large numbers near ordnance depots in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the steps taken to check such constructions; and

(c) the details of the effective steps taken to clear the areas near the vicinity of ordnance depots?

Defence Equipment Supplied to Myanmar

2215. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of defence equipment such as artillery guns, rocket launchers, rifles, radars, motors, night vision devices, naval gun boats supplied to Myanmar by India during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Myanmar military chief recently visited India, if so, the details thereof and the purpose of the visit;

(c) the issues discussed during the visit and the number of agreements signed;

(d) whether India and Myanmar have recently finalised a \$37.9 million deal for the supply of light weight torpedoes and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to have close military cooperation with Myanmar as part of the overall plan to expand defence cooperation with ASEAN under the more action oriented Act East Policy; and

(f) whether tasks has been held regarding insurgent groups operating in the region and if so, the details thereof?

Crash of Advanced Light Helicopter

2216. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTALA:
SHRI PREM DAS RAI:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and a MIG-23 of Indian Air Force (IAF) have crashed recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of person/pilot killed/injured in these incidents;

(c) the quantum of losses to Indian Air Force along with the compensation paid to each injured and family of those killed in such accidents;

(d) whether the Government has constituted any inquiry in the matter and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid such recurrence of aircraft crash and replacement of fleet of old helicopters?

GDP Share

2217. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the organised and unorganised sector and the comparative change observed during the last three years;

(b) the share of the corporate and non corporate sectors in Net Domestic Product (NDP) and Gross Domestic Product during the last three years;

(c) the Gross Domestic Savings and Gross Domestic Capital Formation as percentage of GDP of Government, Private Corporate and Household Sector during the said period;

(d) whether the Government is aware that partnership and proprietorship firms form a bulk of the production and savings in our country whereas the focus of policy is skewed toward the corporate sector, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total Gross Domestic Savings and sector-wise split during the last three years; and

(f) the percentage of Indians who invest in stock market and the change in the pattern of investments observed during the last ten years?

Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres

†2218. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rehabilitation centres along with the number of children with severe and acute malnutrition and the total number of children enrolled at these Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the mechanism put in place by NRCs to identify and improve the condition of severe and acute malnourished children; and

(c) the total number of such cases wherein children admitted in NRCs have successfully recovered?

Oral Hygiene

2219. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released for the implementation of schemes related to

oral hygiene over the last three years, State/UT-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action for oral health services for those living in interior rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will provide financial assistance for oral procedures and aids such as braces to children in rural areas for whom oral health care is essential and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Government will incentivise health care providers and doctors to set up practises in rural areas?

Electronic Health Records

2220. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND
SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to introduce a system of electronic health records across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued guidelines for implementation of interoperable Electronic Health Records (EHR) a move for digitalization of Health care data in the country and if so, the details thereof with the progress in this front;

(c) whether there has been a delay in the launch of this system and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether this move is expected to help patients not to undergo repeat

diagnosis and similar procedures, if so, the details thereof?

Primary Healthcare Systems

2221. SHRI GURJEET SINGH
AUJLA:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for major changes in the country's primary healthcare systems, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to undertake measures to meet the shortfall in the number of Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in the various States, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take special action with respect to certain States;

(d) whether the Government would take action to meet the acute shortage of specialists in the Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the State of Haryana, as reported by National Health Mission statistics, if so, the details thereof and the proposed time line to achieve such targets; and

(e) whether the experts from developed countries have agreed to provide training to Public Health Foundation of India in public healthcare, if so, the details thereof?

Criteria for Admission

2222. SHRIMATI KIRRON
KHER:

SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRI K.N.
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government currently proposes to introduce any criteria for those seeking admission in the Government Medical Colleges to serve at least for one year during their internship in the rural and remote areas where there are no medical professionals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government introduces such criteria in the Government Medical colleges;

(c) whether the doctors are willing to pay fine, instead of serving in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Japanese Encephalitis

†2223. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Japanese Encephalitis cases reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether any Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for monitoring and supervision of Japanese Encephalitis;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the shortcoming identified by the said Committee in measures taken for prevention of Japanese Encephalitis; and

(e) the necessary measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Research for Developing Drugs

2224. SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing research for developing new drugs in AYUSH by various Government institutions;

(b) whether any tie up has been made with Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) or other apex institution for development and marketing of drugs related to diabetes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

CGHS Dispensaries

2225. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme is poorly executed and has caused inconvenience to the beneficiaries outside Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the condition of the CGHS dispensaries in the NCT of Delhi is not upto mark;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the districts in different States including NOIDA have been allotted only one or two dispensaries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard?

NRHM

2226. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
MONDAL:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States and UTs for allocation of more funds under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to improve healthcare facilities and if so, the details of such proposals and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether cases of misuse of funds have been reported and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for proper utilisation of funds and continuous monitoring and implementation of NRHM at various levels;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any monetary incentive regarding sterilisation under NRHM and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to increase the monetary incentive in view of rising prices and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Development Package to Bihar

†2227. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has announced a package of rupees one lakh forty thousand crore for the economic and industrial development in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard, so far along with the special procedure thereof?

Cess for Welfare Activities

†2228. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cess is levied by the Centre and States/Union Territories for welfare activities;

(b) if so, the details of such cess levied, item-wise;

(c) the criteria being followed for maintaining the accounts of the amount levied and spent for welfare activities;

(d) whether Apex Court has expressed its displeasure over the non-submission of details of the funds amounting to rupees twenty thousand crores to be spent on

welfare of construction workers, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has put in place any policy/monitoring mechanism to ensure proper maintenance of accounts of the funds accrued through cesses and their utilisation for welfare activities, if so, the details thereof?

Potential of Medicinal Herbs

†2229. SHRI KAPIL
MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Noble Prize in medicine this year has focussed international attention to traditional medicine and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether we have not been able to completely tap the potential of our medicinal herbs as on date and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for failure to test the efficacy of our ancient books and using scientific techniques for developing herbal drugs; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to develop medicines based on herbs through institutionalised programmes?

Education Cess

2230. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of revenue generated out of Education Cess, Swachh Bharat Cess, Krishi Kalyan Cess and all other cess and surcharges during the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(b) the details of expenditure made out there from under different heads?

Mobile Health Dispensaries

†2231. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central Government run Mobile Health Dispensaries are proposed to be provided in the far-flung areas as well as in the areas inhabited by the poor in the country so as to enhance medical and health services in these areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh so as to commence services of the above dispensaries in the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recruitment in Armed Forces

2232. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of educated and unemployed youth of North-Eastern Region desired to join Indian Army and always looking after such opportunities and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched any programme for recruitment of local educated youth in military and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether youths of tribal and hilly areas are more compatible to join armed forces and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of recruitment conducted during the last three years in North-Eastern Region and candidates selected during the said period?

Army Welfare Education Society

†2233. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL

RAM:

SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army Welfare Education Society has violated the rules by not replying or keeping pendency of letters received from public representatives regarding admission of civilians ward in army schools located in Delhi headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Army Welfare Education Society discriminates with the wards of civilians in comparison with wards of Army studying in these schools including charging higher school fees and denying them school bus facility;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Disposal of Medical Waste

2234. SHRI K.N.

RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum of medical waste that our country produces annually;

(b) the details of how they are being disposed off;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to safely disposal of the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

GST on Crackers Industry

2235. SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goods and Services Tax (GST) hike for crackers from 12 percent to 28 percent and matches from 6 percent to 12 percent could spell doom for the industries which provided jobs for about 10 lakh uneducated labourers in Virudhunagar district, Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the GST hike for crackers would help cheap import of Chinese crackers and severely affect Indian cracker industry and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any representation from the State Government to reduce the GST on crackers and matches; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?

Inflated Prices of Medical Devices

2236. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

SHRIMATI PRATIMA

MONDAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some multi-national companies have withdrawn their stents/drug eluting stents from the Indian market;

(b) if so, the report of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on price control and capping of prices of several medicines and stents for cardiovascular diseases and diabetes therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the inflated prices of the medical devices being sold in the open market thereof;

(d) if so, the legal provision of the Government therein; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to sell directly from the manufacturers through single window schemes, if so, the details thereof?

Development and Protection of Children

2237. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.

SCINDIA:

KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

SHRI R.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the miserable condition of children who have been sufferers of malnutrition, child marriage and school dropouts at the elementary level of education in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated/implemented schemes/programmes for their development, protection and welfare;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/released and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the rural children are less benefited through these schemes in comparison to urban children, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interest of children, particularly rural children and to improve their condition?

Cheap Medicines

†2238. SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA
DUBEY:
SHRI A. ANWHAR
RAAJHAA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure the availability of cheap medicines for the people;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to increase the number of free of cost medicines

distribution centres for economically poor sections of the society;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said scheme is likely to be formulated;

(d) the efforts made to break the nexus of pharmaceutical companies and the doctors; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to open more people's pharmacy across the country to sell lifesaving drugs at a lower price to poor people and if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Israel Defence Cooperation

2239. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the largest purchaser of arms and ammunition from Israel and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of money spent on purchase of arms and ammunition during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of defence deals signed by the Government with Israel recently;

(d) whether the deal for supply of most sophisticated and powerful drones manufactured by Israel has also been finalized; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which drones are likely to be supplied?

Anaemia among Youth

2240. SHRI R. DHARVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high percentage of youth in the country are anaemic;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to bring down iron deficiency among the young population in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Surrogacy

2241. SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:
SHRI K.R.P.
PRABAKARAN:
SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed the States to check the illegal activities prevailing at present related to surrogacy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present scenario of surrogacy in the country has been upto the mark/satisfactory after passing of the new Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Thalassemia Patients

2242. DR. K. KAMARAJ:
SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for a National policy on thalassemia;

(b) if so, the total number of patients suffering from thalassemia in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of access to treatment and the costs, a large number of people die across the country;

(d) if so, the details of services in the hospitals and allocation of funds by the Government towards gene therapy process therein; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to declare the patients of thalassemia as physically handicapped to give them access to various facilities like concession in rail/bus fare etc. available to physically handicapped persons and if so, the details thereof?

Vacancies in Income Tax Department

2243. DR. BHAGIRATH
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies at various levels in the Income Tax Department;

(b) the reasons for the continuous deficiency of the staff; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to appoint the adequate officers especially to ensure the effective implementation of new GST?

Foreign Doctors as Faculty

2244. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH
GOUD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to permit foreign doctors/ academicians in medicine as faculty in Indian medical colleges and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that Medical Council of India (MCI) is planning to give temporary registration numbers without any screening test; and

(c) if so, justification in permitting foreign medical faculty without any screening test as teachers and not permitting foreign medical graduates to practice without screening test?

Registered Doctors

†2245. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of registered doctors in Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicine has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the number of patients per doctor has been taken into consideration

for the expansion of AYUSH system of medicine;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to minimise the gap between the number of patients and doctors and to popularise AYUSH system of medicine in urban and rural areas?

Funds Owing to States

2246. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG's report has stated that the Centre owes over Rs.80000 crores to the States;

(b) if so, the details of share of each State and the Union Territories; and

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to clear the dues that it owes to the States?

Benami Properties

†2247. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing legislations for benami property transactions;

(b) the details of the total worth of benami property identified under the said legislations, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the outcome of the action taken by the Government thereon?

Linking Aadhaar with GST

2248. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:

SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR
PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Aadhaar number with Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of persons who filed their indirect tax returns, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the number of persons enrolled under GST, so far, State/UT-wise?

Defence Universities

†2249. SHRI RAM CHARAN
BOHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any action plan to open defence universities at State level in order to introduce new technical courses in defence sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched separate plan to attract female students in these universities and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any provision to take help from foreign

investment for introducing technical courses in the said universities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Risk to HAL Airport in Bengaluru

2250. SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether garbage mounds are posing a risk to HAL airport in Bengaluru;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Law Regulating Diagnostic Labs

2251. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any law to regulate diagnostic labs for their services, pricing and quality;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Cancer from Tobacco

†2252. SHRIMATI RANJEET
RANJAN:

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the leading cause of cancer is consumption of tobacco;

(b) if so, the number of cancer cases reported due to consumption of tobacco in the country, State/UT wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent spread of said disease?

New Taxpayer Service Module

2253. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched a new taxpayer service module;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new e-initiative literally means taxpayer's bridge and will be available in all phones;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said module is likely to compile various tax tools, dynamic updates, live chat facility and important links to various processes within the Income Tax Department (ITD) in a single module; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Human Development Index

2254. SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether society for social and economic study has conducted a study in Andhra Pradesh and reported that living standards have fallen very drastically and Andhra Pradesh has fallen down in Human Development Index (HDI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the HDI and also post bifurcation impact on HDI; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi

†2255. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor patients are provided financial assistance as discretionary grant from Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi under Ministry of Health to fund the treatment of fatal diseases that are not covered in the free treatment facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such patients provided with financial assistance under National Health Mission in the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government has formulated rules and criteria for providing financial assistance under the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of GST on Exchequer and Consumers

2256. SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

SHRIMATI RANJANBEN
BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of commodities fixed under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) are lower than the combined existing rate of Centre and State taxes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there will be a revenue loss of at least Rs. one lakh crore for the Centre and State Governments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether corporate and big business houses are willing to pass on the benefit of the reduced rates/tax rebate to the consumers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Life Style Diseases

†2257. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in the cases where people are getting afflicted with Cardiovascular, Diabetes, Kidney Cancer and other lifestyle life ailments in urban areas over the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to ascertain causes thereof, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such diseases and to provide treatment to the poor patients at affordable cost?

Manpower for Domestic Defence Industries

2258. SHRIMATI DARSHANA
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether action has been taken by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is consultation with University Grants Commission and State Governments to introduce separate syllabus system to provide skilled manpower for boosting up domestic defence industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Doctors

†2259. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH
BHOLE:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge shortage of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals in the Government hospitals particularly in rural areas of the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to deal with shortage of doctors and other healthcare professionals in the country specially in rural areas;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage the doctors and nurses for posting in rural areas;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to involve private players *vis-a-vis* promotion of alternative medical course to bridge the growing gap between demand and supply of healthcare professionals, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite recruitment process to fill the vacant posts in various Government hospitals in the country?

Cess after GST

2260. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE
वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cess will continue to be a part of the tax collection even after the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified to have cess collection;

(c) the details of total Cess collected, State-wise including Kerala, subject-wise, for the last three years; and

(d) the details of funds distributed among projects and States during the same period?

GSTN

2261. SHRIMATI PRATIMA
MONDAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE
वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate information security measures before rolling out of GSTN for public use, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the measures taken are in compliance with the international/national standards; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Utilisation of Funds under CSR

†2262. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE
AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies of both public and private sectors have mandatorily spent certain percentage of their profits on welfare development activities as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);

(b) if so, the details of the amount utilised and major activities/programmes undertaken by various public sector and private sector companies during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether any comparative study has been conducted regarding the amount of the fund spent by the private companies and public sector undertakings and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has laid emphasis on the effective implementation of CSR and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the funds provided for CSR funds Panchayat Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana as on date, State/UT-wise?

Direct Benefit Transfer System

2263. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started "any direct benefit transfer system" for poor women and girl child and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the plan layout of the programme, if any?

Mother and Child Care

2264. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED
BASHEER:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released a booklet titled 'Mother and Child Care' on pregnant ladies;

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

(c) whether the content of the booklet is having the backing of any authentic findings and if so, the details thereof?

Loan to Agricultural Sector

2265. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR
HANSDAK:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

SHRI HARISHCHANDRA
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued the guidelines to the schedule commercial banks to provide 18 per cent loans to the agriculture sector in total loans given by them;

(b) if so, the details of bank's loan given to the agriculture sector during the last two years along with its percentage to the agriculture sector in Adjusted Net Banks Credit given by these banks; and

(c) the details of action taken against the banks so far for violating the above guidelines issued by the Government?

Immunisation against Measles and Rubella

2266. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started any special campaign apart from the routine immunisation to eliminate measles and rubella by the year 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targeted areas the Government has chosen on priority to start with?

Road Projects of BRO

†2267. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of road projects being constructed by the Border Road Organization (BRO), State/UT-wise;

(b) the names of the areas of the country likely to be developed by the BRO in the near future;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals related to the BRO from the State Government of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Dental Institutes

†2268. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public institutions, Government aided institutions and unaided private institutions providing dental education;

(b) the number of dental surgeons in the country being provided degree by the said institutions every year;

(c) the amount of funds spent by the Government on the said institutions;

(d) whether the private institutions are playing an important role in increasing the unemployment in this sector despite the Government spending so much amount of funds and if so, whether the Government proposes to close such institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for the welfare of dentists keeping in view the problems being faced by unemployed dentists?

Free Treatment for rare Genetic Diseases

2269. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free treatment for 700 rare genetic ailments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made any corpus fund for the said purpose and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the expenses for the above said ailments are likely to be shared by the Centre and State Governments; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of funds likely to be shared by Centre and State Governments separately?

Cyber Crime against Children

2270. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of growing incidents of cyber crime targeting children in the country, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such incidents reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether public and private sector banks are not taking interest in providing priority sectors loan due to which there has been a shortage of funds in rural sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of loan provided to priority sector by banks during the last three years, State/UT and bank-wise?

Healthcare Infrastructure

†2273. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether healthcare infrastructure of the country has been affected badly due to acute shortage of specialist doctors in community health centres in the entire country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether there is a shortage of specialist doctors such as surgeons, physicians, paediatricians, gynaecologists and other specialists in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to address the shortage of specialised doctors in the country?

Non-Communicable Diseases

2274. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

(b) whether the Government has also taken note that lack of digital literacy and online safety measures expose children to hazards of cyber crime and if so, the efforts made to deal with the problem of online child sexual abuse material so as to check cyber crime against children;

(c) whether the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to curb the menace of online child sexual abuse material and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has enhanced the scope of POCSO e-box to lodge complaints of cyber crime and handle cyber bullying/stalking, morphing of images and child pornography and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government also plans to establish a National Alliance against Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, focussing primarily on online content and if so, the details thereof?

Municipal Bonds

2271. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any regulations in place with regards to Municipal Bonds;

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

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

Priority Sector Lending

†2272. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Health Policy (NHP), 2017 has concentrated on the rising Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and disabilities in the old population, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken measures to reorient health systems to accommodate the need to prevent and control chronic disease, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the 2014 World Economic Forum suggests that NCDs may cost as much as \$4.3 trillion in productivity losses and healthcare expenditure between 2012 and 2030, if so, the details thereof and measures proposed to be taken to control NCDs?

Adoption of Children

2275. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER: SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to permit or give preference to single aged women/men and financially stable single women over the age of 40 years in adoption of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the terms and conditions in this regard;

(c) the number of applicants applied for adoption and number of children adopted during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and

(d) the details of such centres run by the Government?

AYUSH College

2276. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR: SHRI P.K. BIJU: DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK"

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of graduation and post graduation AYUSH colleges in the country, State/UT-wise and stream-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish AYUSH medical colleges for courses in Ayurveda in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any criterion have been fixed for establishment of new colleges in private sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has proposed to promote Ayurveda and facilitate the research of AYUSH medicine in these colleges and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is implementing any programme to increase the trust of people in the said medical practice and if so, the details thereof?

Small AYUSH Centres at Village Level

2277. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has allocated funds for the development of small ayurvedic, unani, siddha and homoeopathy centres at village level;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Bihar;

(c) whether the Ministry has made collaboration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to make small ayurvedic, unani, siddha and homoeopathy centres at village level and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the response of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the said matter?

Mother to Baby Transmission of HIV

†2278. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the major reason of HIV transmission in the country is through mother to baby transmission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated State/UT-wise number of such cases in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether there is a gap between HIV/AIDS infected children and such infected children who are getting treatment;

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

(e) the details of corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Thefts in Bank Lockers

2279. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM: SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI: SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the role of the banks in providing locker services to the customers;

(b) whether the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are not taking responsibility for theft or looting or tampering of bank lockers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to bank that the responsibility of safety for the valuable things kept in the bank lockers lies with the customers;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Economic Offenders

2280. ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring back absconding economic offenders taking shelter/residing/settled in other countries particularly in United Kingdom (UK);

(b) if so, the details thereof along with number of economic offenders in various countries particularly in UK; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the steps taken by the Government to extradite such economic offenders from other countries particularly from UK?

AYUSH Hospitals under CSS

2281. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representations from public representative of Andaman regarding non-submission of project proposals by UT Administration with regard to opening of AYUSH hospitals under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission in all three districts viz. at Rangat and Diglipur of N&M Andaman District, Little Andaman Island, Car Nicobar, Kamorta and Campbell Bay of Nicobar District and additional one in rural areas of South Andaman District;

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

(c) whether UT Administration has submitted any proposal for implementing AYUSH schemes in A&N Islands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government response thereon?

Antara

2282. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a software-Family Planning Logistics Management Information System (FP-LMIS) - designed to provide robust information on the demand and distribution of contraceptives to health facilities and ASHAs to strengthen supply chain management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government launched a consumer friendly website on family planning and a 52 week long radio show for couples to discuss issues related to marriage and family planning; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of GST on Medicines

2283. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of medicines have come down after the implementation of Goods and Services Tax and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is working on minimum taxation for medicines in future and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said dispensation is likely to be implemented?

Sainik Schools

2284. SHRI CHANDRA

PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of Sainik Schools have been dropping gradually in recent years specifically in terms of the intake in NDA in comparison to Rashtriya Military Schools and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plan to review the composition of Board of Directors of Sainik Schools to have representation from NDA, IMA retired Generals and eminent academicians to improve the dwindling performance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the dropout rate of students in Sainik Schools is increasing considerably in recent years;

(d) if so, the details of the dropout of last five years along with the steps taken by the Government to bring down the dropout rate; and

(e) whether the Government plans to open Sainik Schools for girls also and if so, the details thereof?

Stroke Patients

2285. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated Operational Guidelines for care and management of stroke patients under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether World Stroke Organisation in its global conference at Hyderabad

recently updated these guidelines for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of stroke services and if so, whether Government would update those guidelines; and

(c) the details of Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) clinics which specialises in stroke care and management in the country, State/UT-wise during the last two years?

CSR by NGOs

2286. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to rate the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) that could be engaged by the companies for implementing their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and if so, the details thereof along with the parameters for rating such NGOs; and

(b) whether the Government is planning to divulge the parameters of selecting and rating various NGOs on the Department website to ensure transparency and if so, the details thereof?

Debt Recovery Tribunals

†2287. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 70000 cases relating to banks debt recovery amounting to Rs. 5 lakh crores are pending with the

Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has fixed time limit of 180 days for the dispose of the said cases by amending the law in August, 2016 for ensuring early disposal of cases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the shortage of staff and resources in the DRT in proportion to the workload is the main reason for failure in achieving targets;

(d) if so, whether any study has been conducted by the Government on resources and staff before fixing the time limit for recovery of loan as per the new law; and

(e) if so, whether any time-bound action plan has been formulated by the Government to augment resources and staff in the DRT to achieve targets within the stipulated time?

Regulation of Private Medical Sector

†2288. SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL
SURESH:
SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards connivance of corporate hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and doctors due to which the health risks and cost of treatment shoots up;

(b) if so, the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether many private hospitals conduct unnecessary medical tests/

procedures from the patients and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for regulation of private medical sector and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken for regulation of medical sector overhauling of healthcare system in the country;

(f) whether the Government proposes to set up patient friendly and simple complaint redressal forum for checking such immoral practices in the private sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Benefits of Blue Economy

2289. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to utilize the country's long coastline, numerous islands, and large exclusive economic zone and continental shelf to reap the benefits of a "blue economy";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to engage maritime forces of friendly nations at multiple levels, in training, in technical areas and hydrography and conduct maritime security operations; and

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

Web Portals on Missing Children

2290. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the web portals 'Track Child' and 'Khoya-Paya' set up by the Government under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) have achieved the desired results in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of website hits on missing children along with the number of children tracked/found from the said portals across the country since inception, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received suggestions from various quarters to improve efficiency of the said portals;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such suggestions so far; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to track missing children across the country along with achievements thereof?

Medical Seats in Andhra Pradesh

2291. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase MBBS/PG medical seats in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any request has been received from State Government and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

CSR Activities in North Eastern States

2292. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proportion of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Funds from Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) being allocated for developmental activities in the North Eastern States and the activities undertaken by PSUs; and

(b) whether the Government proposes a minimum percentage of funds to be spent in North Eastern States and if so, the details thereof?

Fake Currency and Demonetisation

2293. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fake currency recovered along with the number of fraud accounts identified during the course of demonetisation;

(b) whether the Government has come across fake currency in the new denomination notes of Rs. 2000 and Rs. 500 being pushed in Indian markets, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to curb fake currency in the new denomination notes including its circulation through Automated Teller Machines;

(c) whether the Government has evaluated the impact/outcome of demonetisation on the economy and the people, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to implement demonetisation again, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Healthcare Services in the North-Eastern Region

2294. SHRI NINONG ERING:
SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE:

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the availability of health professionals and quality of healthcare service facilities in hilly and in the North-Eastern region of the country particularly in Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;

(b) the estimated number of doctors, medical colleges, hospitals and hospital beds available in the North-Eastern States specially in Arunachal Pradesh, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve access to affordable and quality healthcare

services in the hilly and North-Eastern region specially in Arunachal Pradesh along with the funds earmarked, allocated and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the details of the incentives being provided for setting up of hospitals and medical colleges in the North-Eastern region specially in Arunachal Pradesh;

(e) whether the Government has supported/proposes to support any projects aimed at creation of health informatics, healthcare knowledge system and other e-Health solutions in the region and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) fund spent in the last three years and the current year to improve access to the healthcare facility in such regions?

Accident Insurance for ATM Card Holders

†2295. SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ATM card holders are provided any accident insurance cover by the banks; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme along with the number of card holders received accident insurance claims during the financial year 2016-17?

Consumption of Junk Food

2296. SHRI BHAGWANTH
KHUBA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE:

Preparation for GST

†2298. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether States/Union Territories have put in place adequate mechanism/systems to implement the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the apprehension among the States/UTs with regard to GST and if so, the details thereof; and

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

NABARD Interest Rates

2299. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reduced the interest on long term refinance facility to banks in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions/objectives of such refinance;

(c) whether the NABARD has put in place any mechanism to monitor and regulate the reduced rate of interest by banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that sales and consumption of junk food is increasing in the country particularly in and around the schools, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that consumption of junk food is increasing the risk of various diseases among people including children, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to impose restrictions on the sale and consumption of junk food in the country particularly in and around the schools, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Annual Charges on Debit and Rupay Cards

2297. SHRIMATI BUTTA
RENUKA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banks are charging admission and annual subscription for debit and Rupay cards and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether because of these charges many people are not availing debit card and Rupay facilities which are going against the spirit of digitalisation of economy and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to abolish debit and Rupay card charges to promote cashless transactions and if so, the details thereof;

**Mechanism to Monitor Private
Medical Colleges**

†2300. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE:

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set
up any monitoring mechanism for ensuring
admission in private medical colleges as per
rule after declaration of NEET examination
results, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken
any special steps to check arbitrary
charging of fees from the students by the
private medical colleges, if so, the details
thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken
against the colleges found guilty of it, if so,
the details thereof;

(d) whether any public awareness
programme has been launched to check
exploitation of students and guardians by
the private medical colleges/universities;
and

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