

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS Friday, February 7, 2020/Magha 18, 1941 (Saka)

(Ministries of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Earth Sciences; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Health and Family Welfare; Information and Broadcasting; Science and Technology; Textiles; Women and Child Development)

(आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा; यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष); पृथ्वी विज्ञान; पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन; स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण; सूचना और प्रसारण; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; वस्त्र; महिला और बाल विकास मंत्रालय)

### Total Number of Questions — 20

#### Poshan Abhiyan

\*81. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether about two thirds of deaths among children in India are attributable to malnutrition;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the mechanism adopted by the Government to address the situation more effectively;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the States to pay special attention towards effective implementation of the Poshan Abhiyan to reduce the instances of stunting, undernutrition, anaemia and low birth weight in children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of States thereto and the extent to which the Government has been able to tackle the problem of malnutrition in the country?

#### National Clean Air Programme

\*82. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the National Clean Air Programme to tackle the air pollution levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its overall impact on climate in various cities in the country including Mumbai and Delhi;

(c) the details of such cities that have been included under the said programme; and

(d) the funds released to various cities of the country under the programme, city-wise including Mumbai and Delhi?

#### Ayushman Health Cards

\*83. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has distributed Ayushman Health Cards/e-Cards to all BPL/eligible families;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the cards are likely to be distributed to all the eligible beneficiaries under the scheme?

#### National Centre of Excellence in Ayurveda System

\*84. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to establish a national centre of excellence in Ayurveda system of medicine in Kerala considering its huge and centuries old presence in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria set to identify such centre?

#### Social Forestry Schemes

\*85. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote plantation in various metropolitan cities in the country through recognised NGO's under social forestry schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of various initiatives undertaken by the Government to preserve and develop the forest reserves in various metropolitan cities in the country?

### Policy to Regulate Artificial Intelligence

\*86. SHRI JAGDAMBIKAPAL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a policy to regulate Artificial Intelligence in the country; and

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

### Health Care for Elderly

†\*87. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any systematic/authentic study/survey of the old persons in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether neither the challenges/issues related to their health have been identified nor effective programmes to address the issues have been chalked out, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has initiated/proposes to initiate any study by the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai in collaboration with Harvard School of Public Health and University of South California in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the study and preparation of programmes for addressing the health related issues of old persons are likely to be finalised?

### Attacks on Journalists

\*88. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several cases of attacks on journalists have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported during the past six years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Press Council of India has constituted any committee to study the increasing incidents of attacks on journalists and if so, the details thereof and the findings/recommendations of the committee along with the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether Press Council of India has proposed a separate legislation to fast track such cases and payment of compensation to the family members of the victims, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

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

### Establishment of Medical Colleges

\*89. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from the States/UTs under Phase-III of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the 'Establishment of New Medical Colleges attached with existing District/Referral hospitals' in aspirational districts and underserved districts, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the medical colleges established under Phase-II and Phase-I including funds allocated and utilized, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any new Government Medical College/Institution (GMCI) or upgradation of existing GMCI is planned in Wayanad district/constituency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Shortage of MBBS Doctors

†\*90. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of MBBS doctors in the country;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken or being taken to increase the number of seats in various medical institutes or colleges throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year?

### Cashless Treatment in CGHS Empanelled Hospitals

\*91. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:  
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of private hospitals empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) have given notices to stop providing cashless services to the CGHS beneficiaries due to accumulation of their dues and delays in payment thereof by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating actual amount of such dues and reasons for delay in the payments;

(c) whether the Government has also received request from Indian Medical Association for clearance of such dues, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to address this issue in a time bound manner to avoid inconvenience to the CGHS beneficiaries?

### Ranking of Hospitals

†\*92. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi is not among the Top 10 hospitals of the country in the ranking of hospitals as per a survey conducted by the Ministry;

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

(c) whether 25 per cent patients in the country are not satisfied with the hospitals as per the said survey conducted on the basis of feedback from the patients;

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

(e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the shortcomings and strengthen the medical services in the hospitals throughout the country?

### Malnourishment among Children

\*93. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of malnourished children in the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether malnourishment among children across the country has been increasing over the years;

(c) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether the Government is planning to issue new guidelines to address the matter of malnutrition among children across the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of funds proposed to be sanctioned for this purpose and the time by which the said guidelines are likely to be issued?

### Promotion of Yoga and Naturopathy

†\*94. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

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 any plan to promote Yoga and Naturopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up Yoga university in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Screening of Coronavirus Cases

\*95. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:  
SHRI DUSHYANT 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 of the outbreak of Coronavirus in China and the reports indicating its proliferation in India particularly in areas adjoining Chinese borders;

(b) whether the Government has issued advisory to screen the passengers from China at our ports of entry for symptoms of pneumonia and also a separate travel advisory for China, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any training to sensitize and equip the personnel at our ports of entry in identifying Coronavirus carrying people, if so, the details thereof along with the symptoms and testing methods;

(d) whether Government has published any guidelines for seeking specialized medical attention in the event of individuals displaying discomfort matching symptoms of those affected by the Coronavirus and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed to be taken to protect the country from such outbreak of viruses?

### Inclination towards Allopathy Treatment

†\*96. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI  
KUNDARIYA:

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 is aware that a large number of people in rural and urban areas are still inclined towards Allopathic treatment;

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

(c) whether the Government has started any new schemes to change this inclination and to propagate the use of AYUSH medicines in the treatment of life style diseases, being effective and not having side effects;

(d) whether the Government has set up ultra modern laboratories for the advanced research on AYUSH medicines and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to popularize yoga among the youth in urban areas?

### Infant Deaths in Hospitals

\*97. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:  
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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 recent cases of infant deaths in hospitals across the country particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of infants died in hospitals during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb such cases in the country particularly in Karnataka and Rajasthan?

### Waste Management

†\*98. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the challenges faced by the Panchayats with regard to waste management and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to impart training to members of Panchayats for effective management of waste and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is aware of any specific use of waste which could be made possible with the aid of technology and if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

February 1, 2020

Magha 12, 1941 (Saka)

### Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

†\*99. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for identifying the beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY);

(b) the details of funds spent under the scheme, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Delhi;

(c) the details of provisions made to monitor the implementation of the said scheme at the district level; and

(d) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the scheme to ensure that the benefits reach the targeted beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

### Public Health Spending

\*100. KUNWAR DANISHALI:  
SHRI RAVIKISHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the healthcare expenditure in the country *vis-a-vis* GDP is one of the lowest globally, if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of GDP spent on healthcare during each of the last five years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to finalise a roadmap to gradually increase public health spending to 2.5 per cent of the GDP by 2025, if so, the details along with the current status of the plan;

(c) the details of per capita expenditure being incurred on health in the country, separately by Government and private sector;

(d) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any action plan to provide free/affordable health services in the country, especially to the poor, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other necessary steps taken by the Government to strengthen the health sector including in the rural areas during the last five years along with the outcome thereof?

SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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