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Institutional Deliveries

*261. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has data on institutional deliveries in Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof in respect of each of the above States;

(c) whether the institutional deliveries have declined in Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan since the COVID-19 pandemic;

(d) if so, the decrease in institutional deliveries observed in each of the above said States during 2020-2021, district-wise; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to promote and increase institutional deliveries?

Environmental Issues in Himalayan Region

*262. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to promote awareness among people regarding various environmental issues/concerns in Himalayan region;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to assess and compensate the damage caused to environment due to infrastructure development works in the country including in Union Territory of Ladakh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the cases registered in National Green Tribunal (NGT) in this regard during the last two years?

Exploration of Ocean Resources

*263. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken initiatives to explore ocean resources for sustainable use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any studies have been conducted for Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) to offshore energy development and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any initiatives have been taken to explore the resources in Bay of Bengal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Fast Track Court for Food Adulteration Complaints

*264. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up fast track court, especially for resolving food adulteration cases/complaints and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of food adulteration cases, including those registered during 2011 that are pending for decision in the State of Tamil Nadu, particularly in the district of Namakkal along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of cases of adulterated jaggery that have been reported from 2019 till date in the said district;

(d) the details of the lab reports on the samples of adulterated jaggery collected during the said period; and

(e) whether any punitive action has been taken against the manufacturers of such adulterated jaggery, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Anganwadi Centres in Rented Buildings

†*265. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI:
SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that many Anganwadi Centres across the country lack own buildings, basic amenities such as clean toilets and access to clean drinking water;

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

(c) the details of policy regarding taking premises on rent for providing Anganwadi facilities;

(d) the total amount of rent paid for Anganwadi Centres functioning from rented premises during the last three years;

(e) the percentage share spent on rent out of the total expenditure on Anganwadi Centres during the said period, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Bihar; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to construct new buildings for Anganwadi Centres instead of hiring premises on rent, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

National Nutrition Mission

*266. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts covered under the National Nutrition Mission (NNM) at present;

(b) the number of people trained so far to strengthen the implementation and operational preparedness under the said Mission; and

(c) the details of funds spent for the publicity of NNM during the last two years?

SARS-CoV-2

*267. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the precise date in March, 2021 when scientists of the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) had warned the Government about a new and more contagious variant of the virus;

(b) the date on which the Government took cognizance of the aforementioned warnings and made them public;

(c) whether phrases like “high concern” were removed from the draft prepared by the INSACOG in the statement shared with the public; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Facilities for Anganwadi Workers

*268. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from Anganwadi workers unions demanding safety, insurance, risk allowance and fixed wages etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that the Parliamentary Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Labour also recommended the same facilities for them and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken necessary steps to meet the said demands, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Discontinuation of Production of Programmes in Regional Stations

*269. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to stop the production of programmes in different regional stations of All India Radio in Kerala and convert them to relay stations of Thiruvananthapuram station and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps for withdrawing the decision of Prasar Bharati to close down the 200 kW Medium Wave Transmission Station in Alappuzha and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government will consider replacing the old-generation transmitter in Alappuzha Transmission station with new-age DRM transmitter to enhance the coverage, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of AIR stations in the country equipped with DRM transmitters and those functioning with old-age transmitters?

Extreme Weather Conditions

*270. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of extreme weather conditions has increased in India and also globally in the last decade;

(b) if so, the details of extreme weather events recorded in the country during the last decade along with the number of casualties/fatalities and estimated property damage occurred therefrom, event-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve adaptation and mitigation against extreme weather events;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether India is considered more vulnerable to climate change and if so, the details of areas in the country most vulnerable to extreme weather events?

Research on Climate Change

*271. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing financial support for research on climate change;

(b) if so, the details of financial support provided by the Government during the period from 2015 to 2021, year-wise; and

(c) the number of research papers funded as well as undertaken by the Government which were published during the last five years?

Tropical Cyclones

*272. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the track and intensity forecasts of tropical cyclones have improved in the country during the last few years and if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has made any assessment to analyse the benefits of the improved forecasts to the people living in tropical cyclone prone areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Meteorological Department has also launched the Flash Flood Guidance Services in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the locations at which infrastructure for such services has been set up in the country; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the forecasts of natural calamities in the country?

Proposal for Capacity Building

*273. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the capacity building in textile sector under Samarth scheme;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposals under the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of those proposals as on date;

(d) the quantum of funds allocated, sanctioned and utilised during the last two years, State-wise; and

(e) the number of persons trained under the said scheme during the last three years along with the number of those who secured jobs, post training, State-wise including Jharkhand and Assam?

Financial Assistance to Poor Patients

†*274. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms fixed and the process adopted to provide financial assistance to poor patients under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, Cancer Patient Fund and other discretionary funds;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints regarding delay in processing of applications seeking financial assistance under the said funds and death of patients due to the said delay;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure timely action on the applications?

Zika Virus Cases in Kerala

*275. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has data regarding detection of Zika Virus cases in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Zika virus cases reported so far in the State?

COVID Vaccinations to Prisoners

*276. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains data of the number of prisoners who have received their COVID-19 vaccination;

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

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a strategy for complete inoculation of prisoners expeditiously considering the current prison population;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the timeline by when the inoculation process is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the Government has sent any advisory notifications to the States/UTs concerning the vaccination of prisoners; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Herbal Gardens

*277. SHRI ANNASAHAB SHANKAR JOLLE:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of AYUSH

आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop herbal gardens with prominent medicinal plants in Karnataka;

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

(c) the list of herbal gardens in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is providing any incentives to the farmers and considering to adopt PPP Model to promote herbal farming; and

(e) if so, the type of assistance being provided by the Government for the same and the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Special Health Packages for COVID-19

*278. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of special health packages announced and the amount released so far during COVID-19 pandemic period, date and State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the funds utilised from the above said packages along with the outcome thereof;

(c) whether these special packages are sufficient for boosting health infrastructure in rural as well as urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Clean Air Programme

*279. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being undertaken under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to achieve the targets;

(b) the progress made towards targets specified in NCAP in terms of reduction of PM 2.5 and PM 10 recorded between 2019-2021 and pre 2019 period and the number of monitoring meters installed, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Rs.4,400 crore package was announced in the budget for 2020-21 for NCAP;

(d) if so, the details regarding utilisation of the funds, indicating the break-up in different operating costs;

(e) whether the Government has taken action on National Green Tribunal's suggestions to modify NCAP for better results including reducing timeline, increasing targets, shift to e-vehicles/CNG vehicles, intensifying public transport system, mechanical cleaning of roads, enhancement of public parking facilities, improvement in fuel quality and traffic management; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental Clearance for Rail Project

*280. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are required to take environmental clearances while executing big infrastructure projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Kerala has sought environmental clearance for its 'Silverline' rail project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

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