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List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

Coastal Regulation Zone Notification

†*61. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT: SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification, 2019 was published on 18th January, 2019 without considering the changes in Khar Lands Development scheme proposed by the State Government of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not including the changes proposed in Khar Lands Development scheme;
- (c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Union Government regarding necessary changes or amendment in CRZ notification, 2019 in respect of the Khar Lands Development scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the date on which the said proposal was received; and
- (e) the present status of the said proposal along with the action taken by the Union Government thereon indicating the time by which it is likely to be approved?

Global Tenders for Procurement of Corona Virus Vaccines

*62. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE: DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:

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 global tenders being floated by the State Governments for procurement of Corona virus vaccine and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that global supply of vaccines is already constrained and other countries are still in the process of receiving doses they had ordered in advance and if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether there is any guarantee that global suppliers can meet the demand of the States in India and if not, the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the indigenous vaccine manufacturers have assured the Government to meet the demand of vaccine in the country within specific time span; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto and also the action taken in this regard?

BRICS Cooperation in Traditional Medicines

*63. SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY: SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of AYUSH

आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to sign an MoU on BRICS Cooperation in Traditional Medicines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government plans to constitute a BRICS Forum on Traditional Medicine (BFTM) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to harmonize, regulate and standardize traditional medicinal products amongst BRICS countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government for the mitigation of COVID-19 through AYUSH system of medicine and to showcase it globally?

Population Growth

*64. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA: SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status and rate of population growth in the country;
- (b) whether India is likely to be the most populous country across the world by 2027, according to the projections of United Nations;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the major recommendations of the M.S. Swaminathan Committee on population control and the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to control population growth in the country along with the achievements made thereon?

Medical Colleges in Bihar

†*65. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of districts in Bihar which do not have medical college along with the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to set up medical college in each of the districts in Bihar and the outcome thereof?

Relocation of Trees

*66. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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 relocate many heritage trees from Janpath to Badarpur because of Central Vista project and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the survival rates of trees that are relocated from their original place along with the details of the existing and ongoing research that supports such move;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to plant ten more saplings for every tree uprooted/removed, if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for the same and the agencies involved therein;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any tree census in the recent past; and
- (e) if so, the State/UT-wise details of the same, including the year in which it was last conducted, number and types of trees identified and the year in which the next tree census is scheduled?

National Medicinal Plant Board

*67. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE: SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of AYUSH

आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) has formulated any new scheme to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by the Government for development of quality planting material of medicinal plants and herbs in different agro-climatic zones?

COVID-19 Vaccination

*68. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: SHRI JANARDHAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to the entire population free of cost on priority basis;
- (b) if so, the target fixed to administer the vaccine doses, month-wise;
- (c) the total number of persons vaccinated so far, vaccine/dose/State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the States/UTs have been provided vaccines as per their demand, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Kerala and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has tied up with multiple vaccine manufacturers and if so, the details thereof along with the number of vaccines approved so far by the Expert Committee and also the types of COVID-19 vaccines currently being administered in the country; and
- (f) whether the States/UTs are not keeping up the pace of vaccination and vaccine doses are being wasted and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the action taken to address these issues?

Setting up of Seismological Observatories

†*69. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any policy to set up Seismological Observatories across the country to study earthquakes;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such observatories are likely to start functioning?

Research on Rare Genetic Diseases

*70. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA: DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ramp up dedicated research & development on rare genetic

diseases like spinal muscular atrophy and others along with the deployment of available resources for treatments to get maximum health gains for patients suffering from such diseases;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve Telehealth services and other Digital health services for citizens across the nation in order to achieve "Health for all";
- (d) whether the Government is taking measures to ensure immunization of those who have been left out during the COVID pandemic under Indradhanush 3.0; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Dedicated Channels for Farmers

*71. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सुचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiatives taken by the Government towards educating the farmers through Radio and TV;
- (b) whether the Government is operating any dedicated channels for this purpose and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated and utilized on running of such dedicated channels so far?

Capacity Building Interface for Women

*72. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any capacity building interface for protection and empowerment of women at the block level under Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra Scheme;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of blocks that have been identified under this scheme, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Phase-3 Strategy of COVID-19 Vaccination

*73. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY: SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Liberalized and Accelerated Phase-3 Strategy of COVID-19 Vaccination has started from 1st May 2021, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether every month 50 percent of total doses of vaccines cleared by the Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL) would be procured by the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the quantity of vaccine doses demanded by States/UTs and provided so far, both through the free of cost category and direct State procurement category, month/State/UT-wise;
- (d) the quantity of COVID Vaccine doses still available with the States/UTs out of the total quantity supplied to them;
- (e) whether there has been a decline in demand for vaccines after liberalization of procurement of COVID Vaccine by States/UTs, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the details of all COVID related medical equipments and supplies, including oxygen concentrators and medicines, demanded by States/UTs, month/State/UT-wise?

Clearance of Projects by NBWL

*74. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) conducts post-approval assessment to ascertain the impact of its decisions on conservation and development of wildlife and forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of clearances to various projects granted/issued by NBWL during the COVID-19 lockdown period between March 25, 2020 and May 31, 2020;
- (d) whether NBWL clearance proposals require site inspection and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of projects which were cleared through virtual mode during the said period without mandatory site inspections?

Forest Cover

*75. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area currently under forest cover in the country along with its percentage share out of the total geographical area;
- (b) the details of forest area that is covered by monoculture plantations and plantations with only five or less species;

- (c) the details of natural forest land diverted for industrial use during the last five years along with the funds allocated to each State for the purpose of compensatory afforestation during the said period, State/UT-wise:
- (d) the area of land covered under afforestation programmes along with the area having monoculture plantations and plantations with five or less species during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make compensatory afforestation plantations more bio-diverse?

Limits of Trans Fat in Food Items

*76. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the permitted limits of trans fats in food items, if so, the details and reasons thereof;
- (b) whether any consultations or research studies have been carried out for reducing the prescribed limit of trans fats in food items, if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) the details of the expected benefits of reducing the prescribed limit of trans fats in food items; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure that reduction in prescribed limit of trans fats in food items does not lead to the usage of other harmful materials or preservatives in food products by the food producers?

Cases of Medical Negligence

*77. SHRI M. SELVARAJ: DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of cases of medical negligence causing loss of lives and other physical disability/disorders have come to the notice of Government from various hospitals including government hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, hospital and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the rules and guidelines governing the procedure for insurance claims in cases of medical negligence along with the number of claims/cases settled during each of the last three years and the current year, insurance company-wise;

- (d) whether the Government proposes to enact any law to rein in medical negligence; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of proposals/representations, if any, received from various stakeholders regarding the need for reforms in medical liability insurance framework in the country along with necessary steps/action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

AYUSH-64

*78. SHRI N. REDDEPPA: SHRI T.R.V.S RAMESH:

Will the Minister of AYUSH

आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken clinical trials in the country to prove that AYUSH-64 has notable anti-viral, immune-modulator and anti-pyretic properties;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether AYUSH-64 has been found to be useful in the treatment of asymptomatic, mild and moderate COVID-19 infection and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the said drug is currently repurposed for use in COVID-19 treatment and if so, the details thereof?

Third Wave of Coronavirus

79. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY: SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are warnings by health experts/ authorities about a probable advent of the third wave of Coronavirus in the form of Delta variant which is likely to affect children, if so, the details along with the timeline thereof;
- (b) the details of the preparedness to combat the intensity of the third wave by ensuring adequate health infrastructure like hospitals, ICU beds, oxygen supply, medicines and other medical equipments;
- (c) whether COVID vaccination is likely to mitigate the impact of the third wave, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard particularly to make COVID vaccine accessible to far-flung and rural areas;
- (d) whether the Government is preparing any scheme to administer nasal vaccine/using imported injectable vaccine to children across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the trials conducted, the outcome thereof and the time by which it is likely to be launched?

AYUSH Hospitals

*80. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of AYUSH आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to establish dedicated AYUSH hospital in each district of

New Delhi; *July* 17, 2021 *Ashadha* 26, 1943 (Saka) the county to offer effective medical treatment in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy and Naturopathy (AYUSH);

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and stream-wise; and
- (c) the details of hospitals proposed to be made operational during the current and the following years to cover each district in the country?

UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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