

# Lok Sabha

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Questions For Oral Answer

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## Establishment of Siddha Chair

**\*81 Sh. S. Venkatesan ( madurai):**

**Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)**

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(a) whether any efforts have been made/ proposed to be made by the Government to establish Siddha Chair in other countries, particularly where a large population of Tamil speaking community resides;

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

(c) the time by which the Government is likely to accomplish the task of establishing Siddha Chair in foreign countries?

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## Recycling of Plastics

**\*82 Sh. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi (Sultanpur) :**

**ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

(a) the quantum of plastic waste being generated and recycled separately, in

the country;

(b) whether the Government has plan to implement any new scheme for recycling plastics and using them in building highways and other suitable areas/projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated to States for the said purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the quantum of plastics which goes untreated?

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### **Poshan Abhiyan**

**\*83 Smt. Supriya Sadanand Sule(Baramati ) :**

#### **WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT :-**

(a) whether the Government has celebrated September 2019 as the month of nutrition, if so, the details of events organized with a view to eradicating malnutrition among girl children;

(b) whether the Government has been able to create awareness through campaigns among the poor and affluent families;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has been able to achieve the desired targets set under the Poshan Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof indicating the targets set and achieved in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets?

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### **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**

**\*84 Sh. Nalin Kumar Kateel (Dakshina Kannada ):**

#### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY :-**

(a) whether the Government has set any target for the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in the field of research and development;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by the CSIR till date;
- (c) the number and details of projects taken up by the CSIR for progress and development of the country; and
- (d) the total funds allocated and spent for the CSIR during the last three years and the current year?

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### **Mental Health Hospitals**

**\*85 Sh. Sanjay Haribhau Jadhav (Parbhani):**

#### **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-**

- (a) whether there is shortage of mental health hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of patients suffering from mental illnesses in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard and if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment of such States which do not have mental health hospital and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **Green Alternatives of Plastics**

**\*86 Sh. Dushyant Singh (Jhalawar-baran ):**

#### **ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

- (a) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up specific research fund or a global contest for developing ecologically sustainable and green alternatives of plastics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any other schemes to promote research for ecologically sustainable and green alternatives of plastics; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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### **Impact of Plastic Waste on Environment**

**\*87 Sh. Kapil Moreshwar Patil (Bhiwandi ):**

#### **ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

(a) whether any study has been conducted regarding the adverse impact of plastic waste on environment and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated or notified any law/rules regarding complete ban on use of polythene bags and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of persons/companies, distributors and other institutions punished for using/manufacturing /distributing plastic bags and bottles during the last six months, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether persons/companies and distributors are still using plastics despite the ban on use of plastics throughout the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

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### **Facilities in Primary Health Centres**

**\*88 Sh. Janardan Singh Sigrwal ( Maharajganj-br):**

#### **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-**

(a) whether the Government has taken note of huge shortage of doctors in Public/Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across the country, particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of doctors and improve the doctor-patient ratio;

(c) whether the Government proposes any scheme to upgrade the facilities at PHCs in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and the findings thereof?

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### **Weather Instrument Systems for Airports**

**\*89 Shri. L.S. Tejasvi Surya (Bangalore South ) :**

#### **EARTH SCIENCES :-**

(a) whether there is a move to import Runway Visual Range (RVR) and Current Weather Instrument Systems under the umbrella of Integrated systems, ignoring the successful 'Made in India' products like Drishti RVR and Aviation Weather Monitoring Systems for 18 airports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued a directive to give preference to 'Make in India' products and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said move would be in contravention with the above directive and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is an existing partnership among CSIR, NAL and the Ministry over the manufacturing of products, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated cost per integrated system to be imported along with the cost of each locally manufactured Drishti RVR and Aviation Weather Monitoring System?

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### **Adulteration of Milk and Milk Products**

**\*90 Sh. Sanjay Sadashivrao Mandlik(Kolhapur) :**

#### **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-**

(a) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) has recently issued an advisory to the Government stating that if adulteration of milk and milk products is not checked immediately, 87 per cent of citizens would likely be suffering from serious diseases like cancer by the year 2025 and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether around 68.7 per cent of milk and milk products sold in the country are not as per the standards laid down by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) as they contain detergent/ other contaminants like urea, starch, glucose and formalin which provide thickness and preserve the items for longer periods, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a Committee was constituted by the Government to equip the FSSAI with more powers to investigate the ground realities of the issue and submit its feedback and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the major recommendations of the Committee along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) whether the Government has urged the heads of all agencies involved in checking adulteration of food products to intensify the sampling process in checking adulteration of food products and if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

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### **Conservation of Forest Area**

**\*91 Sh. Dhairyasheel Sambhajirao Mane ( hatkanangle):**

#### **ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

(a) the total area of forest cover in hectares in the country and the percentage thereof, State-wise;

(b) the details of the funds provided by Government for conservation, development and enrichment of the forests in various States including Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year, scheme, State/UT and year-wise;

(c) whether Central projects are being run for promoting adaptation activities in several States of the country under the National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether instances of irregularities have been reported in connection with the plantation drives carried out under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act guidelines and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds released for Maharashtra under the aforesaid Act?

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### **AYUSH Treatment**

**\*92 Sh. Krupal Balaji Tumane (Ramtek):**

**Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)  
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(a) whether people in rural and urban areas are still dependent on Allopathy treatment despite the promotion of AYUSH in recent years by the Government;

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

(c) whether it has been observed that there is higher usage of AYUSH treatment by men in urban areas than their rural counterparts whereas more women in rural areas use AYUSH treatment as compared to urban females; and

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

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### **Prasar Bharati Archives**

**\*93 Sh. Kotha Prabhakar Reddy ( medak):**

#### **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING :-**

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati has decided to offer its treasure of music, plays and documentaries for online sale, if so, the details including the present status thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether several rare music recordings of maestros like M.S. Subbulakshmi, Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Bismillah Khan, Gangubai Hangal and many others are proposed to be made available by Prasar Bharati on e-commerce portals, if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) whether the Prasar Bharati has mulled over the feasibility of a tie-up with the e-commerce giants to push sales following poor response to offline sales, raising doubts about the capability of Prasar Bharati to manage its affairs, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the decision to sell online has been taken following discussion over several years on the recommendations proposed by several Committees including the Sam Pitroda Committee and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Shortage of Doctors**

**\*94 Sh. Dharambir Singh (Bhiwani):**

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-**

(a) whether the Government is aware of the acute shortage of doctors in the country;

(b) if so, the number of doctors needed in the country vis-à-vis availability, State-wise including in Haryana;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any time limit to address the present shortage of doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Protection of Tigers**

**\*95 Prof. Ram Shankar (Etawah):**

**ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

(a) whether the Government is implementing any action plan for protecting the tigers and also increasing their numbers in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to further develop the Lion Safari Park in Etawah, Uttar Pradesh and the fund provided for the same?

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**South East Asia Health Emergency Fund**

**\*96 Sh. Bholu Singh(Bulandshahr) :**

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-**

(a) whether the Government actively participated in the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South East Asia in Delhi recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Delhi Declaration on Emergency Preparedness to strengthen and operationalise cross border capacities for disaster reduction and response was unanimously adopted at the above meeting and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to contribute \$ 2,00,000 for the WHO South East Asia region's health emergency fund meant for rapid response



towards both natural disasters and human-generated hazards, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government to minimise disaster reduction and improve response rate in India?

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### **Temporary use of Forest Land**

**\*97 Sh. Gaurav Gogoi (Kaliabor):**

#### **ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

(a) whether the Government has allowed the forest land to be used 'temporarily' by any person, firm or organisation, except the 'protected areas'

; (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has decided upon a specific definition of 'temporary' use of forest land and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has evaluated the environmental impact of the decision on the forests, nearby regions, forest dwellers, wildlife and the ecosystem in general; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the plans of the Government to mitigate such impact?

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### **International Film Festival of India**

**\*98 Sh. Shrirang Appa Barne(Maval) :**

#### **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING :-**

(a) whether India is going to host the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number and the details of films from various countries that will be screened in the festival along with the focus countries in the festival;

(c) the number of Indian feature and non-feature films that will be screened during the festival;

(d) whether the Government has taken many new initiatives to promote Indian Cinema in the International Film Festival and if so, the details thereof along

with the benefits derived therefrom till date; and

(e) whether the festival has helped Indian Cinema to spread globally and if so, the details thereof?

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### **Ban on Single-use Plastics**

**\*99 Sh. Venkatesh Netha Borlakunta(Peddapalle ) :**

#### **ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE :-**

(a) whether the Government has launched a campaign to make India free of single-use plastics;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken and various public awareness campaigns launched to stop the use of such plastics;

(c) the progress made and response received from various quarters including the State Governments so far along with the institutions and administrative departments working for such campaigns;

(d) whether the Government had formulated any law in the past to stop plastic pollution, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the plastic industry has sought tax benefits and export schemes for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

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### **Data on Orphans**

**\*100 Mrs. Rama Devi(Sheohar) :**

#### **WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT :-**

(a) whether the Government has not taken any steps to collect data regarding the number of orphans in the country due to which welfare facilities could not be/are not being provided to them;

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

(c) whether the Government is facing any difficulties in collecting the data in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to overcome these difficulties?

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