

Lok Sabha

(List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS)

23rd September 2020

[Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) - EARTH SCIENCES - ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE - HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE - INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - TEXTILES and WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT].

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Earthquakes in Delhi

2071 Sh. Parvatagouda Chandanagouda Gaddigoudar(Bagalkot) :
Sh. Parvesh Sahib Singh(West Delhi) :

EARTH SCIENCES:-

(a) whether the Government has taken a serious note of the frequent tremors/earthquakes that occurred in the National Capital and NCR region in the last few months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the increased frequency of earthquakes in the NCR in the past few months and whether it indicates likely occurrence of a major earthquake in the region;

(c) the number of such tremors/earthquakes reported during the last three years in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in NCR along with the details of loss of human life and property reported as a result thereof;

(d) whether his Ministry has undertaken an initiative to revise the earthquake vulnerability status of the NCR region and if so, the details thereof and if, not the

reasons therefor; and

(e) the preventive measures taken by the Government to save extensive damage/loss due to these untoward incidents?

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Zero Defect, Zero Effect Scheme

2072 Dr. Kirit Premjibhai Solanki (Ahmedabad West):

ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE:-

(a) the details of the total number of MSMEs that have started to follow the manufacturing patterns as provided under the guidelines of the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) scheme;

(b) whether the National Monitoring and Implementation Unit (NMIU), i.e, the Quality Council of India (QCI) has been following the guidelines on a consistent basis, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism for reporting the periodic effect of the scheme on the environment, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Decline in the Number of Applications for NEET UG

2073 Smt. S. Jothimani (Karur):

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE:-

(a) whether there is a decline in the number of applications for NEET UG from students who passed out from Government schools between 2015 and 2020, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a decline in the number of students from Government schools who qualified NEET UG between 2015 and 2019, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether there is a decline in the number of students from Government schools who have joined medical colleges through NEET between 2015-2019, if

so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(d) the steps taken to improve opportunities of higher education for students studying in Government schools;
(e) whether the Government proposes to abolish or exempt the NEET exam for the candidates from Tamil Nadu, so as to enable poor and rural students to take admission in medical courses, if so, the details thereof; and
(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on Health

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2074 Shri. Deepak Baij(Bastar) :

Sh. Baalu :

T.R.(Sriperumbudur) :

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE:-

(a) whether India ranks 145th out of 195 countries in terms of access to quality health services with expenditure on healthcare to merely 1.28 percent of its GDP;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve India's ranking and to increase the expenditure on health care to at least ten percent of GDP;

(c) whether the Government proposes to build a futuristic system of healthcare delivery by ensuring greater transparency in the Research Collaborations and also referring to the triple helix model of innovation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government in this direction so far?

Assistance to Muscular Dystrophy Patients

2075 Sh. Devji Mansingram Patel(Jalore) :

Smt. Pratima Bhoumik(Tripura West) :

Sh. Sudhakar Tukaram Shrangare(Latur) :

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-

- (a) whether the number of patients of Muscular Dystrophy is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of patients registered under Muscular Dystrophy, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any rehabilitation mechanism for muscular dystrophy patients separately, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has any scheme/ provision to provide financial assistance to the muscular dystrophy patients and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Technology Development Centre

2076 Mrs. Veena Devi (Vaishali):

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY :-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Bihar has significant strength of science students having knowledge and potential and if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a Technology Development Centre in Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Support to Spinning Mills

2077 Sh. Saptagiri Ulaka (Koraput):

TEXTILES :-

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for providing necessary support to establish modern spinning mills for the interest of cotton farmers in the States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

- (b) whether CCI has any plan to open new branch in Odisha, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to promote cotton industry and spinning by introducing new technology in view of the abundance of cotton cultivation in Wardha, Amaravati and Nagpur in Vidarbha and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any proposal for such work is pending with the Government, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it will be approved?

Measures to Modernise Jute Mills

2078 Shri. Dr. Mohammad jawed (Kishanganj):

TEXTILES:-

- (a) whether jute cultivation has declined over past decades due to low price of jute and lack of jute mills in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise, particularly Bihar;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to fix MSP for jute and open new jute mills in the jute growing areas of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Bihar and West Bengal and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to reopen the defunct jute mills in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Bihar and West Bengal and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that not a single new jute goods manufacturing unit has been set up during the last five years and the current year and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the jute industry is not able to fully utilize its production capacity due to lack of demand of jute in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent

need to modernise the jute mills set up in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

Farming of Herbs

2079 Sh. Ajay Misra (Kheri):

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote the farming of herbs in view of the demand of domestic herbs in the International market, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme to provide assistance for the farming of the said herbs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some special areas have been identified for the farming of the said herbs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Under Achievement of TB Elimination Programme

2080 Sh. M. K. Vishnu Prasad (Arani):

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE:-

- (a) whether India has committed to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a reduction of ten percent a year was required to achieve the goal, however in 2018, only two percent reduction from the previous year could be managed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the positive TB test is not always a cause for worry and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is focusing on preventive treatment of those who are in contact with people tested positive; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of PMJAY Scheme

2081 Shri. Kanumuru Raghu Rama Krishna Raju (Narsapuram):

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to further expand the scope of PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) health insurance cover to include the middle class people and who don't have cover of their own;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of modalities of the expanded scheme?

Coronavirus Cases

2082 Sh. Kaushalendra Kumar (Nalanda):

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE :-

- (a) whether Corona has created an atmosphere of fear among the citizens of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the campaigns proposed to be launched by the Government to remove the fear of Corona from the minds of common citizens;
- (c) whether there has been a decline in cases of Corona infection in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Textile Parks/Handloom Board

2083 Sh. Nama Nageswara Rao (Khammam):

TEXTILES :-

- (a) whether the Government is considering to establish a State Textile Park at Warangal City in the State of Telangana, if so, the measures/steps taken/being taken by the Government for the same; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that Handloom Weavers

Association has requested the Government to recognize them as MSMEs and arrange to provide them special marketing assistance as they have lost their livelihood due to spread of Corona virus pandemic and if so, the details thereof along with the details of their other demands and the response of the Government thereto?

Conservation of River Dolphins

2084 Sh. Chandra Sekhar Sahu (theni):

ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE:-

- (a) whether River Dolphins a unique species found mainly in rivers of Asia, particularly Gangetic Dolphin, are vanishing rapidly and the national aquatic animal of India has been declared endangered by International Union for the Conservation of Nature;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether experts from India-Bangladesh-Nepal and Myanmar have come together for enhancing conservation of river dolphins in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Relaxation of Regulation on Honey

2085 Shri. Thomas Chazhikadan (Kottayam):

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE:-

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Apiculturists in Kerala are facing great distress due to the Gazette notification No.293 dated 03/08/2018 issued by FSSAI stating that the water content in honey shall be maximum 20 percent and anything above 20 percent is considered as adulteration;
- (b) whether Government has noticed that due to high humidity level in Kerala, the water content of the honey produced here is between 20 and 25 percent which has been allowed by BIS and KVIC;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to relax

the prescribed conditions in the Gazette notification to help the Apiculturists of Kerala; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

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