

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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Thyroid Disorder

†*141. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that every third woman in the country is affected by thyroid disorder and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any effective measures to address the issue of increasing incidence of the said disorder among women and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that thyroid disorder increases the risk of cancer and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether air pollution, food habits and lifestyle are causing this disorder and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to raise awareness regarding thyroid disorders in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Siddha Research Centres

*142. SHRI SELVAM G.
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AYUSH

आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed Siddha Research Centres in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether most of the Siddha Research Centres lack infrastructure facilities, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government plans to open new Siddha Research Centres and strengthen/upgrade the existing ones and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government provides funds to the National Institute of Siddha for enhancing infrastructure

including increase in the strength of doctors and research facilities, if so, the details thereof indicating the allocation made during the last five years along with the number of doctors working at present; and

(e) the details of research which is underway in Siddha Research Centres to cure life threatening diseases and the outcome thereof?

India-Central Asia Summit

*143. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government hosted the first India-Central Asia Summit to extend engagement with neighborhood countries recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the countries which attended the said summit;

(c) the issues discussed with the leaders of Central Asian countries in the summit;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to include more countries as part of its "extended neighborhood" diplomacy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the names of the countries likely to be included by the Government in the said policy, country-wise along with the benefits likely to accrue to the country in terms of trade, defence and international perspective?

Army Recruitment Camps

†*144. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organize recruitment camps for Army across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tonk and Sawai Madhopur districts of Rajasthan;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the total number of recruitment camps organized along with the recruitments made in all three wings of the armed forces particularly from the rural and backward areas of the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the total number of recruitment centers existing at present, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to recruit youths in all three wings of armed forces from across the country particularly from rural areas during the current financial year?

Cancer Cases

*145. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cancer reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Ladakh;

(b) the number of cancer deaths reported, State/UT-wise especially in Leh and Kargil districts in UT of Ladakh during the said period;

(c) whether faulty diet, lifestyle and other intoxicants including alcohol are the main reasons for the spread of cancer disease and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether facilities for treatment of cancer patients is available in the hospitals at Leh and Kargil districts and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor including the alternative treatment and funding plan being made available to these patients; and

(e) whether the Government has devised any concrete action plan to control this fatal disease in the country more particularly in the UT of Ladakh and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Import of Fertilizers

*146. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of the fertilizers imported by the country during each of the last three years, fertilizer-wise;

(b) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the expenditure incurred on the import of fertilizers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the farmers have faced difficulties in sowing of Rabi crops due to extreme shortage of fertilizers in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the details of steps taken by the Government to address the issue?

Financial Assistance to Neighbouring Countries

*147. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

विदेश मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by India to neighbouring countries by way of loan extension during each of the last five years, country-wise;

(b) the amount of financial assistance/economic package granted by India to Sri Lanka for the rehabilitation of war-affected people in the country during the said period;

(c) the present status of war affected and displaced Tamilian population in Sri Lanka;

(d) whether all the displaced and affected people have been resettled and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Marine Oil Spills

*148. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified potential marine oil spill spots off the coast of Kerala;

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

(c) whether the Government has identified spots for fishing off the coast of Kerala which remain vulnerable to potential oil spills, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has the record of marine oil spills, greater than 100 litres, by volume of oil spilled and total volume of sludge recovered off the coast of Kerala within the territorial waters and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has invested in technological advancements for improving recovery of oil spills, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilization of Defence Land

*149. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the defence land made available for people friendly projects like construction of metros etc. in cities like Bengaluru and Pune;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the extent of availability of defence land in major cities and its probable use for the common man, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is contemplating to handover existing land within city limits to the state Governments or local corporations for infrastructure projects in exchange of alternative land and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government intends to form a sub-committee headed by an officer from the Armed Forces to look into such matters and if so, the details thereof?

Impact of COVID-19 Vaccines on Lactating Mothers

*150. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mechanism is in place to monitor and capture data on the adverse impact and related events arising out of administration of COVID-19 vaccines on lactating mothers and their infants in the absence of clinical trials in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise details of such adverse effects/events recorded along with the nature/type of such impact so far during each interval of COVID vaccination?

Delay in Judicial Decisions due to COVID-19

†*151. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed judicial decisions in the country leading to under trial prisoners not getting timely and effective justice, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to deal with this situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Anganwadi Centres

*152. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres in Uttar Pradesh which do not have their own building at present, district-wise;

(b) the number of incomplete Anganwadi buildings out of the buildings sanctioned during the last two

years indicating the date when approval was accorded and reasons for non-completion of work in this regard;

(c) whether any time line had been fixed for their construction and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of Anganwadi buildings where no work has been started since approval was granted along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any timeline has been fixed by the Government to start the work and if so, the details thereof?

Cultivation of Medicinal Plants

*153. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of AYUSH

आयुष मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers who cultivate medicinal plants by availing subsidy scheme for growing 140 prioritized plants is very low and if so, the details thereof including the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to publicize and popularize the medicinal plants component under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) among farmers in the country; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the development of cultivation clusters for medicinal plants?

Health Index Ranking of States

*154. SHRI B.N. BACHE GOWDA:
SHRI B.B. PATIL::

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently published a comprehensive State Health Index, jointly developed with NITI Aayog and World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the indicators used/criteria fixed in this regard and the major findings therein;

(c) whether the said report indicates that health status has stagnated and health services have deteriorated in most States;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the list of progressive and worst performing States/UTs;

(e) whether based on the said report, the Government proposes to extend financial support to low performing States such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to strengthen their health infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details and present status of major health indicators including institutional deliveries, maternal

mortality rate, birth rate and death registration in various States including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh; and

(g) whether the Government has any action plan to improve the rankings of the States/UTs and if so the details of the status of Health Index of States/UTs since 2014 along with the year on year incremental changes in the health outcomes/performance thereof?

Joint Study on Safety of Ships

*155. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN;
SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy and the Sri Lankan Navy have conducted a joint safety study and submitted report on the sinking of the Singapore flagged cargo vessel MV X-Press Pearl near the Colombo port;

(b) if so, the details thereof including that of marine debris and hazardous chemicals found; and

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure safety for deep sea fishing and navigation of ships in Indian and international waters?

Seats for PG Medical Courses

*156. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats for Post Graduate(PG) medical courses which remained vacant in the last academic year, speciality-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that PG medical seats are not left vacant in the future;

(c) whether the Government is planning to increase the number of medical seats for Post Graduate courses considering the shortage of specialized doctors;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for Women and Children

†*157. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes being implemented by the Government for development of women and children

across the country, especially in rural areas along with the achievements made thereunder, State/UT-wise particularly in West Bengal and Maharashtra;

(b) the details of funds allocated/released and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(c) whether the Government has taken any new initiatives to make women self-reliant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

COVID-19 Variants

*158. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has collected data pertaining to Variants of Concern and Variants of Interest which were detected in the country during COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details of such variants/strains thereof;

(c) whether the Government has adequate facilities for early detection and advance strategies for prevention of the spread of such variants in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of Artificial Intelligence in Judicial Process

*159. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA
VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

विधि और न्याय मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to utilize blockchain technology and Artificial Intelligence to supplement judicial process and help reducing judicial delays, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps undertaken by the Government to ensure continuous upgradation of e-court project?

Indigenous Production of Defence Equipment

*160. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE

रक्षा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various equipment being used by the Armed Forces which are manufactured within the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to expand the production of defence equipment under the 'Make in India' scheme and if so, the details and the efforts being made in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has achieved the targets relating to the indigenous production of defence equipment and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to export indigenously produced defence equipment and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any assessment of the funds likely to be saved through decrease in import of defence equipment as a result of indigenous production of such equipment and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to scrap contracts relating to import of defence equipment and allot them to the Indian companies and if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
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UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
Secretary General

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