

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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**(Ministries of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Corporate Affairs; Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; Women and Child Development)**

(आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष); कॉर्पोरेट कार्य; पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन; वित्त; स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण; महिला और बाल विकास मंत्रालय )

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#### Payment Banks

†2761. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy of India Post Payment Banks;

(b) the details of the entities/companies which have been provided license for opening of payment banks;

(c) the number of payment banks set up, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the number of accounts opened during the last three years, State/UT-wise along with the details of the transaction undertaken through these accounts?

#### Protection of Taj Mahal

2762. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite restriction and prohibition by the Supreme Court, the Government is allowing industries in vicinity of Taj Mahal which is leading to rise of pollution levels resulting in great damage to the world heritage monument;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan formulated by the Government to protect beauty and legacy of the Taj Mahal?

#### Current Account Deficit

2763. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to check and control Current Account Deficit (CAD) which is

expected to breach the 2.5 per cent mark in FY 2019;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) whether the Government has announced a five step formula to address rising CAD levels and if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to reduce the CAD and trade deficits?

#### Impact of Globalisation

2764. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the impact of globalisation on the domestic industry, agriculture and employment in the country; and

(b) the basis of Government findings and conclusions in this regard?

#### PMMY Benefits to MSMEs

2765. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lack of institutional funds is the biggest hurdle before the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the banking scheme Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has proved very beneficial for the MSMEs and if so, the details thereof?

#### Atal Pension Yojana

2766. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to modify the Atal Pension Yojana (APY); and

(b) if so, the details of money one needs to park every month in the APY to reach the monthly income goal at age 60 and the pension they are eligible for?

#### Pending Cases of Pensions

2767. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of pensions, if any, on superannuation, disability, family and others upto March 2018 under the Departments of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Central Excise; and

(b) the specific reasons for pending of such pension cases dragging for more than six months?

#### GST Exemption for ICTT

2768. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received request from the State Government of Kerala to exempt the International

Container and Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), Vallarpadam from the purview of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has considered the same and taken any decision thereon and if so, the details thereof?

#### Samadhan Scheme

2769. SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to come up with Samadhan Scheme for Asset Management and Debt Change Structure to propose sale or takeover of the stressed assets of the power plants to prevent their liquidation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the task has been assigned to State Bank of India to finalize the scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the power plants which have been identified to bring under Samadhan Scheme; and

(d) whether the consent of the promoters of the power plants has been taken in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

#### Priority PMMY Loans to PMKVY Trained Candidates

†2770. SHRI SANJAY KAKA  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instruction has been given to the banks regarding giving priority for sanctioning of loan under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) to the candidates who have completed training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether leading banks have issued rules and regulations for this purpose and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Ban on Polythene

†2771. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any effective scheme to effectively control or monitor the polythene manufacturing companies so as to implement the ban on polythene;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to prepare a special programme for the daily monitoring of all such factories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Harmful Materials in Cold Drinks

†2772. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the content of harmful materials in cold drinks/products of various companies has been found to be more than prescribed limits;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against guilty companies;

(c) whether the Government has provided information to the consumers regarding such harmful contents in cold drinks of these companies so that consumers could avoid usage of such products and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the common people from the ill effects of the said drinks?

#### MoU between India and Sri Lanka

2773. SHRI G.M.  
SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to ink a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Sri Lanka for cooperation in areas of traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of resources proposed to be financed for research, training, conferences and meetings?

#### Gross State Domestic Product

2774. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the declining Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Kerala, which consistently stood above the national average, but has begun to show a declining trend from 2012-13 onwards; and

(b) the details of the expenditure of the Union Government on account of the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB), apart from Rs. 4,270 crore granted to KIIFB as part of the Rs. 1 lakh crore grant from the Union Government before the repayment period?

#### AYUSH Hospitals

2775. SHRI KANWAR SINGH  
TANWAR:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AYUSH Hospitals set up by the Government during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up multi-speciality AYUSH hospitals in the State of Uttar Pradesh, if so the details thereof?

#### Green Crackers

2776. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Government in matters of control/regulation of production and burning of fire crackers in the country along with the basis for defining 'green cracker';

(b) whether burning of such green crackers do not affect the environment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that fire cracker production units functioning in the country will be severely crippled by the banning of non-green crackers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to address the concerns of the fire-cracker production industry in the country; and

(e) whether the Government has taken note of the incidents of import of hazardous chemicals like pet-coke, e-waste materials etc. into the country, if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken in this regard?

#### Survey to Identify Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

2777. SHRI K.R.P. PRABAKARAN:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify medicinal and aromatic plants/various herbs in the country particularly in Western Ghats, if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated potential of these plants;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for documentation, protection, farming and commercial exploitation of these plants along with the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government proposes any incentives to the farmers to promote herbal farming and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a university or institute specifically for conservation and promotion of medicinal plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Relaxing the Securitisation Norms

2778. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has relaxed the securitisation norms by reducing the minimum holding period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the move follows a demand from the Government for a special window for non-banking financial companies to provide them liquidity support; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Development of Homoeopathy

†2779. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI: SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI: SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS: SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is emphasizing on the use of Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, the action taken in this direction during the last three years;

(c) whether shortage of professors in homoeopathy has also been noticed; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far to meet this shortage?

#### Poor Quality of Healthcare

2780. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI: SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a study report, poor quality of healthcare kills 16 lakh people in the country every year;

(b) the details of suggestions made in the report along with the steps taken for

coordination between private and Government healthcare centres; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by the Government to provide effective healthcare for the poor and the vulnerable ?

#### Delusionary Information through Advertisements

†2781. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some domestic and foreign food processing companies cheat consumers by providing delusionary information through advertisements that their products are natural and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop such advertisements?

#### ICDS Common Application Software

2782. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) common application software has been in operation in 57 districts across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said software will help to draw nutrition profile of each village and aims to address the problem of nutrition on a permanent basis; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Widening of Income Taxpayer Base

2783. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Income Tax Declaration Scheme 2016;

(b) the number of people who availed the scheme and the tax collections realized by the Government under the scheme;

(c) whether the Government is planning to establish taxpayer centres across the country to increase awareness and widen taxpayer base;

(d) if so, the details thereof including role and responsibilities of these centres, location and State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the income taxpayer base across the country?

### National Mental Health Programme

2784. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE: SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP);

(b) the steps taken to spread awareness among masses about mental illness;

(c) the list of Centres of Excellence established during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the steps taken to address the acute shortage of qualified mental health professionals in the country;

(e) whether the Government proposes to implement a District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), if so, the details thereof, including major components and number of districts covered so far; and

(f) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of National Institute of Mental Health, if so, the details thereof?

### Low Carbon Rural Development

2785. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning for a Low Carbon Rural Development in purview of climate change, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the States are also giving preference to Low Carbon Rural Development, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is receiving/has received any external financial assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Environment Clearance for Mining Projects

2786. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining projects of less than 5 hectares are exempted from environmental clearances and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study on the amount of deforestation caused by mines under 5 hectares and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of large mines that have split their lease into small mines; and

(d) whether the Government plans to bring mines less than 5 hectares under the purview of environmental clearances, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Unani Centres

2787. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM: DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN: DR. HEENA

VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Unani Centres functioning in the country under the Ministry, State/UT-wise and location-wise along with the achievements made by these centres since their inception;

(b) the estimated number of patients getting treatment in these centres and the total amount of funds spent during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for opening of Unani medicine centres;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the Government has not been able to popularize Unani system of medicine in the country compared to other traditional medicines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken by the Government to promote and expand the network of Unani system of medicine?

### Frauds in Digital Payments

2788. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of increasing frauds in digital payments in the country leading to leakage of personal data and large scale withdrawal of debit cards, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures taken by his Ministry to check frauds increasing digital?

**Treatment of EWS Patients in Private Hospitals**

2789. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that many private hospitals in the country are not giving proper medical treatment and are reluctant to admit Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category patients, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to private hospitals to admit and give proper medical treatment to EWS category patients, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is binding on private hospitals to provide healthcare to the poor and if so, the details of the arrangement and the provisions in the law to that extent?

**Foreign Currency Smuggling Cases**

†2790. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign currency smuggling cases which came to light during the last four years along with the action taken so far on the same;

(b) whether the Government is aware of foreign currency smuggling *in lieu* of gold

bars from foreign countries;

(c) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last four years; and

(d) the action taken so far on the same along with the details thereof?

**GST Composition Scheme**

2791. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ice cream is clubbed with the products such as pan masala and tobacco so that manufacturers cannot opt for Goods and Services Tax (GST) composition scheme and to pay lower tax rate if their turnover does not exceed Rs. 75 lakh;

(b) if so, whether the traders have requested for lower tax rate for turnover upto Rs. 75 lakh; and

(c) if so, the action taken so far?

**Pictorial Warning on Tobacco Products**

2792. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tobacco product packets do not carry the pictorial warning and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has come to know about any such product;

(c) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government to force them to carry tobacco pictorial warning on the package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Mahila Police Volunteers Scheme**

2793. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in which the Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV) Scheme has been implemented and the number of MPVs appointed till date since its launch;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of greater outreach by MPVs through home visits, community meetings, etc. on confidence building among women in these districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the MPVs have been successful in the formation of Mahila aur Shishu Rakshak Dal that are supposed to function as community watch groups and if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

**Economic Growth**

2794. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to continuous shortfall in economic growth, Economic

Advisory Council of his Ministry recently met and identified areas to improve economic growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different international fora like International Monetary Fund and World Bank has predicted continuous short fall in economic growth of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with roadmap chalked out by Economic Advisory Council and action taken or being taken by Government on the suggested lines to improve employment and economic growth of the country?

**Farm Loan Interest Rates of Cooperative Banks**

†2795. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether disbursement of short term loan at reduced rates to farmers is denting the cooperative banks and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to compensate the losses incurred to cooperative banks due to said disbursal of short term loan to farmers at reduced rates and if so, the details thereof?

**Disinvestment of Loss Making PSUs**

†2796. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any list from NITI Aayog regarding

the loss making Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to act fast on disinvestment of such loss incurring companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the names of such loss incurring companies along with the respective amount of losses incurred by them during each of the last four years and the time by which the above said procedure is likely to be finalized by the Government?

#### **Diseases due to Air Pollution**

2797. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the report of the World Health Organization that air pollution is causing cardio-vascular disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and high cancers which accounts to 94 per cent of the premature deaths in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of people died due to bad air/air pollution in India, for the past three years, State-wise;

(c) the prime reasons for air pollution in major Indian cities, including Bengaluru;

(d) the steps taken/will be taken to control/decrease the air pollution; and

(e) whether the Government is considering any special package to control air pollution in Bengaluru and Karnataka and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Developing Leadership Capacities in Women**

2798. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any mechanism to develop leadership capacities in women and make them vocal for their rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are actively engaging in such activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government has any intention to initiate more such initiatives for women empowerment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Gangetic River Dolphins**

2799. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists and wildlife conservationists are seeing red over the threat posed to Gangetic river dolphins by the National Waterways Project, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether the development of the Ganga for shipping is seen by wildlife conservationists as the single-largest threat to the survival of the species, whose

numbers are declining in most parts of their natural habitat and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has launched the Endangered Species Recovery Plans for four species of global importance to tackle the threat to dolphins and three other species including dolphins and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Anganwadis in Urban Areas**

2800. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Anganwadi Centres in urban areas in the country are running from rented buildings where the space available is inadequate and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to construct buildings for Anganwadi centres in urban areas and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to construct buildings to set up Anganwadi centres in urban areas and if so, the quantum of assistance provided thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to reopen closed Anganwadi centres across the country State/UT-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh?

#### **Role of Centre for Environment and Occupational Health, Climate Change & Health**

2801. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the role played by the Centre for Environment & Occupational Health, Climate Change & Health established in the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC); and

(b) the details regarding the plan of action to address issues pertaining to environmental and occupational health by the Department?

#### **Investments in Startups**

†2802. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:  
SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding irregularities in the investments in startups and conducted any investigation therein and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has framed any rules and regulations regarding angel investments in startups and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of all the startups with decline in share value post first round of funding;

(d) whether the Government has any specific parameters to predict the valuation of startups in the country and if so, details of the parameters considered and the method used for valuation of startups; and

(e) whether the process of valuation of startups affects the ease of doing business index of the nation and if so, the details thereof?

#### Funds to State Health Societies

2803. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:  
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the transfer of funds to State Health Societies through the Treasury mode adopted in 2014-15 has been causing a lot of delay, in the implementation of schemes;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) whether the Government is considering to switch to Society Mode for transfer of funds; and

(e) if so, the time by which this will be implemented in the States?

#### Black Money

2804. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to curb black money and corruption in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether even after demonetization and other efforts, black money menace is not stopped in the country;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to curb this menace?

#### Special Cadre for AYUSH Practitioners

2805. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to create a special cadre for AYUSH practitioners and para medics for village postings to tide over the shortage of doctors in rural parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has consulted Medical Council India (MCI) and Indian Medical Association (IMA) and asked them to come up with modalities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which AYUSH practitioners are likely to be posted in villages to enable treatment access to the rural population?

#### Audit on GST Shortfall

2806. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) would conduct an audit to find out the reasons for revenue shortfall in some States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether many States are facing shortfall in revenue collection; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard other than audit?

#### Promotion of Ayurveda

2807. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any user friendly mechanism in place to promote indigenous Ayurvedic medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the mechanisms and modalities regarding the process?

#### Social Security Schemes

2808. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contributors under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Atal Pension Yojana (APY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) in the country, year/State-wise;

(b) whether any grievance redressal cell is available for the contributors and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by the Government to popularize the schemes for the informal sectors especially in the backward districts of the country?

#### Shortage of Yoga Teachers

†2809. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:  
SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:  
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to address the shortage of Yoga teachers in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether any special steps have been taken by the Government to promote yoga in the country;

(d) whether the Government is preparing or implementing any action plan for recruiting yoga teachers and setting up medical centres to promote yoga and naturopathy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of yoga teachers recruited so far during the period 2016-2018, State-wise including Bihar?

**Money Siphoned off from Bank Accounts**

2810. SHRI S.P.  
MUDDAHANUME  
GOWDA:  
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE  
वित्त मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints of bank frauds received where money was siphoned out in the name of linking Aadhaar with PAN/Bank Account/SIM card, during the last four years, bank and year-wise;

(b) whether any directives have been issued to banks to deal with such instances of bank fraud, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a Grievance Redressal Mechanism has been put in place to deal with such instances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Janani Suraksha Yojana**

2811. SHRIMATI POONAM  
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Janani Suraksha Yojana is being implemented in the country including State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including cash assistance for eligible beneficiaries in rural and urban areas;

(c) the details of funds allocated and number of beneficiaries who have availed the scheme during each of the last three years in the country including Maharashtra; and

(d) whether Maternal Mortality Ratio and Infant Mortality Rate have declined as a result of Janani Suraksha Yojana and if so, the details thereof?

**Sickle Cell Anemia**

2812. SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched National Sickle Cell Anemia Control Programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be launched; and

(c) the kinds of help given at present by the Union Government to States for prevention and control of Sickle Cell Anemia?

**Zoological Parks**

2813. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry keeps track of the total number of elephants kept in human captivity apart from the zoological parks in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether stringent procedural safeguards are in place for rearing elephants in captivity and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether of late there is a discernible upward trend in the sudden deaths of the elephants kept in human custody and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the proactive steps contemplated to save the elephants in captivity?

**AYUSH Universities/Colleges**

2814. SHRI GODSE HEMANT  
TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,  
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,  
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the course-wise number of students enrolled for graduation and post-graduation courses in AYUSH Universities/colleges along with details of subjects offered therein;

(b) whether enrolment under post graduation course in Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy is nil in various AYUSH colleges;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the efforts made by the Government for the promotion and expansion of higher education in Indian medical systems?

**Paris Climate Agreement**

2815. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has agreed to climate-related commitments at the Paris Climate Agreement, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to meet the climate change commitment along with the current progress in achieving the said purpose?

**Poaching of Tigers and Rhinoceros**

2816. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian wildlife experts have urged the Government to be vigilant against poaching of tigers and rhinoceros after China eased a 25 year old ban on the trade of body parts of the animals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the decision by China is likely to result in decline in the population of animals and has potential grave and devastating implications for tiger and rhinoceros conservation in India; and

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



**Vapour Recovery Systems in Petrol Bunks**

2817. SHRI MAGANTTI VENKATESWARA RAO (BABU):

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution can be reduced by the installation of Vapour Recovery Systems in Petrol Bunks;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the pollution is likely to be reduced as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to install these systems in petrol bunks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Independent Drug Controller**

2818. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working to have an independent drug controller for the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the initiatives taken/being taken to regulate the AYUSH as per new policy?

**Loss of Animals and Birds**

2819. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several animals/birds including blackbucks, sparrow, honey-bee are vanishing from the environment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to prevent such irreparable loss of precious animals/birds from the environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**GST on Intergovernmental Transactions**

2820. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the demand of the Government Departments like Department of Posts, Ministry of External Affairs and Municipal Corporations on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Rules relating to the Government to Government business and their plea to streamline the GST Rules for Intergovernmental transactions;

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by the Government to address the concerns of these departments; and

**Violation of Banking Regulation Act**

†2823. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of Scheduled Commercial Banks are increasing and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether increase in NPA of banks is likely to adversely affect the deposits of account holders and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any bank has been found guilty of not adhering to the Banking Regulation Act, 1969 and violating norms of granting loans without collateral security due to which NPA is increasing and if so, the details thereof during the last three years along with the action taken by the Government against these banks; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check increasing NPA and to safeguard the interest of bank customers?

(c) whether the Government will consider introducing a complete waiver of GST or streamlining of the GST filing process for the Government Departments and if so, the details thereof?

**Panama Papers**

2821. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance about the fresh Panama Papers leak few months back and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also taken cognizance of the name of Indian businessmen in this leak, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to investigate the issue and take action against the Indians named in this leak and if so, the details thereof?

**Environment Clearance**

2822. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been prolonged delay in the grant of amendment of Environment Clearance (EC) even after recommendation of the same by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) since July, 2016; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Revival of Government Run Companies**

2824. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating the revival of Government owned pharmaceutical companies with professionally competent individuals having requisite experience and technical know how;

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

#### **Erosion of Coastal Land**

2825. SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the matter of continuous rise of sea level in coastal Gujarat resulting in rapid erosion of coastal land there and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has consulted State Government of Gujarat and prepared any action plan in this regard;

(c) if so, the updated status of action taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any scientific study to assess the impact of such erosion on coastal ecology and in lives of poor people of coastal Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on findings of such study?

#### **National TB Prevalence Survey**

2826. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National TB Prevalence Survey has been initiated in India;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to initiate the survey in near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said survey is likely to be initiated?

#### **Direct Benefit Transfer**

2827. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH  
GOUD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each of the scheme that is covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) along with the amount so far transferred under DBT in the last three years, year and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the Government has targeted to pay out Rs. 1 lakh crores through DBT in the current fiscal;

(c) if so, the details of new schemes likely to be brought under DBT;

(d) the time by which the Government is likely to take to transfer the entire Rs. 3.5 lakh crores of Government subsidy to the beneficiaries; and

(e) the amount/fund Government can save through the proposed Rs. 1 lakh crores transfer?

#### **Tax Sharing**

2828. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the States have been vocal about the false positives and negatives from tax sharing and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said States have submitted their grievances or representations to review the tax sharing mechanism and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken measures to address the concerns of the State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rotational Transfer for AYUSH Doctors**

2829. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,  
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,  
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rotational transfer policy has been framed for AYUSH doctors from Ministry of AYUSH to CGHS and vice-versa, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are large number of CGHS AYUSH doctors who have been working in the Ministry of AYUSH for more than 10-15 years and are due for posting, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the transfer guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission or Department of Personnel and Training are not being implemented in letter and spirit; and

(d) if so, the time by which the rotational transfer policy would be implemented?

#### **Unani Dispensaries and Hospitals**

2830. SHRI P.K.  
KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,  
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,  
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,  
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Unani dispensaries and hospitals in the country;

(b) whether the number of Unani dispensaries and hospitals in the country is highly inadequate; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to open more Unani hospitals and dispensaries in the country?

#### **Health Insurance**

2831. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) in India aims to be the largest Government-funded health insurance programme in the world, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as in the existing Government-funded health insurance schemes, health insurance companies are likely to play a crucial role in the

implementation of the NHPS, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the number of Indians purchasing health insurance (on their own) has grown in the past few years, if so, the details thereof?

#### Coverage of Scheme

2832. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bank accounts that have been opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY);

(b) the total amount of subsidies deposited in these accounts by the Government;

(c) the steps taken under the scheme to improve financial literacy; and

(d) whether all Sub Service Areas across all villages of the country have been covered by either a bank branch or a Bank Mitra (Business Correspondent) under the component of the scheme that focuses on the geographical coverage of banks?

#### Kisan Credit Card

†2833. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA  
CHAVAN:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loans disbursed under Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the last three years in the country including Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Bihar along

with the number of loans above three lakhs among them, State/year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the maximum limit of loan under KCC scheme in view of increasing expenditure of farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor indicating the maximum limit of loans presently; and

(d) the total number of farmers covered under the KCC scheme in the said States during the said period along with the number of applications pending at present?

#### Exploitation of Children in Orphanages

2834. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish hostels for children as envisaged for the children in need of care & protection in wake of the increasing incidences of exploitation of children in orphanages or the institutions created by Government system or by the civil society organisations across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate guidelines with minimum standards of care required for such children living in any facility either created by Government system or by the civil society organisations and even in all school hostels in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Reduction in Inflation Rate

†2835. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of crude oil have come down in International Market, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the rate of inflation has also come down as the prices of petrol and diesel have reduced in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to control the inflation?

#### Forest Land

†2836. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI  
PAATLE:

Will the Minister of  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of forest land in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of decline/rise in the area of forest land during each of the last five years along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether large areas of forest land have been/are being encroached upon in various parts of the country including Chhattisgarh, if so, the details thereof along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether forest departments in some States including Chhattisgarh have identified additional areas of forest land in the States concerned; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Money Laundering and Black Money

2837. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN  
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the money laundering investigations get severely delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the names of the black money account holders in various foreign banks along with the likely action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Income Tax Raids

2838. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Income Tax raids conducted in the last five years; and

(b) the total amount of money collected in the last two years through raids and seizures?

#### Fiscal Consolidation Targets of States

2839. SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States are set to miss their fiscal consolidation targets budgeted

at the beginning of the year and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the States fiscal deficit is primarily financed by issuing State Development Loans (SDLs) and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Rs. 1.3 lakh crore of SDLs scheduled to be redeemed in the financial year 2019 are much higher than Rs. 0.8 lakh crore redeemed in the financial year 2018 and if so, the details thereof?

### **Pollution in Damodar River**

2840. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Damodar river in West Bengal has become highly polluted and is considered a threat to the health of the people living along its banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to do desilting and dredging of Damodar river and removing the effluents from Damodar-Barrage area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the stringent mechanism in place to see that all rivers are maintained clean and not become the dumping ground for effluents from industries located nearby these rivers?

### **Contaminated Blood**

†2841. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received information about contaminated and non-certified blood being sold at various places in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the hospitals and persons involved in such activities, State/ UT-wise along with the action taken against them during the last one year and the current year; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

### **Use of Antibiotics**

2842. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy regarding use of antibiotics in the country;

(b) whether the Government is taking any steps to tackle the emerging problem of Anti-Biotic Resistance (ABR) in the country;

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

(d) whether the Government is taking any steps to curb the unregulated over-the-counter sales of antibiotics in pharmacy stores across the nation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry hosts any dedicated events to increase awareness among medical practitioners to prescribe antibiotics carefully and if so, the details thereof?

### **Shortage of Surgeons in AIIMS**

†2843. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Neurosurgery in AIIMS is grappling with the shortage of surgeons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the waiting period for neurosurgery has reached upto 2023 due to shortage of surgeons; and

(d) if so, the necessary corrective steps taken in this regard?

### **Environment Clearance for Thermal Power Plants**

2844. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that human health and the environment will feature as part of mandatory clearances necessary to grant Environment Clearance for new thermal power plants, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true the criteria will apply not only to coal and lignite based

thermal power plants but also to energy plants waste that also pose a significant health burden on local population and communities and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a notification issued by the Government specified new conditions that now call for a baseline health status within the study area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **ATM Facility**

†2845. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge difference between Automated Teller Machine (ATM) facility provided in cities and rural areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any effort is being made by the Government to decrease the ratio by setting up more ATMs in rural areas and to extend this facility in remote tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh benefit of rural local people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Seized Assets of the Fugitive Offenders**

2846. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has seized assets of the fugitive offenders of the country;

(b) if so, the details of assets that have been seized and disposed off during the last ten years;

(c) the number of immovable properties attached by Government and liquidation therein during the last ten years, State/UT-wise;

(d) the maintaining costs of such properties and the expenditure thereto; and

(e) the loan amount and interest accrued upto 2018 on account of recovery under Provision of Money Laundering Act, 2002 therein?

#### **Schemes for the Empowerment and Autonomy of Women**

2847. DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes any scheme for the empowerment and autonomy of women and the improvement of their political, social, economic and health status;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has set any target to achieve the above and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Systems of Traditional Medicines**

2848. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

SHRI T.

RADHAKRISHNAN:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has a well-developed systems of Traditional Medicines, which holds tremendous potential in the global health scenario;

(b) if so, whether India has captured world market in traditional medicine so far and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of foreign exchange earned through traditional Medicines during each of the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with different countries in the field of traditional medicines;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions thereof and benefits likely to accrue to the country thereby; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote research in traditional medicines in the country?

#### **Polycystic Ovary Syndrome in Women**

†2849. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN  
BHATT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of women in the country are suffering from polycystic syndrome and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is considering to take any steps to control this;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said steps are likely to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Debt Write-off Scheme**

2850. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government will review its stand on releasing the recommended grant under the local body grants and State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) despite the Fourteenth Finance Commission recommending a total grant of Rs. 20,385.74 crore during 2015-20 after relaxing the stringent yardsticks laid down in the guidelines of the Central Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Fifteenth Finance Commission is having any new proposal to bring cesses and surcharges being levied by the Centre under the divisible pool, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal by the Fifteenth Finance Commission to reintroduce a comprehensive Debt Write-off Scheme to make the debt relief package more effective and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Oil Spills**

2851. PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:

SHRI PARVESH SAHIB  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of oil spills reported in Indian maritime zones in the last four years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has developed a detailed procedure to deal with cases of oil spills in coastal and maritime zones of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the major achievements of central coordinating agency for combating oil pollution in coastal and maritime zones during the said period?

#### **Natural Park and Sanctuaries**

2852. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that use of technology, including e-surveillance through drones and modalities involving people around natural/national parks and sanctuaries in conservation efforts would be the key to the new National Wildlife Action Plan, 2017-2031 announced by the Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plan has a roadmap to deal with poaching and illegal trade of animals, animal parts

and management of tourism in wildlife areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether 2017-2031 National Action Plan, would be the third such plan, if so, the details thereof?

#### Public Asset Rehabilitation Agency

2853. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to setup a Public Asset Rehabilitation Agency to address troubled loans, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amount of troubled loans as on date?

#### Advisory for Asthma patients

†2854. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been stated in the health advisory issued to the common man that asthma patients should not go in open areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the measures taken by the Government for asthma patients in the country; and

(c) whether the Government has any scheme to provide free safety masks in schools, hospitals and at crowded places and if so, the details thereof?

#### Ombudsman for Digital Transactions

2855. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Ombudsman Scheme for Digital Transactions to provide cost-free mechanism to redress grievances of customers related to digital transactions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it will cover services provided by entities falling under regulatory jurisdiction of the Reserve Bank of India and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the scheme is being implemented taking into consideration rise in digital mode for financial transactions which is gaining traction in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### Cases under NCLT

†2856. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered so far along with the number of cases disposed in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT);

(b) whether any legal constraints are faced even after the disposal of cases by the NCLT and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaint has been received in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) recovered so far from the cases disposed by NCLT?

#### Human Capital List

2857. SHRI RATTAN LAL

KATARIA:

ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV

SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has recently released its report on Human Capital Index (HCI), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government agrees with the ranking given to India by the World Bank in HCI if so, the details thereof and if not, the areas of disagreement with the report;

(c) whether India has made any progress in HCI relating to life expectancy, year at schooling, learning and healthcare etc., if so, the determinants in this regard;

(d) whether even after independence of 71 years India is ranked at 158 among 195 countries; and

(e) if so, India's global South Asia and BRICS countries ranking on the above parameters?

#### Promotion of Private Sector

2858. SHRI RAM MOHAN

NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government in encouraging private sector investment in the domestic markets; and

(b) the breakdown of growth in private sector investment over the last four years, State/UT-wise?

#### CAMPA

2859. SHRI NAGENDRA

KUMAR PRADHAN:

SHRI BALABHADRA

MAJHI:

SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by the Union Government under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) for Wildlife Sanctuary and Tiger Conservation Plan in Wardha, Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government is working to attract tourists to this sanctuary, if so, the mechanism being put in place by the Government for the purpose;

(c) the reasons for prolonged delay in the verification process by CAMPA which is resulting in delaying of the grant of Stage-II FC with no fault of user agency;

(d) the areas over which his Ministry has granted approvals for creation of land banks for compensatory afforestation under Guidelines issued on 8th November, 2017; and

(e) the details of districts, States, area in hectares and type of land over which land banks have been created?

#### Gold Policy

2860. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the import duty on gold in the near future based on concerns being raised from the industry from current ten per cent to four per cent, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the new rate fixed for the import duty of gold; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to roll out a National Gold Policy/integrated gold policy and set up a domestic gold council to promote growth in the sector and if so, the details thereof?

#### 59-minutes loan to MSMEs

2861. KUNWAR  
BHARATENDRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received, accepted and loans given under the new 59-minutes Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) loan scheme, bank-wise;

(b) whether any other initiatives have been taken to ensure effective credit to MSME; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

#### GST Exemption for Postal Savings Schemes

2862. DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance that Goods and Services Tax (GST) is being collected on various saving schemes of the Postal Department and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to waive/exempt GST on postal small saving and Kisan Vikas Patra etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Nine Point Agenda for Economic Offenders

†2863. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has presented a nine point agenda for taking action against the fugitive economic offenders in the G-20 conference held recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so, the total number of agenda presented so far along with the extent to which it has helped the Government to nab the fugitive economic offenders?

#### Child Adoption Regulations

†2864. SHRI JANAK RAM:  
SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedure being followed for child adoption is in compliance with the provisions of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and if so, the details thereof along with the total number and names of child adoption agencies/institutions in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether complaints about illegal activities child adoption agencies/organisations have been received during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the existing child adoption laws/rules and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such amendment is likely to be made;

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint an agency or nodal officer at local level to implement the law effectively and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has directed States to ensure registration of all the Bal Paricharya Sansthan and link them to the Central Adoption Resource Authority and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise?

#### Waterborne Diseases

†2865. DR. RAMESH  
POKHRIYAL  
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths recorded due to waterborne diseases in the country; State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to check waterborne diseases in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is shortage of bacteriologists in the country, if so, the necessary steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide mobile laboratories in hilly, remote, inaccessible and backward areas of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Tertiary Care Cancer Centres

2866. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD and Stroke (NPCDCS) across the country for setting up/strengthening Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCC) and provide diagnosis and quality tertiary cancer care at affordable rates particularly to the poor and deprived sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Shindhudurg and Ratnagiri which are poor coastal districts of Maharashtra are still deprived of quality cancer treatment centre and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received requests from the public representatives/organizations including the proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for setting up of a Tertiary Care Cancer Centre at BKL Walawalkar Hospital Diagnostic & Research Centre in Ratnagiri district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

### Depreciation of Rupee

2867. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:  
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rupee-dollar rate during the last five years;

(b) whether the value of rupee has come down with compared to the previous years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to address the crucial issue of depreciation of Indian rupee; and

(d) the total amount of black money extinguished following demonetisation?

### Value of Old Currency Notes

†2868. SHRI LALLU SINGH:  
SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of old currency notes replaced by new currency notes including their colour, dimensions and technical specifications as on date in the country;

(b) the anticipated short term and long term effects of this step on the economy of the country; and

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to eliminate fake currency in the country?

### Financial Strength of Banks

2869. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made review of financial strength of the banks recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the status of Non Performing Assets (NPAs) at present; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government and action plan chalked out to reduce the NPAs and strengthen the financial position of the banks?

### Tax GDP Ratio

†2870. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tax-GDP ratio is reported to have increased in roll out era post Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the hike in tax-GDP ratio upto October, 2018 since enforcement of GST in the country;

(d) whether the Government has made assessment regarding the need to simplify tax collection rules to increase tax-GDP ratio in the country; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

### Inflation Rate

†2871. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inflation rate during the last six months along with its impact on economic growth rate and on demand and prices in the market;

(b) whether the retail prices of food items are increasing at higher rate than the inflation rate and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to check such price rise?

### Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra

2872. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA

BARNE:

SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH

MUNDE:

SHRIANANDRAO ADSUL:

SHRI VINAYAK

BHAURAO RAUT:

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL

SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra scheme is being implemented through the State Government/UT administration on cost sharing basis and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some States have not contributed their share of funds for the implementation of the women centric

schemes and if so, the names of these States and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether certain States have sent proposals for setting up of more number of such centres under the scheme and if so, the details of the proposals received and approved along with the funds released during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Punjab; and

(d) whether the Government further proposes to set up these kendras through women Sarpanch at village level and if so, the details thereof?

### Ambulance Service

†2873. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

SHRI ABHIJIT

MUKHERJEE:

DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government hospitals in the country have no proper ambulances to cater to the needs of the patients, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of people died during the last three years and the current year in rural areas of the country due to non availability of ambulance service, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds for hi-tech ambulances having life support system to the patients in emergency cases, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce bike ambulance in various parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and



(e) the steps being taken by the Government to make available ambulances at each Government hospital to cater to the needs of the poor patients through 104 and 108 ambulance services in Andhra Pradesh in future?

#### **Khoya Paya Web Portal**

2874. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:  
SHRI MD.  
BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of missing children across the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of children tracked and found during the said period using Khoya Paya Web Portal, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by her Ministry to popularize the web portal among the public?

#### **National Biomaterial Centre**

2875. SHRIMATI MAUSAM  
NOOR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established a National Biomaterial Centre in the country recently;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the majority of organ donations are done by the living donors and only about 23 per cent is being done by cadavers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to create awareness in this regard?

#### **Selfitis Disorder**

†2876. SHRI OM PRAKASH  
YADAV:  
SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH  
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the treatment of people suffering from Selfitis disorder;

(b) the number of people found affected with this problem in Bihar, so far; and

(c) the number of people who have approached therapists to seek help for their selfitis disorder?

#### **Popularising AYUSH System Abroad**

†2877. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to keep in touch with international universities and educational institutions to popularise AYUSH system of medicine at the global level, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government is coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Welfare Activities by Foreign Companies**

2878. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to facilitate those foreign companies which are providing grants for welfare projects on no profit basis and to provide a single window system for them specially in West Bengal;

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

(c) the details about the current status and list of such companies, so far?

#### **Climate Change**

2879. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI R.P.  
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Paris Agreement on climate change 2015 along with the status of fund mobilization to deal with the impacts of climate change under this agreement relating to India;

(b) the salient features of the Paris Agreement on climate change;

(c) whether any project has been sanctioned by the Government to tackle issues relating to climate change and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to release more funds to tackle the threats of climate change; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **LIC Investment in Debt-ridden IDBI**

2880. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:  
SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any risk analysis study before ordering Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to invest in debt ridden Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) bank, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of solvency ratio of LIC since 2014, year-wise;

(c) whether the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of LIC are on the rise during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, sector/company-wise;

(d) whether the LIC is bailing out IDBI Bank having highest Gross NPA Ratio in the entire banking sector despite the fact

that its own NPAs are on the rise, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that LIC must clear its own NPAs before bailing out IDBI and other financial institutions in the country?

#### **Killing of Domestic Animals**

2881. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mass hysteria has been created by the recent rampant killings of domestic animals allegedly by wild beasts in many parts of the State of Manipur in the last few months;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry or the State authorities have found out the exact position of the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Self Help Groups**

†2882. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for women empowerment implemented through Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the country;

(b) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to involve SHGs in implementing all the social development programmes besides carrying out household manufacturing and trading activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Blindness**

†2883. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

SHRI VISHNU DAYAL

RAM:

SHRI HARISH CHANDRA

ALIAS HARISH

DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the worst affected country in the world by blindness and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the estimated number of blind people in the country particularly in rural areas, State/UT-wise;

(c) the financial assistance provided so far to tackle the problem of blindness during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to organize free eye check up in schools and slums to detect eye disease at an early stage and create awareness among people about eye donation and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the increasing cases of blindness in the country?

#### **Conservation of Lakes**

2884. DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether three important lakes namely Ancharsar, Khoshalsar and Gilsar are on the verge of extinction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether no central funds have been allocated for these lakes as has been done for other such lakes in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government plans to restore these lakes under the National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pre-natal Sex Determination**

2885. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed online search engines to adopt in-house mechanisms to identify and block advertisements relating to pre-natal sex determination; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for its compliance?

#### **Deworming Programme**

†2886. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest number of children who are prone to soil transmitted helminthes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has implemented deworming programme in 277 districts of eleven States and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India and W.H.O. has entered into an agreement to run a deworming programme in a big way and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has decided to scale up the deworming programme and cover 536 districts and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Environmental Clearance of Development Projects**

†2887. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of major development projects regarding power, irrigation, housing, mining, road transport etc. lying pending for the last three years with his Ministry for approval, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the reasons for pendency of these projects, project-wise along with the time by which these projects are lying pending; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to accord approval to these projects at the earliest?

#### Funding to State Commissions for Women

†2888. SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds to State Commissions for women for implementation of various welfare programmes;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated released and utilised during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of schemes implemented and activities undertaken by State Commissions during the said period; and

(d) whether the Government maintains any data regarding utilisation of funds by these commissions/bodies and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

#### Foreign Investors

2889. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign investors have pulled out about 400 crores from the Indian stock market in the last five trading sessions due to the arrest of high-profile Chinese Executive;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these types of pull outs will affect India's foreign currency reserves; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to check such withdrawals in future?

#### Siddha Research Centres

2890. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI V.  
PANNEERSELVAM:  
PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Siddha institutes/research centres functional at national and State levels in the country, State/UT-wise along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to open new Siddha institutes/research centres and strengthen/upgrade the existing ones indicating the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government provided funds for the National Institute of Siddha for enhancing infrastructure developments and research facilities and also increase the strength of doctors;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the Government allocation during the last four years along with the number of doctors working at present;

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to promote e-governance and

telemedicine to make Siddha and other systems under AYUSH available at the grassroots level;

(e) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States/UTs regarding financial assistance for setting up of the All India Institute of Siddha Medical Science on the line of All India Institute of Ayurveda; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

#### Cost and Time overruns in Construction of New AIIMS

2891. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of construction of six new AIIMS has escalated by Rs. 2,928 crore, if so, the project-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is time overrun in completing the six new AIIMS, if so, the institution-wise details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding construction of new AIIMS in the last four years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce time and cost overruns of such projects in the country since 2014, year, State and project-wise?

#### Artificial Ripening of Fruits and Vegetables

†2892. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:  
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA  
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of adulteration and usage of chemical compounds to artificially ripen fruits and vegetables which has come up during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether such adulteration and usage of chemical compounds adversely affect the health of the people and causes kidney, liver and heart diseases and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the details of campaigns launched by the Government in this regard?

#### C-section Deliveries

†2893. SHRI JAI PRAKASH  
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether caesarean section delivery adversely affects health of mother and the child, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether more deliveries are done through caesarean section in private hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof along with reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether private hospitals carry out C-section deliveries without medical compulsion for financial advantages to them; and

(d) if so, the punitive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Shortage of Equipments and Technicians in District Hospitals

†2894. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make available CT scan machine, sonography machine and Digital X-ray machine in each civil Hospital of the country including in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the time by which MRI machines and technicians are likely to be made available in each District Hospital of the country including in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government proposes to open hospitals having all latest equipments in the Divisional Headquarters of the States for cancer patients;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done;

(e) whether there is any plan to appoint Dentist in the Rural Community Hospital under NRHM by the Government; and

(f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

#### AYUSH Centres

†2895. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of diseases being covered under AYUSH centres across the country, State-wise including Maharashtra, Gujarat and West Bengal;

(b) the details of diseases which are not being covered under these centres along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is exploring the possibilities to cover new diseases in these centres, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether clinical trial of Ayurvedic medicines is being done in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of achievements made under these trials so far?

#### Performance of Private Sector Vs Public Sector

†2896. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the country's development as on date;

(b) whether this development is all round or one sided and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rising cases of rural suicides are indicative of an one sided development there and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the all round development is due to the better performance of the domestic private sector whereas the public sector, with some exceptions has failed everywhere due to immense corruption and inefficiency and if so, the details thereof?

#### Noise Pollution

2897. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:  
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities which have recorded the highest data for noise pollution in the country;

(b) the major causes of the noise pollution along with the steps being taken to curb it;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to curb/control noise pollution in metropolitan cities in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether honking has been found to be an occupational hazard for drivers especially auto-rickshaw drivers and if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to bring awareness among them for the same?

#### Malnutrition among Women and Children

†2898. SHRI RAJENDRA D. GAVIT:  
SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to tackle the problem of malnutrition in children and women;

(b) whether there has been an improvement in the comparative situation in providing proper nourishment to women and children across the country specially in M.P. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether States are responsible to monitor the functioning of the organisations involved in the fight against malnutrition; and

(d) if so, the details of the organisations functioning thereunder?

#### Erosion of Coastline

2899. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the coastline of Odisha is under threat of erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government to

protect the coastline of Odisha from erosion; and

(c) the budget provisions allocated for the purpose in the financial year 2018-19?

#### Target of Reducing Air Pollution

2900. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:  
SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently fixed a target of reducing air pollution by 20-30 percent in more than 100 cities across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has since ascertained the factors responsible for increase in air pollution in most of the cities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Central Pollution Control Board and National Clean Air Programme have not been effectively functioning to control/check air pollution across the country resulting in various diseases to citizens; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps Union Government has taken to tone up the functioning of the bodies which are not functioning properly?

#### National AYUSH Mission

†2901. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:  
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) whether any tribal sub-plan component is included under NAM and if so, the details thereof?

#### Indirect Tax Evasion

2902. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:  
Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the indirect tax evasion detected from April-Oct, 2018 and the total recovery of such evaded taxes; and

(b) whether the recovered evaded taxes also include the amount detected by field offices of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), if so, the details thereof?

#### NGOs Set up for CSR

†2903. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount spent by various companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance that several companies have set up Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to spend the amount under CSR and are misusing the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act

2904. SHRI NINONG ERING:  
SHRI MAGANTTI VENKATESWARA RAO (BABU):

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the release of mandatory rules under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (CAF) of the Ministry;

(b) whether Rules are yet to be formulated under CAF, if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said rules are likely to be notified, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of consultations which have taken place in the last one year on formulations of the Rules;

(d) whether there has been any engagement with civil society organizations in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total amount spent on afforestation drives of various States during each of the last three years, States/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the funds of Compensatory Afforestation Fund are being diverted to build infrastructure projects, if so, the details thereof and the list of ongoing projects with the above said fund?

#### Impact of NPAs

2905. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the negative impact of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of Banks on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has chalked out a roadmap for safeguarding MSMEs *vis-a-vis* strict norms of Reserve Bank of India on lending due to rising NPAs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent frauds and misappropriation in banks?

#### Treatment of Rare Diseases

2906. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a National Policy to provide financial assistance for Treatment of Rare Diseases and if so, the details thereof and the number of patients who got benefited through it, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is scarcity of funds for the treatment of rare diseases and if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds made available for the treatment of rare diseases; and

(c) whether the Government has got any request in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand along with action taken thereon?

#### **Ban on Tobacco Products**

2907. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA  
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of tobacco consumed in rural and urban areas of the country in the form of cigarettes and bidis including smokeless tobacco during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to convert the unorganised smokeless tobacco manufacturing sector into organised sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Apex Court has ordered to ban the sale, purchase and storage of all forms of chewable/smokeless tobacco in the country and if so, the status of implementation by States; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for rehabilitation of the people who are working in the smokeless/chewable tobacco sector?

#### **Faulty Hip Implants**

2908. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:  
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASARAO  
(AVANTHI):  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:  
DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the faulty Hip-implants cases which has led to unbearable suffering to the patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of the company which supplied this faulty hip-implants in India;

(c) the total number of patients affected/suffered by the faulty hip implants, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has constituted an expert group/Committee to investigate the matter in this regard and if so, the details and findings thereof along with the amount of compensations proposed to be given to each patient; and

(e) whether the Government has imposed any penalty on the company who produced faulty hip implants and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Evergreen Loans**

†2909. SHRIMATI TABASSUM  
BEGUM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of loans out of the loans over Rs. 25 crores taken from Public Sector Banks declared as evergreen by the Government since June, 2014 as on date; and

(b) the details thereof?

#### **Bank Branches/ATMs in SAGY Villages**

†2910. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:  
SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open new branches of State Bank of India (SBI) and other Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in the villages selected under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in the country including village Badhara Meer in Maharajganj of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether SBI and other PSBs have conducted any State-wise survey in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which new branches of SBI and other PSBs and ATMs are likely to be opened under the said scheme in the SAGY villages?

#### **Medical Equipment**

2911. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:  
SHRI A.P. JITHENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the reports in media by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) about large scale anomalies in AIIMS with regard to Medical Devices Adverse Event (MDAE) report and if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government maintains a public database of medical devices that have been recalled by companies due to technical problems and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken against those medical device manufacturers;

(c) the details of medical device malfunctioning, or adverse reports, as received by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Company-wise and device-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct an investigation in the matter or constitute a high level committee to ascertain facts and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government intends to take steps to ensure that the medical professional performing or recommending an implant surgery does not have stake in the medical device they are recommending, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has taken any steps to regulate the medical devices market which so far remained unregulated and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Internal Complaints Committees

2912. SHRI MD.  
BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the functioning of Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) and Local Complaints Committees (LCCs) under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act is required to be monitored by designated body;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of implementation of ICCs and LCCs, across the country, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether her Ministry proposes to constitute such a body; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Plantation in the Private Sector

†2913. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received proposals from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for promoting plantation in the State through private sector, if so, the extant status of proposals received; and

(b) whether incentive has been sought by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to boost plantation, if so, the details thereof?

#### Employees of erstwhile DGI&R

2914. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regular officials of the erstwhile O/o. Director General of Investigation and Registration (DGI&R) who are Central Government employees have been suitably absorbed in some other Ministries/Departments/Offices of Government of India, in terms of their qualifications and experience and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such officers and staff members have been included/merged in the regular cadre of the Ministries/Departments/Offices/Organizations in which they have been absorbed and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether adequate and timely promotional avenues have been made for such highly experienced officers and staff members in the cadre absorbed and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the services of casual labourers working in the erstwhile O/o. DGI&R also granted temporary status under Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) scheme of 1993 and regularized in their new organization and if so, the details thereof;

#### Nirbhaya Fund

†2917. SHRI GANESH SINGH:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Nirbhaya Fund for enhancing safety and security of women in the country and if so, the salient features and corpus thereof;

(b) the details of project/proposal received from various Ministries/Departments and States/UTs, recommended and approved along with the funds provided thereunder since its inception;

(c) whether the schemes under Nirbhaya Fund have been implemented successfully in all the States and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the implementation of the said schemes under the fund is being monitored regularly and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(e) whether there is any data to show the amount of funds utilised since 2015 under the Nirbhaya Fund till date; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Solid Waste

2918. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP  
RUDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(e) whether such officers and employees retained their rights of pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits as Central Government employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the approval of DoPT obtained for the said scheme of absorption and if so, the details thereof?

#### Upgradation of Medical Colleges

†2915. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has sent any proposal for upgrading Shri Krishna Medical College Hospital, Muzaffarpur to the level of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented by the Union Government?

#### Free Diagnostic Facilities at AIIMS

†2916. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide free diagnostic facilities to the poor patients who come to AIIMS for treatment, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the time by which the Government is likely to implement the aforesaid scheme?

(a) the details regarding the total estimated solid waste generated, collected, dumped and treated in the country annually, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage the recycling of waste and reduce the amount of waste generated in the last four years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of plastic waste which is generated in the country, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details regarding the States which have banned the usage of single use plastic in the country; and

(e) the various steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of solid waste management policy in the country since 2016?

#### Female Genital Mutilation

2919. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is aware of the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said act is a punishable offence under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 or the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any persons have been convicted for performing illegal FGM in the last 6 years and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether her Ministry is undertaking any efforts to create public awareness about the illegality and ill effects of FGM on young girls and if so, the details thereof?

#### Forest Rights Act

2920. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to his Ministry projects seeking to divert forest lands do not need to comply with Forest Rights Act (FRA) for initial clearance;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has raised concerns thereon and the response of his Ministry;

(c) whether the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 clearance is not required for initial stage of Forest Conservation (FC) approval, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether FC process, according to the Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980, is carried out in two stages – Stage I, the in-principle approval and Stage II, the final approval;

(e) if so, whether later stage requirement for FRA would be a *fait accompli* as by the second stage, project proponents would have progressed and Tribals living therein area would be at great disadvantage and if so, the facts in this regard; and

(f) the measures taken by the Union Government not to violate the spirit of FRA?

#### Indian Ayurveda Industry

2921. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Ayurveda Industry is expected to register substantial growth in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this sector is facing problems like shortage of manpower and shortage of quality raw materials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to address these issues?

#### Illegal Child Care Institutions

2922. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 550 Child Care Institutions/homes for children have been closed recently, if so, the details thereof along with the reason for closure;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of unregistered/illegal Child Care Institutions/homes for children exists across the country, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against the illegal children homes, State/UT-wise particularly in Kerala;

(c) whether the Government has conducted social audits of all the shelter homes for women and children since 2014 and if so, the details thereof from 2014 to 2018 and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to conduct a social audit of all the CCIs in the country, if so, the details thereof?

#### Pollution in Rivers

2923. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any awareness campaigns were conducted on pollution in rivers, dying marine ecosystem and degradation of environment in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken for reducing water pollution of rivers in urban areas?

#### Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

2924. SHRI ABHIJIT MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:



Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to expand the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme for empowerment of rural women;

(b) whether BBBP scheme envisages capacity building and proper training of stakeholders/women to achieve its goal and if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government thereunder;

(c) whether there has been any improvement in the sex ratio after the launch of the BBBP scheme during 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly in Haryana; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Government to ensure the survival and safety of the new born girl child?

#### Percentage of Loan

†2925. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of loan provided to Micro, Small and Medium Industries of the country by Public Sector Banks during October, 2015 to October 2018 was much lower than the total loans disbursed by the bank;

(b) if so, whether 5.9 percent of total bank loan was provided to above mentioned sector in October 2015 which was reduced to 4.5 percent in October, 2018; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard along with the reasons therefor?

#### Deterioration of Forest

2926. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that climate change brings about shift in natural vegetation there by deteriorating the forest and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government had conducted any study in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof along with the action taken to prevent the forest climate change;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that rain - reduction in monsoon and unseasonal rains have disturbed the crop cycle;

(d) if so, the programme implemented by the Government to avoid loss due to the climate change;

(e) whether the Government has conducted study regarding the shrinking of water supply in various parts of the country due to climate change; and

(f) if so, the action taken for water conservation and avoid such loss due to climate change?

#### Establishment of Central Research Institution

2927. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in the establishment of Central Research Institution (CRI) in various States;

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

(c) the States which have provided/offered land to the Union Government free of cost for establishment of CRI in their respective States so far;

(d) the details of the funds provided by the Government for establishment of CRI in such States along with its utilization; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Yoga and Naturopathy across the world?

#### Tax Growth

2928. DR. K. GOPAL:  
SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase in amount of Income Tax received at present as compared to the previous years;

(b) whether the number of taxpayers have increased by 50 percent in assessment year 2018-19, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the gross direct tax growth rate is 16.5 percent and net direct tax growth

rate is 14.5 per cent reflecting that demonetisation hardly helped widening and deepening of tax base, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether as per the new regulation the PAN card applicant is likely to get the card in 4 hours time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Preservation of Wetland

2929. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAOTALA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 with the aim of prohibiting activities in wetlands across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of wetlands identified by the Government, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has also provided financial incentives to States to preserve wetlands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to restore the past wetlands so as to maintain healthy biodiversity?

#### Yoga Schools

†2930. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up yoga universities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Yoga schools proposed to be set up by the Government in Rajasthan;

(d) whether the said schools are proposed to be set up in Tonk and Sawai Madhopur Districts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Interest Free Education Loans

2931. SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:  
SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cancelled the interest free education loan for poor students in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this matter?

#### Paris Agreement on Climate Change

2932. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI  
SRINIVASARAO  
(AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has committed at the Paris Agreement on climate change to cut its emissions intensity of GDP by 33 per cent to 35 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve 40 per cent of its electricity generation capacity from non-fossil sources by the same year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is on track to meet these commitments and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to keep the global temperature rise well below 2 degrees while achieving its sustainable development goals and if so, details thereof?

#### Stoppage of Funds to District Council/Block Committees

†2933. SHRI HARI MANJHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States have benefited from increase in their share in tax revenue;

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

(c) the details of the quantum of revenue provided to Jharkhand and other States in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the funds to be provided to District Council Members/Block Development Committee Members have been discontinued in the report of the Fourteenth Finance Commission and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

#### Health Insurance Cover

2934. DR. KAMBHAMPATI  
HARIBABU:  
DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people covered under medical insurance in the country along with the details of companies providing medical insurance, State/Company-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to increase health insurance cover by removal of disincentives on health insurance like tax rate cuts etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether health insurance policy holder can port his policy to any other insurer without making any change into the premium outgo and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which such medical insurance portability is likely to be implemented?

#### Online Harassment of Women

†2935. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has taken a decision to form a judicial panel to look into the cases

emanating from #MeToo movement, sexual harassment cases, etc. and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such a panel will be formed;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints pertaining to online harassment of women during the last four years, if so, the details thereof along with the number of cases registered and disposed of so far and the action initiated for early redressal of these cases; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the report presented in this regard by the National Commission for Women?

#### Ayurvedic Medical Colleges

†2936. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is paying attention towards the quality of the Ayurvedic Medical colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of colleges where Masters degree is available in Ayurveda in the country; and

(c) the details of the financial contribution likely to be made by the Government for Ayurvedic Medical Colleges in Bihar?

**Deaths due to Animals Attacks**

2937. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of frontline forest staff (rangers) deaths reported since 2014, due to animal attacks, murders at the hands of poachers, timber and sand mafia, and illegal miners, vehicle accidents, drowning and forest fires, category-wise;

(b) the number of forest dispensaries in 769 Protected areas across the country;

(c) the steps taken to ensure better safety of rangers against poachers, fellers, and miners;

(d) the details of compensation paid to the families of rangers who were killed along with the number of rangers across India, number of trainings carried out for rangers since 2014;

(e) whether the Government intend to have an institutional pan-India life or health insurance schemes for frontline forest staff, if so, the steps taken and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of studies, work carried out by committee for welfare of frontline forest staff under his Ministry and the action taken thereon?

**Indian Medical Services Cadre**

2938. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create Indian Medical Services as separate cadre to attract talented and eminent doctors in the Government health sector and if so, the details and present status thereof;

(b) whether the Government has sought comments of the State Governments and other stakeholders in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Shortage of Medical Professionals**

2939. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL: SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge gap in the doctor-patient ratio in the country, if so, the details of corrective measures taken by the Government to address the issue;

(b) the details of necessary measures taken to fill up vacancies of doctors/para medics in Hospitals/PHC/CHC/dispensaries in the country;

(c) whether the Government has a plan of action to improve/support public healthcare system to bring down out-of-pocket private expenditure of the common man;

(d) whether the Government is considering to seek assistance of retired Government/private medical professionals/para medics to meet the above shortage, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds allocated, disbursed and utilized for rural healthcare services during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

**National Forum for Single Women Rights**

2940. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO: DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE: SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL: SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT: SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of single women in the country as per the 2011 census along with the schemes implemented and steps taken by the Government for empowerment of single women in vulnerable circumstances during the last three years, State/UT-wise along with Bundelkhand region;

(b) whether the National Forum for Single Women's Rights (NFSWR) has raised issues concerning single women, widows of all ages as well as unmarried, divorced, separated and abandoned women, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NFSWR has urged the Union as well as State Governments to ensure a monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 for all single women whose incomes are below the taxation limit, if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to enhance the pensionary benefits to single women; and

(e) the details of funds allocated and utilised for increasing the number of women's hostels along with the steps taken to improve the facilities already available?

**Air Pollution Complaints**

2941. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Apex Court has directed the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to prosecute staff for not acting on air pollution complaints, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this order will be implemented across the country and orders given to all regional officers of CPCB, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action initiated by the Government against officers who have violated the orders of the Apex Court; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that all offices of the CPCB become pro-active and help the citizens?

**Losses of Cooperative Banks**

†2942. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cooperative banks especially in the backward areas are running in loss, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of loss incurred by each of the said banks during the last three years till date along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of administrative expenses incurred by these banks during the said period and the action being taken/proposed to be taken to prevent this loss?

#### Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in Forest Areas

†2943. PROF. RAVINDRA  
VISHWANATH  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has instructed all the offices of the Department of Forest in the country to implement Swachh Bharat Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount of funds released under this head during the last three years along with the amount of funds utilised?

#### Naturopathy Day

2944. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government recently celebrated Naturopathy Day and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has finalized a proposal to build naturopathy buildings in some places in the country including Goa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other measures proposed by the Government to promote naturopathy in India?

#### Shortage of Human Resources in Health Sector

2945. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether healthcare service delivery requires intensive human resource inputs, if so, the details of steps taken by the Government;

(b) whether the Central Government has complied data on requirement of human resources, if so, the present total requirement of General Duty Medical Officers Specialists, Paramedics (Allied Health Professionals), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs), Staff Nurses, Public Health Managers and Programme Management staffs etc., if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the present availability of the said staff; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government of India to fill the gaps in human resources?

#### GST Share to Kerala

2946. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any record regarding the amount collected under Goods and Services Tax (GST) from Kerala since its inception and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government has any record regarding the amount granted to Kerala as its share of GST and if so, the details thereof?

#### National Cancer Research Institute

2947. SHRI M. MURALI  
MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to establish National Cancer Research institute at Rajahmundry in view of the increase in cancer related cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Menace of Monkeys and Dogs

†2948. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN  
YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts made to prevent the menace of monkeys and dogs in Delhi have been unsuccessful and their terror is increasing day by day, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether small children in several States have been gnawed at and killed by dogs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to control the above said terror in Delhi?

#### Pension Schemes

†2949. SHRI SHER SINGH  
GHUBAYA:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the types and details of pension schemes being implemented by the Government at present;

(b) whether any new pension scheme has been introduced by the Government

during the last four years and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the National Pension System (NPS) has been simplified and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the percentage of persons covered/ subscribed under pension scheme at present in the country, State/UT-wise?

### Recognition of Medical Colleges

†2950. SHRI SUMEDHANAND  
SARSWATI:  
SHRI NARANBHAI  
KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI CHANDRA  
PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state the details of medical colleges granted recognition since 2014 till date in the country, State/UT-wise?

### Centre of Excellence for Geriatrics

2951. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing any programme to provide dedicated, specialized and comprehensive healthcare to the senior citizens at various levels of State healthcare delivery system, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of new initiatives of the Government proposed to address various health related issues of the elderly people;

(c) the details of districts earmarked/ sanctioned for specialised care and training of geriatric care services as on date and likely to be set up during the current Financial Year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has established National Centres for Ageing (NCA) as centre of excellence for geriatrics, if so, the details thereof?

### Lion Safaris

2952. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lion safaris conducted in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of protected areas for lion habitat, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any data on the number of humans killed by lions during each of the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any criteria for providing compensation to the kins of the victims killed by lions, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to launch Lion Project on the lines of Tiger project and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount allocated/sanctioned and utilized for conservation of lions during each of the last three years and the current year?

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2953. SHRI SHIVKUMAR  
UDASI:  
SHRI ADHIR RANJAN  
CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the 24th meeting of Conference of Parties (COP-24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held at Katowice in Poland;

(b) whether the Government has set targets to get 40 per cent of its installed power capacity from non-fossil fuels by 2030, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the commitment in this regard by Government is likely to hamper the development needs and if so, the details thereof?

### National Pension System

2954. SHRI L.R. SHIVARAME  
GOWDA:

SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI VIRENDER  
KASHYAP:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to reconsider the Old Pension Scheme on optional basis for Central Government Employees on heavy demand of employee associations across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representation from various State Governments and employees' associations in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the other major changes demanded by the employee associations and the reaction of the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has decided to raise the Government contribution in National Pension System (NPS) to 14 per cent from existing 10 per cent and if so, the details thereof along with the increased financial liabilities of the Government thereon;

(d) the details of cases of family pension sanctioned so far to the families of deceased Central Government employees and the payment of compensation made for non-deposit or delayed deposit of contributions under the NPS;

(e) whether the Government has decided to stop pension scheme to all the Government employees including Government/Public Undertakings organization, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the amount/percentage of the budget consumed every year to pay pensions to employees serving in Government jobs in the country?

#### Gender Gap in Immunisation

2955. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:  
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether full immunization coverage in India has not succeeded in closing the gender gap, as only 78 females were fully immunized for every 100 males in poorer areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for complete immunization without any gender discrimination; and

(c) the number of deaths of children under the age of five due to diarrhea and pneumonia from the year 2014 to 2018, year-wise/State-wise?

#### Implementation of PMMY by Private Banks

2956. SHRI VIRENDER  
KASHYAP:  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the youths have been benefitted from the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) in the country including Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof, State/UT/class-wise;

(b) whether the Government is receiving complaints about the denial of loan facilities or not disbursing the loans timely by the banks and if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the private banks have not taken keen interest in implementation of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against such banks?

#### GST on Services Offered by Banks

†2957. SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banks had received preliminary notices from the tax department seeking to levy GST on free services offered by banks such as issuing cheque books, additional credit cards, ATM usage and refund of fuel surcharge, if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon;

(b) whether the Government propose to tax free banking services, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the GST would be applicable to not just customers with a minimum balance requirement but to everyone other than those with Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) accounts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this move is likely to prove a setback to the digitalization move of the Government; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

#### Sexual Abuse against Children

2958. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the number of cases of child sexual abuse during the period from 2014 to 2016, if so, the total number of cases registered or reported during the said period;

(b) whether the cases of sexual abuse/violence against children have increased in the country in recent years despite stringent laws and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases pending along with the number of cases disposed off;

(d) whether there is a shortage of resources to dispose of such cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made to address the shortage of resources and protection of children from sexual abuse/violence in the country?

#### Bank Scams and Frauds

†2959. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI LAXMAN  
GILUWA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of bank scams and frauds are on the rise in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any investigation into the role of the bank employees/officers responsible for scams/fraud cases in banks and held them accountable, if so, the details thereof during the last three years, post and bank-wise;

(c) the details of action taken against the employees/officers identified by the Government involved in bank frauds and the outcome thereon; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### Farm Loan Waiver Scheme

2960. SHRI R.P.  
MARUTHARAJAA:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA  
KUMAR:  
SHRIMATI NEELAM  
SONKER:  
DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the agriculture loan given to the farmers and the amount of loan outstanding against the farmers for the last five years, State/year/bank-wise;

(b) the number of farmers who have committed suicides during the last three years and the current year, year/State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has extended loan waiver to farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the amount of loan waiver and the number of farmers benefited therein in the country, State-wise;

(d) the names of States in the country which have announced loan waiver for farmers and whether farmer loans have been completely waived off in those States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the State Governments or the Union Government have paid for farmers loan to the banks after waiver off the same and if so, the details thereof along with the role of banks in farm loan waiver for the farmers; and

(f) whether any mechanism has been developed to materialize the said farm loan waiver declarations besides monitoring of the same and if so, the details thereof?

#### NHM and NRHM

2961. DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR  
GAVIT:  
SHRI LALLU SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:  
SHRI AJAY NISHAD:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI ABHIJIT  
MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details along with salient features and objectives of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)/National Health Mission (NHM);

(b) whether the Government has achieved the objectives and targets under NRHM, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of progress in providing public health infrastructure after launching the NRHM/NHM and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any complaints about the implementation of NRHM/NHM in various parts of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government to check fraudulent activities in the procurement and distribution of drugs under NRHM/NHM by State/UT agencies; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for making available better health services in the Government hospitals of rural areas?

#### Anti-venom Injection

- †2962. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRIMATI SAVITRI  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy/scheme for providing anti-snake venom injections/vaccines in primary health centres and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of deaths reported from across the country due to unavailability of anti-snake venom and anti-rabies injection during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the said situation?

#### Stunting due to Malnutrition

2963. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:  
SHRIMATI MAUSAM  
NOOR:  
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest rate of child malnutrition in the world according to a UNICEF report and if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the Global Nutrition Report, 2018 and the fact that India accounts for the largest number of wasted/stunted children with low weight and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such widespread stunting in India according to UNICEF;

(c) whether the Government proposes a targeted plan to reduce the number of stunted children and effectively intervene to address the situation with a long term perspective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Smuggling in India Report

2964. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has released Smuggling in India Report 2017-18 recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per the report the gold seizure has increased to 103 per cent during the year 2017-18 and if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) the total quantum/amount of gold seized by the custom department during the said period;

(d) the number of persons arrested along with the action taken/being taken by the Government against them; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the smuggling of gold, foreign currency and other items?

**MoUs in Health Sector**

2965. SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has entered into agreements with other countries seeking cooperation in the treatment of diseases like AIDS, Cancer and Hepatitis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs)/Agreements signed by the Government, country-wise;

(c) the monetary and medical aid extended through these MoUs during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(d) the extent to which the aforesaid international cooperation is likely to address the challenges faced by the country in handling life-threatening diseases; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to get the benefits of the latest research/treatment undertaken in the world for life-threatening diseases and extend the same to patients?

**Thyroid Dysfunction**

†2966. SHRI ARJUN LAL  
MEENA:

SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of thyroid dysfunction cases have been risen sharply in the country particularly in Delhi during the last three years;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has made any scheme to prevent thyroid disorder; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Herbal Garden**

2967. SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:  
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop herbal gardens with prominent medicinal plants in the country including Delhi/NCR, West Bengal in collaboration with any MNCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

**Communicable Diseases**

2969. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:  
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR  
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of communicable diseases prevalent in the country;

(b) the initiatives taken by the Government to address communicable diseases along with the deaths reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether some States are reluctant to take necessary precautionary measures and if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(d) the details of funds allocated and utilized for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps being taken to spread awareness to check the said diseases in the country?

**World AIDS Day**

2970. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:  
SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government observed World AIDS Day recently;

(d) the details about the current status of such proposals and list of herbal gardens in the country;

(e) whether in order to promote herbal farming the Government is providing any incentives to the farmers; and

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

**GST Cess for Rehabilitation**

2968. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought a Cess on Goods and Services Tax (GST) to meet the flood situation in the State;

(b) if so, whether the GST Council has approved the request and if so, the estimated amount likely to be generated through the Cess;

(c) if not, the current status of the request and the reasons for delay in this regard;

(d) whether the GST Council has decided to set up a seven member Committee to suggest a plan for imposition of additional tax for financing rehabilitation after natural calamities and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there were many views that came from the States to decide on GST Cess and if so, the details thereof?



(b) if so, the details thereof along with the theme of the event and initiatives taken by the Government to make the event successful;

(c) the number of events organized and amount incurred for this purpose;

(d) the major challenges identified, the activities undertaken and the achievements made so far under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), indicating the funds earmarked, allocated and utilised for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government for prevention, control and affordable treatment of HIV/AIDS in the country?

#### **Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls**

2971. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the aims, objectives and salient features of Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and achievements made so far thereunder;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the budgetary allocation along with the funds allocated/released and utilized under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is finding it difficult to extend the reach of the scheme to more districts, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has taken note that 56.2 percent of adolescent girls are anaemic and suffer from other general health issues due to lack of education and social backwardness; and

(f) if so, the measures taken by the Government to spread awareness about female adolescent health in schools and communities under the said scheme?

#### **NPAs of PSBs**

2972. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) continue to pose huge losses with provisions rising and income falling in the wake of restrictions on lending and stressed assets recognition;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of all the PSBs having liabilities;

(c) whether the Government's efforts of reducing Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and PSBs have not shown any positive results and the losses of PSBs are increasing; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the further strategies of the Government in this regard?

#### **Smog and Severe Pollution**

2973. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER  
KAUSHIK:  
DR. BHARATIBEN D.  
SHYAL:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the extremely critical situation faced by Delhi and many other North Indian States, in terms of smog and severe pollution which affects them after the festival of Diwali;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to bring down the air pollution in Delhi and North Indian States and to give relief to vulnerable sections?

#### **PAN Card Information**

†2974. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:  
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing PAN card at the earliest;

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

(c) whether a large number of PAN card information has been stolen and misused and crores of rupees are also reported stolen from these stolen PAN card holders' bank accounts, if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Crypto Currencies**

2975. SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:  
KUNWAR  
BHARATENDRA:  
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the stance of the Government on the legality of trading in crypto currencies;

(b) the details of the composition of the panel established to draft regulations to govern crypto currencies and the recommendations made by the panel and the timeline for the expected release of the regulations;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any awareness campaigns to warn the general public of the speculative risks of such crypto currencies and taken measures against its misuse for money laundering and terrorist funding, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has been keeping a track of the value of crypto currencies traded by Indian Nationals with the Indian territory, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to introduce its own form of crypto currency in place of Bitcoins and proposes to bring any license and authorization to any entity or company to operate such schemes or deal with Bitcoins or any virtual currency and if so, the details thereof?

**Severe Acute Malnutrition**

2976. SHRI B.V. NAIK:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has prepared any guidelines to tackle Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) in children and if so, the details thereof along with the total number of children in the country suffering from SAM, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) has laid down any dietary standards for children suffering from SAM and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines prepared by the Ministry in 2018 on SAM meets the dietary standards set by WHO and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has given clearance to the State Governments for providing Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to children suffering from SAM; and

(e) whether the Government has raised concerns regarding the use of RUTF in the management of SAM children due to which the nutrition policy of Government stands to be changed and if so, the details thereof?

**Sukanya Samruddhi Yojana**

2977. SHRI B.Y.  
RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI ABHIJIT  
MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Sukanya Samruddhi Yojana along with the annual Budgetary allocation for the same;

(b) the targets fixed/achieved under the said scheme since its inception including funds allocated, utilized thereunder, State/UT-wise particularly in West Bengal and Karnataka;

(c) the number of beneficiaries covered under the said scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise particularly in West Bengal and Shimoga district of Karnataka;

(d) whether the introduction of said scheme has helped in preventing child marriages or protected female infanticide; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Action on Shell Companies**

2978. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:  
SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:  
SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN  
R.K.:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sent show cause notices to several thousands of shell companies in the aftermath of demonetisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status as well as the action taken by the Government in this regard and the stand of the Government on this?

**Baby Powder Lawsuit**

2979. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of an order passed by a US Court against Johnson and Johnson on the basis of reports that the use of company's talcum baby powder had caused cancer in women; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto in the context of India?

**Orphanages**

2980. SHRI KANWAR SINGH  
TANWAR:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:  
SHRI RAM TAHAL  
CHOUHDARY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to identify orphans in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) the total number of orphanages functioning in the country along with children living therein during the last three years, State/UT-wise particularly in Jharkhand;

(c) whether the Government proposes any new schemes for education and development of children living in these orphanages and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount of funds allocated/released and utilised to run such orphanages during the last three years;

(e) whether any suggestions have been received from the Government of Jharkhand regarding functioning of orphanages and the welfare of orphans living in them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by the Government on these suggestions?

**Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

†2981. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provides funds for various Centrally Sponsored Schemes to States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the funds sought by the Government of Chhattisgarh have been sanctioned and released by the Union Government for various proposed schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the allocation made and the utilization thereof by the Government of Chhattisgarh during the financial year 2017-18?

**Umbilical Cord Blood Banks**

2982. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines regarding stem cell banking in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of approved umbilical cord blood banks, State/UT-wise and location-wise along with the number of people who availed the facility during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding any such umbilical cord blood banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

### Forest Fire

2983. KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released a report Strengthening Forest Fire Management in India recently, if so, the recommendations and highlights of the report;

(b) whether the Government has prepared a national plan to prevent and control forest fires, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to incentivize communities and forest departments and launch mass social movement to control forest fires, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is implementing Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme and if so, the Funds allocated under the above Scheme and the reasons for not releasing 45-65 per cent of

the funds allocated during the last two years; and

(e) the proactive and aggressive strategy being adopted to reduce incidence of forest fires in the country?

### Status of Nutrition in India

2984. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU  
JADHAV:  
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of child deaths due to malnutrition in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the corrective steps/measures taken by the Government to prevent such deaths;

(c) whether any comprehensive nationwide survey/study of child malnutrition was done in the last five years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has decided to release a report on the status of nutrition in the country under the supervision of National Nutrition Mission and if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government has made any efforts to increase the coverage of anganwadis to tackle child malnutrition, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to ensure universalization of ICDS in a time bound manner to tackle child malnutrition and if so, the details thereof?

### All India Institute of Ayurveda at Tirupati

2985. SHRI KONAKALLA  
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)

आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up All India Institute of Ayurveda at Tirupati;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this institution is likely to be set up and the funds allocated for the purpose?

### Wilful Defaulting Farmers

2986. SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the wide spread agitation of farmers in different States the Union Government has come out with cheaper loans to farmers from Rs. 15000 crore to Rs. 20,339 crore and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the banks have opposed this move of cheaper loans to farmers due to their increasing Non-Performing Assets (NPAs);

(c) if so, the main points put forward by the banks in this regard;

(d) whether many farmers in the country are wilful defaulters who are in a position to repay the loans and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any scheme to identify such farmers to save the banks from increasing NPAs and to pass the benefit to the needy farmers and if so, the details thereof?

### National Minimum Guidelines

2987. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued National Minimum Guidelines for setting up and running Creches under Maternity Benefit Act, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Elephant Menace

2988. SHRI R. DHRUVA  
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought central funds for setting up of rail fence around forest to check elephant menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has considered the proposal of the State Government of Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total grants released?

**Detection and Impounding of Counterfeit Notes**

2989. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has penalised the State Bank of India (SBI) Rs. 40 lakhs for not complying with its directions on detection and impounding of counterfeit notes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such action on a Central Bank is the result of finding deficiencies on SBI's part in regulatory compliance with counterfeit note norms, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some other PSBs, besides SBI, have also been found deficient in the matter; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise?

**Implementation of Clinical Establishment Act**

2990. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status about implementation of the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above said Act has not been enforced by many States/UTs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of the provisions of the Act in all States in public interest?

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*Secretary General*

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