

# LOK SABHA

## List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

(आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा; यूनानी, सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष); पृथ्वी विज्ञान; पर्यावरण वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन; स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण; सूचना और प्रसारण; विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी; वस्त्र; महिला और बाल विकास मंत्रालय)

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### Effect of Corona on Children

†921. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRI DEVJIM. PATEL:

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 number of patients being infected with Corona is creating new records everyday;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been found through scientific research that Corona intrusion have less impact on children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### COVID-19 Vaccine by ICMR

922. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:  
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 issued orders to the officials of ICMR for developing vaccine;

(b) if so, the details and status of the research programmes announced on 15th August, 2020 to find remedial medicine to check COVID-19;

(c) the expected date of the availability of such medicine to common man in the country;

(d) the details of Government institutions and private agencies approved by ICMR that are undertaking such researches and clinical trials for the purpose in the country; and

(e) whether the Government has ensured financial assistance to such projects and if so, the details thereof?

### Impact of COVID-19

923. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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 impact of the Covid-19 infection on India in comparison with other major countries, like USA, Russia, EU and Brazil;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment of World Health Organization has been received by the Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of assessment made by the Government regarding the end of Covid-19 pandemic?

### Forest Reserves in Bharatpur

924. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total reserve forest area in Bharatpur district in Rajasthan;

(b) the amount released for Forest Reserves during the last three years; and

(c) the work done during the last three years in the Bharatpur Forest Reserve?

### Corona Cases in Tamil Nadu

925. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
DR.KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to manage/control the pandemic within the country along with the health infrastructure and health facilities set up for COVID-19 management in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the cases are increasing in the country especially in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the medical facilities including poor hospital facilities available in the country to treat Corona patients; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken to improve the health infrastructure and facilities for COVID management in Tamil Nadu along with controlling the spread of Corona and development of vaccine for Corona across the country?

#### **Review Meeting for Corona**

926. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the review meetings held with the Chief Ministers of the States to take stock of the COVID-19 situation in the country;

(b) the views exchanged by the Chief Ministers to combat the corona virus in the country; and

(c) whether the Government is planning to provide more funds to the States/UTs as suggested by the Chief Ministers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

#### **Hospital in Jharkhand**

927. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of a 300-bed hospital at Mahagama in Godda district of Jharkhand is yet to be completed;

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

(c) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed and the hospital likely to be made functional?

#### **Flood due to Deforestation**

928. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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 one of the causes of floods in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is large scale deforestation in the Himalayas along the International land border with Nepal if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the massive deforestation in Nepal and its impact on

livelihoods and climatic conditions in the States of Uttar Pradesh & Bihar, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with Government of Nepal; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith the details of the technical assistance being provided to Nepal for afforestation and preventing damage due to floods?

#### **Tribal People Affected by COVID-19**

929. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:  
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people affected, recovered and died due to COVID-19, particularly in tribal dominated regions, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide additional medical relief to regions having limited medical infrastructure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by the Government to protect the tribal people in these regions?

#### **COVID-19 Biorepositories in India**

930. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established the largest network of five dedicated COVID-19 Biorepositories in India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has successfully completed pan-India 1000 Genome sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the sequence data has been released in Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID) for use by researchers across the Globe;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details and status of development of Corona virus vaccine along with its distribution and immunization plan; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Development of COVID Vaccine**

931. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:  
SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
DR.PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:  
ADV.ADOOR PRAKASH:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BAHERIA:  
SHRI MALOOK NAGAR

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons affected due to COVID-19 pandemic till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of deaths/recoveries reported as on date;

(c) the details of Government institutes and private companies which are conducting research on development of COVID-19 vaccines along with the funds allocated/expenditure incurred by the Government in this regard;

(d) the status of each vaccine along with the time by which the vaccine is likely to be developed and made available for public and the authority which is likely to determine the price of the vaccine;

(e) whether the Government is taking steps to collaborate with international organizations or other countries in the development of vaccine, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to establish dedicated research centres for research and development of antidote to epidemic causing pathogens, if so, the details thereof along with other steps taken to curb the increasing proliferation of Corona virus?

#### Ayurveda in Kerala

932. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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 it is a fact that Kerala is the world capital of Ayurveda, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for development of India's own system of alternative medicine originating from Kerala;

(c) whether the Government is considering any projects for promotion/growth of Homoeopathy in Kerala where it is widely practiced and accepted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Samarth Scheme

933. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons skilled by imparting training after the launch of 'Samarth Scheme', State/UT-wise;

(b) the data for Kalahandi and Nuapada districts in Odisha in this regard; and

(c) the details and quantum of budget allocated and utilised under this scheme?

#### Status of Tigers in India Report

934. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether camera trapping methodology has been used to estimate tiger population in the 'Status of Tigers in India' report, 2018;

(b) if so, the number of cameras used along with the cost and technical specifications;

(c) whether covariate based models have been used to estimate the tigers that have not been captured by camera trapping method and if so, the details of the statistical methodology used in the model;

(d) whether the said model has been peer reviewed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the 'Status of Tigers in India' report, 2018, enumerated under-aged cubs also and whether there was shift in methodology compared to the previous census; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

#### Export of PPE Suits

935. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5 million PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) suits were produced in a month and the textile industry has been seeking permission to export these surplus PPE suits and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is formulating any proposal to grant permission to export the surplus PPE suits, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether production capacity of PPEs required by medical personnel treating COVID-19 cases in the country has been ramped up, if so, the details thereof and the cumulative production of PPE units till date;

(d) whether Bengaluru has been leading the way in PPE Coveralls production and if so, the other places in the country where PPE Coveralls are being manufactured and exported;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to streamline supply chain, remove bottlenecks and maintain a steady supply of PPEs in the country;

(f) the details of Laboratories approved for testing of PPE Coveralls required for protection from COVID; and

(g) whether the detailed procedure for issue of Unique Certification Code for each passed prototype sample of the PPE Coveralls has been issued by the Government, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

#### **Gender Based Violence**

936. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the high incidence of rape and physical violence against women between the age group of 15-49 years;

(b) whether gender based violence is one of the most common human right violations and is mostly unreported and unrecognised due to the social stigma surrounding it, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive measures taken/being taken to mobilise support and spread awareness against gender based violence?

#### **Snake Charmers**

937. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

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 catching of snakes owning them or exploiting them for commercial purposes by snake charmers is a crime under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of an incident involving the death of girl by a snake bite in Kerala recently, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed by the Government to do away the illegal practice of owning, breeding and sale of snakes by unauthorised persons?

#### **Preventive Medicine to Covid-19**

938. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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 initiated any study to assess the impact of the preventive medicines given by various medicinal streams under AYUSH against the COVID-19 pandemic?

(b) if not, whether the Government is considering to formulate any such study; and

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any steps for the promotion of AYUSH medicines against COVID-19 disease?

#### **Incidence of Child Sexual Abuse**

939. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of child sexual abuse have increased during the past decade;

(b) if so, the facts thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with this menace;

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the POCSO Act, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to undertake measures to fastrack research/action in such incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the assistance provided to the victims of such serious crimes?

#### **Assessment of Covid Prevention**

940. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the first information, first update from World Health Organization received by the Government about COVID-19 and the SARS COV-2 virus;

(b) the first Indian case of COVID-19 reported along with the steps taken by the Government to prevent the spread and proliferation of COVID-19 between the period when the first case was reported and the National lockdown was put in place;

(c) the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths reported in India on 23rd March 2020 when the National lockdown was imposed and the total number of cases and deaths as of 1st September 2020;

(d) whether the Government consulted the States/UTs in advance before imposition of National Lockdown on 23rd March 2020, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the National Lockdown has been a total failure in containing the spread and the proliferation of the disease, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial Assistance for Medical Treatment**

941. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria and process fixed for providing financial assistance from Government discretionary funds i.e, the National Health Fund and Cancer Patient Funds to poor patients to enable them to meet medical expenses;

(b) the details of financial assistance provided to the patients and the number of patients benefitted from the said funds separately during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any complaints have been received regarding delay in action on applications seeking assistance under the said funds and death of patients due to such delay;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to expedite the processing of applications and action taken thereon to avoid inordinate delay?

#### **Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana**

942. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana alongwith the details of its objectives and eligibility criteria;

(b) the total number of people benefitted under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of efforts being made by the Government to provide coverage to maximum number of people under the Yojana?

#### **Market Linked Focus Products Scheme**

943. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has extended the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme for another year;

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

(c) the details of other measures taken by the Government to help the textile sector which is reeling under recession during the last few years; and

(d) the details of textile products exported to US and European countries during the last three years, year and product-wise?

#### **STI Policy**

944. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is in the process of revisiting the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard along with the funds sanctioned/spent and encouragement being given to students during the last five years and results achieved therefrom including for the Covid-19 situation?

#### **Amendments in EIA**

945. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed amendments in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the objectives of the amendments;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the concerns over the environmental protection by amending EIA; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed/studied the conflict between environmental sensitivities and the well-being of the industrial sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the industrial tragedies reported in India since 1972 alongwith the casualties/losses incurred?

#### **Primary Health Centres (PHCs)**

946. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Primary Health Centres in all villages especially in the backward villages in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise number of such villages where there is no primary health centre as on date including Rajasthan; and

(c) the State-wise amount of funds allocated by the Union Government to open new primary health centres during each of the last three years and current year as on date?

### Garbage Burning

947. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of incidence of garbage burning across several villages in the country owing to lack of alternate ways to dispose off garbage;

(b) whether the Government is considering to stop the practice of garbage burning in the country to curb the release of toxic gases, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is strictly implementing the ban on single use plastic in the country; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government on such companies which have been manufacturing items using single use plastic?

### Media Trials

948. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has the power under requisite provisions to forbid the media channels from holding "media trials" of sub-judice matters, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the sub-optimal state of reporting by the media channels within the country, and if so, the steps taken to improve it; and

(c) the instances of blocking of any news channel during the last ten years over broadcasting matters not in accordance with guidelines alongwith the names and duration of any such blocking?

### Acute Respiratory Infection

949. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted that the number of deaths due to Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) in West Bengal during the year 2014 to 2019 was more in comparison to the other States/UTs; and

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

### National Digital Health Mission (NDHM)

950. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

SHRI PINAKI MISRA:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) and Health Data Management Policy (HDMP), if so, the details thereof along with the manner and time by which it will be implemented;

(b) whether the Government has prepared an open-source interface like UPI for the National Health ID proposed under the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM), and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the concerns raised with regard to data privacy of the individuals, if so, the details thereof and necessary steps taken in this regard;

(d) the details of the competent authorities who will be able to gain access to personal medical data under the NDHM and the criteria for gaining such access;

(e) whether the creation of digital Health IDs will be voluntary and if so, whether it will be implemented through an opt-in or an opt-out model, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government would consider delaying the implementation of NDHM and Health Data Management Policy (HDMP) until such a time as a national data protection law has been enacted, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

### ICU Beds and Ventilators

951. DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ICU bed and ventilators available and operational in different Government run hospitals, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken steps to augment the number of ventilators in the Government hospitals in view of surging cases of Corona virus in India;

(c) if so, the quantum of fund released/assistance provided to States/UTs for the purpose and criteria adopted for disbursement of such assistance;

(d) the number of ventilators that are being manufactured, agencies assigned to manufacture these ventilators and the States likely to be benefitted most;

(e) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure quality of ventilators produced and if so, the details of the criteria fixed for this purpose; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government for developing a vaccine for COVID-19, prevent exploitation of COVID-19 patients in private hospitals in view of exponential rise in the cases?

#### **Preparation against COVID-19 Pandemic**

952. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry was well prepared against the pandemic COVID-19, if so, the important steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has set up several new hospitals/medical institutions for tackling the COVID-19, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of PPE kits purchased and distributed for medical staff by the Ministry so far in this regard;

(d) the details of Corona testing labs, State/UT-wise;

(e) the details of Government/Private Hospitals providing treatment to the Corona patients, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard during the COVID-19 pandemic in the country?

#### **Mutation in Spike Protein of SARS-CoV2**

953. SHRI BALAK NATH:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the future of the COVID-19 vaccine is uncertain because of the mutation in spike protein of SARS-CoV2, which hinders the development of COVID-19 vaccine;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the present status of research of COVID-19 vaccine in India; and

(d) the timeline by which it is likely to be available in the market as per World Health Organisation estimates?

#### **Promotion of Herbal Medicine**

954. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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 adequate steps have been taken by Government to promote/publicise herbal medicine among the people through newspapers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the various States and regions identified by the Government to promote herbal medicinal plantations and allocation of funds for the purpose during the last two years; and

(c) the further steps taken by the Government to promote herbal medicines in the country?

#### **EPR for Plastic Waste**

955. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any notification or guidelines on uniform framework for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for plastic waste management.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of the Urban Local Bodies or Local Self Governing Institutions in this regard?

#### **Safety Provisions for ASHA Workers**

956. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of additional safety provisions extended to the ASHA workers during their redeployment to Covid centric activities;

(b) whether the payments and bonuses for these workers have been made on time in all the regions of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has considered increasing the monetary benefits of the ASHA workers, in light of the increased workload and risk to life due to the COVID-19 pandemic; if so, the details thereof?

### Ayushman Health Cards

957. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:  
SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:  
SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:  
SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:  
SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has distributed Ayushman Health Cards/e-Cards to all BPL/eligible families, if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise, particularly in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of eligible beneficiaries have been left out of the coverage of the scheme in many States/UTs including Puducherry, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which all the eligible beneficiaries are likely to be covered under the Scheme;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that genuine beneficiaries get benefits of the Yojana;

(e) the number of beneficiaries who have availed benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, State/UT-wise and the criteria fixed for inclusion of new beneficiaries under the Scheme; and

(f) the number of Private and Government hospitals engaged under the Yojana in Haryana and Delhi ?

### Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic on Textile Sector

958. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:  
SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile sector and persons engaged in this sector have been badly affected by COVID-19 pandemic, if so, whether the Government has made any assessment with regard to the losses incurred by this sector and the weavers alongwith the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has proposed/planning to propose any economic package for the revival of textile industries in the country, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be announced alongwith the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost Indian textile sector;

(c) whether the Government has announced a revival package or scheme under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Programme' for the weavers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether large number of textile manufacturing units - handloom and powerloom have fallen into debt trap, falling exports, cancellation of pre-booked orders, interest burden from banks/lenders, piling stock, etc. are on the verge of closure and are resorting to retrenchment due to COVID-19 lockdown in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, particularly Karnataka; and

(e) whether the Government has proposed/unveiled any assistance/SoPs/stimulus package to assist the sick/closed textile mills in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Global Tiger Day

959. SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has observed Global Tiger Day and if so, the details thereof including the programmes organized in this regard;

(b) the area covered and the different types of equipment used for Fourth Cycle of All India Tiger Estimation along with the number of tigers spotted as per Fourth Cycle Estimation;

(c) the details of programmes being implemented by the Government for the conservation of tigers in the country;

(d) the problems being faced by the Government in conservation of tigers and the steps taken to overcome this problem; and

(e) the further efforts made by the Government to enhance the funds for tiger conservation project in various States?

### Specialists Manhandled during the Pandemic

960. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of specialists from Delhi being bothered/manhandled on account of COVID-19 related issues during pandemic;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the problems faced by doctors;

(c) the number of PPE units and N95 masks procured by Government and the expenditure incurred for the same;



(d) the quality of covers and PPE packs disbursed by Government run and State run clinics and isolate focuses;

(e) the number of wellbeing experts who contracted COVID-19, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether Government constituted an enquiry to determine the reasons and slips by in the method, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Procurement of Medical Equipments for Corona**

961. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had planned to procure adequate number of PPE kits, sanitation equipment and material to prevent contamination and safeguard the doctors, health workers and para-medical staff and others including police personnel deputed on the task of combating Covid-19 in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been an acute shortage of such preventive equipment, all along leading to large scale spread of disease among these health personnel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to tackle the situation especially when cases are being reported in large number throughout the country?

#### **Undertesting of Corona Cases in Telangana**

962. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received report regarding undertesting of Corona cases in the State of Telangana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued directives to States/UTs to increase the tests and considered penal action against the erring State Governments, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the average number of test conducted in the State of Telangana in comparison with National average; and

(e) the funds granted to the State of Telangana to control the Corona virus and its related activities, item-wise?

#### **Funds Allocation to Unani Universities**

963. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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 the funds allocated for imparting education of Unani medicine during the last five years;

(b) the details of Unani medical College/Universities/Institutes/Hospitals across the country;

(c) the total number of Unani Hospitals in the country, State/UT-wise alongwith North-East Region including Assam;

(d) whether the Government is considering to establish a Unani Hospital in the Barpeta district of Assam, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of existing as well as upcoming Unani Medical Universities and the details of such Universities where Unani medicine is taught across the country?

#### **Forest Land**

964. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the area-wise total lands reserved for forest land across the country State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

(b) whether any assessment has been done by the Government for the unauthorised occupancy of the said land for several years, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Union Government to remove the unauthorised occupation and whether the States have been directed to take any action in this regard?

#### **Illegal Clinical Trials**

965. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM  
JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of illegal clinical trials that came to light during last five years and the action taken by the Government thereon, case-wise;

(b) the number of clinical trial deaths reported during the said period along with the amount of compensation paid and pending, case-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to put in place a proper regulatory mechanism to ensure time-bound and

commensurate compensation to the persons volunteering for clinical trials or the families of persons who die during such trials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### COVID-19 Cases

966. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:  
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:  
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:  
PROF.SAUGATA RAY:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
MS.RAMYA HARIDAS:  
SHRI D.K.SURESH:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI B.B.PATIL:  
SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:  
SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY  
NALAMADA:  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of COVID-19 cases including active cases, deaths and recoveries reported, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the cases of COVID-19 are increasing rapidly, if so, the details thereof indicating States/UTs that have been most affected;

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to fight this pandemic along with the medical, financial and other assistance being provided by the Government to these States/UTs;

(d) whether Government is aware of the different types of tests being conducted for COVID-19 and the number of tests conducted and the age group most affected, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(e) the number of hospital beds, ICU beds and ventilators available and in use, the drugs/medicines being used for the treatment of the virus and the average cost and hospitalization costs borne by such patients, State/UT-wise;

(f) the extent to which lockdown has been helpful in fighting the disease; and

(g) the other steps taken by the Government including awareness programme and devising future strategy in consultation with the State/UTs to restrict the spread of COVID-19?

#### Modern Facilities in Hospitals

967. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:  
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government hospitals so far in the country where ICU facilities are available;

(b) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to set up new hospitals and provide modern health facilities in existing hospitals including arrangement of ICU in the country to deal with the situation arising from Covid-19 pandemic;

(c) whether the Government is providing any financial assistance to hospitals or patients for treatment of novel Corona virus and if so, the details of the criteria fixed in this regard;

(d) whether the Government is considering to increase health budget in the next financial year; and

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

#### Research work on AYUSH Drugs and Treatment

968. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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 Government has issued any advisory which virtually bars the Non-AYUSH Researchers/ Scientists from publishing their work on AYUSH drugs and treatment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this advisory has been issued under the presumption that such a step may hurt the "Made in India" to promote scientific research in Ayurveda, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note that such a step would deter the Inter-Disciplinary researchers from carrying out evidence-based research which could be beneficial for AYUSH; and

(e) whether it is a fact that through this step, Government is virtually trying to curb academic freedom of the researchers/scientists therein and if so the details thereof?

#### Setting up of Textile Processing Units

969. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:  
SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton is grown/produced on a large scale in various districts of Maharashtra and Nagaur district of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the production of cloth in districts of Maharashtra depends upon the textile processing industries of other States;

(c) if so, whether the Government has set up proposes to set up textile processing industries/units in these districts, especially in Osmanabad and Parbhani districts of Maharashtra as well as in Nagaur district of Rajasthan and if so, the time by which the same is likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to enable farmers of Maharashtra to produce clothe in their own districts; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to set up a branch of Cotton Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) in Nagaur district of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Depletion of Bio-diversity

970. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken to prevent depletion of bio-diversity due to large scale exploitation of Himalayan forests in the country;

(b) the legal provisions being recommended to prevent the problems like drying of rivers, depleting groundwater sources, melting of glaciers, excavation of mountains and pollution related to solid and hazardous waste; and

(c) the benefits derived by ensuring greater democratic public participation in environmental reforms/measures that have been undertaken so far?

#### Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy

971. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

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 approved the establishment of Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy under the AYUSH;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is fact that this Commission will be the agency for the uniform development of standards for AYUSH drugs and formulations to prevent duplication of drug standardization work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Conservation and Authentication of Forest

972. 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) whether any efforts are being made by the Government for the conservation and authentication of the forests through various committees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on authentication of the forests through various institutions along with other private agencies and committees during the last three years, State-wise including Bundelkhand?

#### Most Polluted Cities

973. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the most polluted cities across the country, State-wise;

(b) the current levels of pollution in each of these cities, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check increasing levels of pollution in various cities during the last three years and till date?

#### Beds/Ventilators for COVID-19 Patients

974. SHRI DEEPAK BAU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of shortage of beds and ventilators for COVID-19 patients in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and central hospitals after 24 March, 2020 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to insufficient beds and ventilators in hospitals, increase in deaths of patients have been registered;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of availability of beds and ventilators for Covid patients in Government hospitals; and

(f) the quantum of increase of the beds and ventilators from March 2020 onwards?

#### **Financial Assistance to States for Pandemic**

975. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has extended financial assistance to the State Governments for taking safety measures and control the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to States/UTs including the State of Chhattisgarh;

(c) the names of the schemes through which the funds are being provided to the State Governments by his Ministry;

(d) whether State Governments have also been provided support through National Health Mission (NHM); and

(e) if so, the district-wise details thereof including Bilaspur, Mungeli and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi districts of the State of Chhattisgarh?

#### **Anganwadi Kendras**

976. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Kendras sanctioned across the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of most backward districts in the country where Anganwadi Kendras have not been sanctioned as yet; and

(c) the details of the proposals, if any, of the Government to sanction Anganwadi Kendras in the said backward districts?

#### **Registration of Child Care Institutions**

977. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed States to ensure that all the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) are to be registered and linked with the country's apex body CARA;

(b) if so, the details of all the registered and non-registered CCIs working in the country, State/UT-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has directed the States to set up Child Welfare Committees in each district; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Availability of Medical Colleges**

978. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private medical colleges for MBBS course in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the present number of Medical colleges for MBBS course in the country are sufficient in comparison to the students passing out from 12th std in science stream, if so the details thereof;

(c) if not, the action taken by the Government to increase the number of Medical colleges for MBBS course in the country; and

(d) whether Government is planning to fix fee structure for private medical colleges for MBBS course in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Corona Affected Health Workers in Tamil Nadu**

979. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of frontline warriors like doctors, nurses and para-medical staff etc. who have been found positive with COVID-19 during their duty in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of such persons recovered and deaths occurred in Tamil Nadu so far;

(c) whether the Government has announced any compensation for such persons;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of families of deceased workers who got compensation in Tamil Nadu so far; and

(e) whether the Government has issued guidelines to the State Government in this regard and, if so, the details thereof?

#### **EIA Notification**

980. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification 2020, issued by the Ministry has weakened the EIA process and may encourage environment violations in big irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the hydro-electric projects lesser than 25MW and other irrigation projects that have a command area between 2,000 and 10,000 hectares may not require EIA or a public consultation for their appraisal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **AYUSH Medical Practitioners**

981. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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 total number of AYUSH Medical practitioners practicing Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha and Naturopathy in the country State/UT-wise including Bihar;

(b) whether the Government proposes to setup any Naturopathy Hospital in Darbhanga district of Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to bring health care facilities under AYUSH into the mainstream?

#### **Improvement of Nutrition Level**

†982. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been constituted to look into the matters related to reduction of Maternity Mortality Ratio (MMR) and improvement of nutritional intake;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether fight against child labour needs to be mobilised further into a movement;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard to effectively curb the problem?

#### **E-waste**

983. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any provision to assess and identify e-waste generated annually across the country, State-wise;

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

(c) the number of recyclers/authorised dealers of e-waste across the country, State-wise;

(d) whether the recyclers/authorised dealers for e-waste management operational across the country are equipped adequately for disposal of such e-waste, State-wise; and

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

#### **Implementation of National Health Mission in Tamil Nadu**

984. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received Programme Implementation Plan from Tamil Nadu State under National Health Mission;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu State has reported any shortfall of facilities pertaining to Primary Health Centre; and

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

#### **Upgradation of Hospital Facilities for Corona**

†985. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide quality services, facilities and specialization in hospitals across the country in the wake of Covid pandemic;

(b) the number of such hospitals identified, State/UT-wise particularly in Udaipur district in Rajasthan;

(c) whether the Government has earmarked separate funds to deal with the Corona disease during the Corona-period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some new hospitals have been constructed by the Government recently exclusively for the treatment of Corona patients, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the financial assistance provided to the different States/UTs to deal with the Corona related health problems and the measures taken so far by the Government to deal with COVID-19?

**Ban on Use and Spitting of Tobacco Products in Public Places**

986. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO  
MANE:  
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
DR.SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:  
DR.SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of violation of the guidelines under COTPA, 2003 reported so far and the action taken thereon under the Act;

(b) the total amount collected in form of penalty or fine from the violators under the Act so far;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in consultation with the State Governments to ban the hookah bars and use of tobacco products and spitting in public places amid COVID-19;

(d) the number of the states which banned the sale, use and spitting of other tobacco products amid COVID 19; and

(e) the total number of cases reported under section 77 of JJ Act, 2015 for selling products to minors and punitive action taken thereon?

**Setting up and Running of Medical Colleges**

†987. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Medical Council of India in the setting up and operationalization of medical colleges in the country;

(b) whether the State Governments are complying with the rules laid down by the Medical Council of India in running the medical colleges under their administrative control; and

(c) if so, mechanism in place to ensure strict compliance of the said rules by the respective State Governments?

**Violence against Healthcare Professionals**

988. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:  
SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has a data registry on the reports of violence against health care professionals and health workers; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cases that involved violence on healthcare professionals working for Covid-19 patients;

(c) the steps taken to protect the healthcare professionals and the punitive action taken against those found involved in such attacks;

(d) whether the Government has asked the States to appoint nodal officers to provide security to doctors and frontline workers;

(e) if so, the action taken by the States thereon, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government provided compensation for damage to vehicles and property of healthcare workers during the pandemic; if so, details of the compensation paid so far; and

(g) the number of Covid-19 affected healthcare workers in the country, State/UT-wise?

**Allocation of Funds for Chhattisgarh**

†989. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of funds for various works and schemes under the Ministry by the Government during last two years i.e. 2018-2020 for Chhattisgarh State; and

(b) whether any proposal has been sent by the State Government to the Union Government during last two years i.e. 2018-2020 and if so, the details thereof?

**New EIA Notification**

990. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to exempt general public from reporting environmental violations to the concerned authorities, as per the new EIA draft Notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that such blanket provision is against the citizen's right to healthy environment which is an integral part of Right to Life provided under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rapid Antigen Testing Kit**

991. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to identify the infected patient at an early stage of detection of the Corona virus by using faster testing kits like Rapid Antigen Testing kit and Rapid Antibody Testing Kit;

(b) whether the Government has made a survey of usage of the more effective & faster result-oriented testing kits worldwide alongwith the cost, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the certification/approval of the testing kits have been obtained from the renowned and standardised testing laboratories globally; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Early Detection Centres for Cancer

992. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:  
SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the alarming increase in cancer cases, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce early detection centres at Primary Health Centres, if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether there is an existing facility for early detection of Cancer screening in Lakshadweep, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### Reduction in Maternal Mortality Rate

993. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of reduction in Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in recent years, if so, the details thereof alongwith the various Government programs/schemes operational to address maternal health;

(b) the details of States which have shown improvement in reducing maternal deaths in recent years, state-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that women's age of marriage was increased from fifteen years to eighteen years in 1978, by amending erstwhile Sharda Act of 1929;

(d) if so, whether the Government has set up a Task Force to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood,

imperatives of lowering MMR, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues if so, the details thereof including the composition and terms of reference; and

(e) whether the Task Force has submitted its report and if so, the recommendations thereof?

#### Treatment for Alzheimers Disease in Ayurveda

†994. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

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 aware of any treatment for Alzheimers in Ayurveda and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the diagnostic tests for Alzheimers have not been successful as yet;

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

(d) the further steps taken by the Government to promote Ayurveda to develop a drug for the treatment of Alzheimers disease under AYUSH?

#### Centralised Health Record

995. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create centralized health record for all citizens of the country in order to streamline the health information and facilitate effective management of the same, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set any time frame to implement the said program;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether the government has earmarked funds for the implementation of the program; if so, details of the funds allocated and spent till date?

#### Use of Drugs under Clinical Trial for COVID-19

996. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has permitted the use of drugs under the clinical trials for treating COVID-19, rare genetic diseases and paediatric disorders without amending New Drugs and Clinical Trial Rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the drugs that the Government is likely to permit to use under the above exemption; and

(c) whether Government is aware of the countries using drugs under clinical trial for COVID-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the drugs likely to be imported by the Government in this regard?

#### **Government Nominations to NCCF**

997. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has nominated one of its nominees from Environment, Agriculture and Commerce Ministries in the governing board of Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has included the officials connected with NCCF/GICIA in any of its committees and other bodies, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has written to the States recommending to engage NCCF for certification of the Government forests;

(d) the quantum of funds that have been granted/sanctioned by the Central or other States CAMPA including Uttarakhand CAMPA for certification related matters to NCCF and its sister organization GICIA; and

(e) whether the Government has taken a decision to proceed with certification of Government forests even as India is a net importer of timber, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Cyclone Warning Centres**

†998. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up cyclone warning centres in the coastal states of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat and West Bengal; and

(c) the number of States likely to be benefitted therefrom?

#### **Malnutrition**

999. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken to address the malnutrition rate in the country, pursuant to the implementation of National Health Policy and National Nutrition Strategy;

(b) whether the Government proposes to eradicate/reduce all forms of malnutrition by 2030 under National Health Policy and National Nutrition Strategy, if so, the strategy in place to achieve this goal;

(c) the details of progress made and targets achieved in the implementation of such initiatives State/UT-wise along with the district-wise details for the State of Rajasthan;

(d) whether the Government has issued/framed any specific local guidelines regarding the nutritional value of various food items, based on the variation in the food being consumed by different communities within the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and

(e) the details of initiatives introduced since the COVID-19 pandemic to address the unique challenges posed by the pandemic?

#### **Financial Assistance to Scribes**

1000. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

DR.SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

DR.SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase financial assistance under welfare scheme for scribes and their families in times of extreme hardships and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the criteria fixed for covering journalists and their families under the welfare scheme;

(c) whether the part-time journalists, freelance journalists, photographers, cameramen are eligible for coverage under this scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the beneficiaries under this scheme during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of the funds sanctioned and released under this scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise?

#### **Labs for Conducting COVID-19 Tests**

1001. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is having any data regarding the number of pathological labs available

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



across the country for conducting COVID-19 tests, if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of such tests conducted so far in private/government hospitals and number of cases found positive;

(c) whether there is any proposal with the Government for opening of more such labs to meet the requirement of increasing number of COVID-19 infections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?

#### Exorbitant Charges by Private Hospitals

†1002. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that private hospitals and nursing homes fleece patients by exorbitant charges and inflated bills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and necessary steps taken by the Government for the monitoring of the commercial activities of the Private hospitals particularly in small cities and rural areas of the country?

#### Endangered Birds

1003. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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 the population of endangered birds are in a state of continuous decline despite several Government schemes/programmes in place to protect them;

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

(c) whether transmission lines across forests are one of the reasons for the decline in population of birds and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to check the migratory patterns of endangered birds such as Vultures, Flamingos and Waders;

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken to address the issues relating to protection of endangered birds and removal of power transmission lines in forests/national parks/wildlife sanctuaries?

#### International Yoga Day

1004. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR.AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

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 Sixth International Day of Yoga was celebrated in the country recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to propagate yoga in boosting immunity to fight against Corona Virus;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds for research in yoga in view of Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details of funds allocated and achievement made in this regard;

(d) the number of virtual/online yoga classes organized by the Government and the number of persons who have benefitted therefrom, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether there is a rise in number of youth trained in yoga thereby helping spread of yoga globally, if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote yoga in the country and worldwide?

#### Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh

†1005. SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI JOHN BARLA:  
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure nutrition under Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) which was recently commenced by the Government along with the details thereof;

(b) the sources of nutrition provided under the said scheme;

(c) the categories and age group covered under the said scheme;

(d) the details of the areas and the basis on which the said fields are included under the scheme; and

(e) the details of the work done in Haryana so far under the said scheme?

#### World Environment Day

1006. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
DR.SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Environment Day, 2020 was celebrated in the country recently and if so, the details and main theme thereof;

(b) the details of programmes organized on the occasion of World Environment Day;

(c) whether the Government has launched the Nagar Van Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of the scheme;

(d) whether the forest cover in the urban areas in the country is fast depleting thereby threatening the ecology, if so, the corrective steps taken by the government in this regard; and

(e) the further steps taken by the government to boost and develop urban forests in the country?

#### **Pneumonia Campaign**

1007. SHRI JOHN BARLA:  
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN  
VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:  
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any steps under SAANS campaign to reduce child mortality due to Pneumonia;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the provisions made to impart training with an aim to neutralize Pneumonia; and

(c) the sectors or people from which assistance is sought under the said programme?

#### **Ayurveda Research Institutes**

1008. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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 total number of Government and private Ayurveda Research Institutes across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the total number of new Ayurveda Research Institutes established in the country during each of the last five years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Govt. proposes to set up more new Ayurveda Research Institutes across the country in the near future including Ratnagiri & Sindhudurg Districts of Maharashtra in view of the increasing demand for such Institutes; and

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

#### **Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine**

1009. DR. G RANJITH REDDY:

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 it is a fact that there are more than 20 centres of Central Council for Research in Unani medicine across the country;

(b) if so, the details of performance of each Centre, Centre-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that total sanctioned strength of these Centres is nearly 800 whereas the actual-position is not even half of sanctioned strength and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of low strength in the said centres and efforts undertaken to fill-in the vacancies in a time-bound manner; and

(e) the status of Unani Centre at Hyderabad and activities taken up by this Centre during the last five years and the current year, year-wise?

#### **Medicinal Plants**

†1010. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

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 the Medicinal plants available across the country; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the cultivation, conservation, processing and development of such plants?

#### **COVID-19 Treatment under Ayushman Bharat Yojana**

†1011. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:  
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:  
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether rates for the treatment of Covid patients in private hospitals have been fixed under Ayushman Bharat Yojana;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that arbitrary amount is being charged for the treatment of Corona patients by the private hospitals in the country;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to tackle the situation; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government for denial of benefits of the said scheme to the eligible beneficiaries during COVID-19 pandemic across the country along with the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether cases of corruption in implementation of the said scheme have come to the notice of the Government during the said period; if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme across the country?

#### **Pollution in Misrikh**

†1012. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kanpur ranks at 109 position among the most polluted cities globally, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the factories located at Malegram in district Kanpur (Urban) in Misrikh parliamentary constituency are responsible for air pollution due to which locals are suffering from various health diseases and respiratory allergies along with damage to crops by polluted water;

(c) if so, whether any complaint in this regard have been received from the concerned public representatives;

(d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any measures to make Misrikh Parliamentary Constituency pollution free; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ban on Wet Markets**

1013. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wet markets operating in the country, State/UT wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the unsafe and disease-prone nature of wet markets if so, the plan formulated to tackle the same;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to regulate or ban wet markets in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has any plans to identify spots in the country which can induce zoonotic diseases related to consumption of animal meat and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ayurvedic Drugs and Protocol for COVID-19**

1014. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

PROF.SAUGATA RAY:

SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

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 proposal on Ayurvedic Drug and Protocol developed for Covid 19 by a team of eminent Ayurvedic physicians for clinical trials is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for inordinate delay in granting permission for clinical trials; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Violence against Women and Children**

1015. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of a report indicating that India is among the world's most dangerous countries for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the atrocities on women and children have risen across the country during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details of cases registered during the aforesaid period and the action taken thereon, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to tackle such violence and abuse against women and children?

### Monitoring of EIA

1016. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued the draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2020 recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any mechanism to monitor the functioning of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there has been delay in environmental clearance causing inordinate time and cost overrun of projects;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the further steps being taken for ensuring balance between environment and development?

### NCW and Safety of Women

1017. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:  
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the timeline provided by National Commission of Women (NCW) and its utility in reaching out to woman in distress, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken in this regard to help women in distress in times of need and action plan to tackle such situations in future?

### International Health Bodies

1018. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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 it is a fact that the International Health bodies are not accepting AYUSH system, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the efforts being undertaken to familiarise AYUSH practice system globally?

### AYUSH in Tribal Areas

1019. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

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 establish AYUSH hospitals and Panchakarma Clinics in the Tribal areas in the country, especially in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Revenue Earned by DD/AIR

†1020. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of revenue earned by the Akashvani Kendras and Doordarshan Kendras from the advertisements and serials and other programmes during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Doordarshan/Akashvani has any outstanding amount for telecast of advertisement against some private companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to recover the said outstanding amount as on date, company-wise?

### Crimes Against Women

1021. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the major causes behind the rise in crimes against women and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plans for improving the general safety of women across the country;

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

(d) if so, the details of incidents of crimes against women reported in Rajasthan during the last two years, district-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Immunization during COVID-19 Pandemic

1022. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:  
SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of vaccines, including BCG, Pentavalent and MMR vaccines, and polio drops administered to children between April-September 2020, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of infants/children who have missed their regular immunization during imposition of the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) whether the Government has formulated a policy to track and trace individuals that may have missed their regular shots due to COVID-19, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of any other steps being taken by the Government to ensure universal immunisation?

### Malnutrition in India

1023. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several instances of deaths of children occur due to malnutrition in India;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of child deaths due to malnutrition reported in the country in the last 10 years; and

(d) the financial assistance or package provided by the Government to various States to tackle malnutrition alongwith the achievements thereof; and

(e) the further remedial measures undertaken by the Government in this regard?

### Dialysis Centres in AP

1024. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of dialysis patients in the country, State/UT and district-wise;

(b) whether Government has noticed that patients requiring dialysis in Andhra Pradesh are going up and if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted proposals for establishment of Haemo dialysis centres at Jaggayapeta and Pulivendula and peritoneal dialysis services in three other centres in Andhra Pradesh under National Health Mission (NHM); and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry in approving the above proposal this year?

### Violence Against Women and Children

1025. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been rise in the number of cases of domestic abuse, rape or other forms of violence against women in the last six months and if so, details thereof, State/district-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to address crimes against women during the said period;

(c) whether there is a rise in the incidence of crimes against children during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/district-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to address crimes against children during the said period?

### Procedure for Research on Vaccine

1026. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the standard established procedure for research and development of a vaccine for any virus/bacteria in the country;

(b) whether any deviation from the said standard procedure in research and development of vaccine for Corona Virus has come to the notice of the Government in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted human trial of any vaccine for corona virus so far;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for development of corona vaccine in the country along with achievements thereof?

### Protection of Children from Sexual Abuse

1027. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of sexual abuse of children, that were accounted for during the last three years, district and State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to address the menace of child sexual abuse;

(c) whether the Government proposes to amend the POCSO Act;

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to fast-track investigation into such cases; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assistance given to victims of such crimes during the last three years?

#### **Recession in Textile Industry due to COVID-19**

†1028. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:  
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textiles industry is suffering from recession due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Protection for Women in Shelter Homes**

1029. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the increase in crimes reported from shelter homes, if so, details thereof along with the steps proposed/undertaken by the government in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is little transparency and hardly any monitoring in the activities of the shelter homes;

(c) the corrective measures taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether it has also come to the notice of the Government that the abuse is not only sexual but may also include denial of food, verbal abuse, corporal punishment and other forms of harassment; and

(e) if so, the action taken/to be taken by the government in this regard?

#### **Measures to Control Corona**

1030. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether government has been successful in development of vaccine to control the Corona virus, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the other measures being taken by Government to control the Corona pandemic till the time vaccine is not fully developed;

(c) whether hospitals at district level are not upto the mark to take up the Corona cases; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to improve patient care facilities by providing atleast one Government hospital in each district all over the country?

#### **Subsidy for Medicinal Plants**

1031. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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 it has come to the notice of the Government that subsidy for medicinal plants is not available for Darjeeling Himalayan region, whereas the same has been accorded to all other mountain States including Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and North-East States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial support provided to promote Naturopathy during the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote Yoga and Naturopathy?

#### **AYUSH Wellness Centres**

1032. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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 AYUSH Wellness Centres proposed to be set up by the Government during 2019-2020, State/UT wise and the present status of the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Budget has been reduced to just Rs. 13 crores from the previously allocated Rs. 150 crores;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government for setting up of AYUSH centres in 2020-21?

#### **Decline in Health Outreach Services due to COVID-19**

1033. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the UNICEF's report which has warned that over three lakh children could lose their lives over the next six months due to decline in health outreach services and increase in child wasting due to COVID-19 Pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of disruption in health outreach services during COVID-19 induced lockdown on malnutrition status across the country;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue of access to nutrition in each State of the country?

#### **Infrastructure of Doordarshan and Akashvani**

†1034. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering or has taken any steps to improve infrastructure of Doordarshan and Akashvani, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen broadcasting capacity of Doordarshan and Akashvani so that these can compete with private channels and radio stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the work of increasing broadcasting capacity of FM in Amreli and Bargaon Parliamentary Constituencies is likely to be completed?

#### **Use of AYUSH with Modern Medicine**

1035. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

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 steps taken by the Government for the development of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic systems, based on synchronized balance of modern and traditional medicine;

(b) the details of various technologies being implemented, so far, in consultation with Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), for development of single and polyherbal products to make them globally acceptable; and

(c) the actual and percentage utilization of Centrally sponsored funds by the Ministry during the last six years, State/UT-wise?

#### **Non-COVID Patients**

1036. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY  
NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noted that due to COVID outbreak the treatment of Non-COVID patients have been affected and rendered unaffordable and the patients suffering from serious diseases like cancer and tuberculosis are not getting timely and regular treatment particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of deaths recorded from these diseases since March 2020 till date along with the percentage decrease in the treatment of Non-COVID patients;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure affordable and accessible treatment to Non-COVID patients including regulation of prices in private hospitals for COVID-19 as well as other medical conditions;

(d) whether the children are the worst affected as the States/UT have stopped immunization programme due to COVID, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether after the implementation of Unlock 4 by the Government there has been improvement in the care and treatment of Non-COVID patients including commencing of OPD and other facilities for them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and other steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Forest Rights under new EIA**

1037. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

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 the Ministry has recently proposed the new draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) thereby diluting the environment protection norms, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the exemption of projects from public hearing as per draft EIA, undermines the rights of tribals and the authority of Gram sabhas, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to protect the rights to minor forest produce and access to biodiversity as guaranteed under FRA, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the penalty imposed for violation of environmental laws has been reduced/diluted to mere fines in the EIA Notification, 2020, as opposed to imprisonment under EIA, 2006?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Special Aircraft for Weather Forecast

1038. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering any proposal to purchase dedicated aircraft to carry out experiments related to weather forecast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cost of the special aircraft to be purchased and the benefits likely to be accrued therefrom;

(d) the details of organisation which will be the Nodal Agency to maintain and provide information to the public; and

(e) whether these aircrafts can be utilized for other purposes and if so, the details thereof?

### Registry for COVID

1039. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to create a nationwide data base and COVID registry for further research and analysis and for instant availability of data as ready reference under one roof as proposed by World Health Organisation and Indian Council of Medical Research Guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effective steps taken so far by the Government to create a Nation wide COVID Registry to collect, store and analyse the socio economic and medical conditions of people who got infected and suffered due to corona virus infection, covering details regarding the treatment given, recovered people, people who have lost their lives due to the infection etc.?

### Qualification of Anganwadi Workers

1040. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi workers ( A W W s ) who have passed 10+2/below 10+2 level in Hazaribagh and Ramgarh districts of Jharkhand;

(b) the detailed steps envisaged by the Ministry to impart training to AWWs for ensuring quality Early Childhood Care and Education?

### Air Pollution

1041. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether air pollution is regularly monitored across the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to control the increasing levels of air pollution in such cities where pollution leads to smog during winters; and

(c) the steps taken to promote usage of CNG especially in areas which regularly record high levels of air pollution?

### Bharatiya Poshan Anthem

1042. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Bharatiya Poshan Anthem aiming to make India malnutrition free by 2022; and

(b) if so, the plan of action and time frame stipulated in this regard?

### Tiger project in Sohagibarwa

†1043. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched or proposes to launch Tiger Project in Sohagibarwa reserved forest area of Maharajganj district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be commenced?

### Poshan Abhiyan

1044. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on Poshan Abhiyan by the Government in Delhi in the last two years;

(b) the details of the measures taken by the Government for the implementation of Poshan Abhiyan during lockdown after 23 March 2020 in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase food fortification in food distributed to children in Anganwadi Kendras and if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



### Indian System of Medicines and Ayurveda

†1045. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:

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 promote the education of Indian System of Medicines and Ayurveda globally, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of countries where scientifically manufactured Ayurvedic medicines are being sold alongwith the names of countries with whom such agreements are being signed;

(c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government for promotion and publicity of Indian System of Medicines keeping in view their mythological and historical importance;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allow treatment of people with Ayurvedic medicines alongwith allopathic medicines;

(e) if so, the details of such illnesses for which this medication is being administered; and

(f) the further steps being taken by the Government to develop and promote modern Ayurvedic medicines?

### Disruption in Immunisation Activities due to COVID-19 Pandemic

1046. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any disruption in routine child and adult immunisation activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

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

(c) whether the Government has taken any urgent and immediate steps to address such disruption, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any shortage of vaccines in the country and if so, the details thereof?

### Traditional System of Medicine

†1047. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

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 action plan formulated by the Government to bring the knowledge of traditional medicines into mainstream by including them in modern health care;

(b) whether the Government has developed any strategy for ensuring State of the art safety protocols and effective standards of traditional system of medicine, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the dangers emerging to bio-diversity due to excessive cutting of medicinal plants or due to increasing use of body parts of endangered animals in traditional medicines; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

### Antidotes to COVID-19

1048. SHRI B.B.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 is formulating steps to find antidotes to COVID-19 in AYUSH, if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has issued an advisory advocating the use of Unani and Homoeopathy medicines for prevention and management of the disease and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the basis of this advisory; and

(d) whether the Government has set up permanent AYUSH research labs to develop solutions to any future pandemic or epidemic and if so, the details thereof?

### Yoga and Ayurveda in Medical Colleges

†1049. SHRI RAJVEER DILER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce one question paper pertaining to Yoga and Ayurveda also in the syllabus in medical colleges in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide basic knowledge of Yoga and Ayurveda to medical students and set up a department related to it in each medical college;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Women Technology Parks (WTP)

†1050. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN

VAJESINGBHAI:

SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of Universities in which the modern infrastructure has been developed in order to attract and impart training to the students under KIRAN (Knowledge Involvement in Research Advancement through Nurturing) programme alongwith the developments made thereunder;

(b) the details of the role played by the Women Technology Parks (WTP) in developing the infrastructure and also imparting training to students; and

(c) the details of measures/steps taken by WTP to encourage and support women in the country?

#### **Corona Assistance to Rajasthan**

†1051. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the physical resources provided by the Government to the Government of Rajasthan during the Corona crises;

(b) the financial assistance and resources provided by the Government to Rajasthan for setting up of Corona testing laboratories in the State;

(c) whether the quantum of funds approved/sanctioned by the Government for setting up of medical college at Nagaur in Rajasthan, have been provided to the State Government of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Covid Cases and Sero Survey Status**

1052. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has one of the lowest Corona infection death cases per million population in the world but among the highest in South East Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the effect of the pandemic being lower than western countries but higher than South East Asian countries;

(d) whether the said results have not been published, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Anganwadis and Child Care Centres**

1053. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that COVID-19 has exposed gaps in Indian Child Protection;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the functioning of Anganwadis and Child Care Centres are disturbed due to lockdown and restrictions of COVID-19;

(d) if so, the initiatives taken by the Government for implementing alternative methods towards ensuring the supply of food and care to the Children;

(e) whether the Government is aware that the restrictions imposed during the lockdown have adversely affected the physical and mental health of Children; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Environment Impact Assessment**

1054. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

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 the Government of Kerala had requested the Union Government to reconsider some of the key suggestions in the draft Environment Impact Assessment, 2020 notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government has taken note of the concerns pertaining to its adverse effects on the conservation of environment; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government on the various proposals/concerns of the State Governments?

#### **Farming of Medicinal Plants and Herbs**

1055. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

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 quantity of medicinal plants and herbs produced in the country particularly in Karnataka during the last three years;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided to promote the farming of Medicinal Plants and herbs during the said period;

(c) the quantity of medicinal plants exported from various States during the said period;

(d) the steps taken to promote production of Ayurvedic and herbal medicines in the country including Kalburgi region of Karnataka; and

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(e) whether the Government encourages/proposes to encourage the farmers for growth of medicinal plants under any scheme and if so, the details thereof?

### Jute Industry

†1056. SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL  
(BAKABHAI):  
SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:  
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make jute-packing of all the foodgrains mandatory, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the textiles industry is likely to get a boost as a result thereof and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to address the issue of packing of foodgrains due to closure of jute Mills during the lockdown and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has launched Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for textile and jute industries in the country and if so, the present status of the scheme since 2016 and support provided to weavers during the said period;

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for revival, reform and restructuring of handloom sector and to support tiny handloom weavers during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(f) whether there is any scheme to provide the certified and high quality jute seeds to the farmers in the year 2021-22 and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of increase in the production capacity of coveralls for the medical professionals treating COVID-19 cases and the production thereof till date?

### National Technical Textiles Mission

1057. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:  
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up a National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), if so, the salient features and objectives of this Mission along with the details of funds distributed and spent on NTTM from the date of launch of the scheme till now, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is possible to setup such a mission in present scenario of the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the initiatives taken for the skill development under NTTM;

(d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps for research, innovation and development of

technical textiles, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Funding under ICDS/SNP

1058. SHRIMATI PRAMILA BISOYI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT  
महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation and utilisation of funds under ICDS and Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) during the last three years, state-wise;

(b) the Budget allocation proposed for the current financial year and the amount sanctioned/released to various States till date, under ICDS, state-wise; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to increase the current fund allocation to meet the additional costs arising due to COVID-19 for the current financial year?

### Schemes to mitigate Anemia

1059. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes/ programmes for mitigating cases of anemia and malnourishment among women and children;

(b) whether certain shortcomings during implementation of the said schemes/ programmes have come to the notice of the Government during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

### Use of Bio-technology

†1060. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is encouraging States for the use of Bio-technology in various fields of agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of investment made by the Government for the research and development in organic farming;

(c) whether the Government has invited proposals from the State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the ideas expressed/furnished by the States;

(e) whether some States have prepared their own Bio-technology policy and if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide Bio-technology trained personnel in various fields including in agriculture to increase the overall production?

#### Wildlife Act

†1061. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend Wild Life Act, 1972; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Medical College in Jharkhand

†1062. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical college is being setup by the Government in Koderma district in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the current status of its construction; and

(c) the deadline fixed for its completion?

#### Distribution of Vaccines for COVID-19

1063. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:  
SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a vaccine strategy to facilitate the development, manufacture and distribution of vaccines for COVID-19 in India, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) the details of the COVID-19 vaccine candidates currently being developed or manufactured in India;

(c) whether India has joined international efforts to ensure equitable and fair access to vaccines for COVID-19, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India is planning to enter into advance purchase agreement(s) with vaccine manufacturers, if so, the details thereof?

#### Conservation of Dolphins

1064. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:  
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme for conservation of dolphins, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched 'Project Lion' and 'Project Dolphin' for conservation of Asiatic Lions and River Dolphins on the lines of 'Project Tiger', if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Government for translocation of Wild Cats from Gujarat to other States to protect them from possible extinction;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Fastrack Investigation of Child Sex Abuse Cases

1065. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of child sexual abuse that were reported in past ten years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to address this growing menace;

(c) whether the Government is planning to amend the POCSO Act;

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to fastrack investigation into such cases, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assistance given by the Government to the victims of such crimes during the last ten years?

#### Inadequacies in Early Prevention of COVID

†1066. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of Corona virus infections commenced with the arrival of 23 persons from Italy on 21 February in the country as 17 of them were found infected, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether studies by NIE at ICMR Chennai and NIV situated in Pune have found that Corona virus attack on these Italian citizens was more aggressive with the attack rate of 65.40;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether medical examination protocols laid down by the Government at airports of Italy and India were unable to detect Covid infections among these Italian passengers, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps/measures proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid such proliferation in future?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Anti-Diabetes Medicines

1067. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:  
SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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 adverse drug reactions are associated with the use of a new class of anti-diabetes medicines (SGLT-2 inhibitors) in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government has received any adverse reports with regard to the use of this medicine particularly in Tamil Nadu; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Drug Controller of India (DCI) has given permission to market this medicine in India; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the millions of diabetic patients in India against the usage of SGLT-2 medicine?

### Shortcomings in Health Infrastructure

1068. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:  
SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government on account of COVID-19 pandemic has been able to identify specific shortcomings in infrastructure and human resources in public health system of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such shortfalls identified;

(c) the immediate and long term measures the Government proposes to undertake to tide over these shortfalls;

(d) whether the Government has taken measures to enlist second and third year postgraduate students, interns, dental surgeons and AYUSH officers particularly roping young doctors in place of doctors with co-morbid conditions, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to recommend cash incentives and commendation certificates, in the Covid-19 scenario, in addition to the facilities already being provided to healthcare workers like insurance, quarantine facilities and to provide them support for their future endeavors and if so, the details thereof?

### MSP for Cotton

1069. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total production of cotton in the country during the previous year and the current year, State-wise alongwith the MSP set for cotton during the current year;

(b) whether Cotton Corporation of India is purchasing cotton in all States as per MSP and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is true that some States and farmers are demanding more price for cotton, if so, the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether it is also true that there are demands to purchase cotton even if the moisture content is between 18-20% in view of heavy rains in the country during this monsoon, if so, the details of the decision taken by the Government in this regard and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to give cotton farmers a better price; and

(e) whether there is any impact on cotton cultivation due to COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof?

### Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

1070. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
DR.DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
DR.SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
DR.AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the eligibility criteria fixed by the government to avail the benefits under the yojana;

(c) whether the government has taken steps to create awareness about the yojana since it aims to extend better healthcare services for the lowest strata of society and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether only few people have availed or are now undergoing treatment for COVID-19 under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the corrective measures taken in this regard;

(e) whether the government has reviewed the performance of this yojana; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and the corrective steps taken on the shortcomings?

### Ecologically Sensitive Areas

1071. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued final notification regarding demarcation of Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) in Western Ghats as per Kasturirangan report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which final notification is likely to be issued;

(c) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations submitted by the State Government of Kerala in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the delay in issuance of final notification which has affected developmental projects like construction of houses, schools, hospitals, roads etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Violation of Programme and Advertising Codes**

1072. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the television channels that were asked to go off air for violating Programme and Advertising Codes in 2018 and 2019;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the number of channels asked to go off air in 2020 in comparison to the previous year and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there have been instances where a television channel has violated the same ethical code repeatedly and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government on those channels who have violated the same ethical code repeatedly?

#### **Availability of Material for Masks/PPE Kits**

†1073. SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate material is available in the country for manufacture of masks, PPE kits keeping in view the gravity of COVID-19 across the country; and

(b) the countries from which health related material/equipment has been imported/exported by the textile industry?

#### **Institutional Deliveries**

1074. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether institutional deliveries have decreased in the country since the lockdown was imposed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government maintains records of data indicating the number of antenatal check-ups conducted since March, 2020 as a part of Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA);

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

(d) the State/UT-wise number of designated healthcare facilities established and currently functional in rural districts under PMSMA, particularly in Odisha?

#### **Intake of Students in Medical Colleges**

1075. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had granted permission to start/open new medical colleges to start MBBS course/batch across the country for the academic year 2016-17, but refused to grant permission for intake of students in successive years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such medical colleges/universities including private colleges which were not granted permission for intake of MBBS students and status and validity of the students studying in those colleges;

(d) whether the Government has any intention to accord permission for renewal/intake of MBBS students to those colleges having all infrastructural facilities instead of opening/start new medical colleges;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Handling of Corona Crises**

†1076. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been able to handle Corona pandemic relatively well;

(b) if so, the details of the efforts made by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is committed to deliver Corona treatment to public as early as possible; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Health Workers Affected Due to COVID-19

1077. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:  
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:  
SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:  
ADV.ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of doctors, paramedical and other official staff serving in Government and private hospitals who are infected by Corona, State/UT-wise, as on date; and

(b) the number of such persons who have lost their lives during Covid duty as on date, State/UT-wise?

(c) whether the Government has proposed any compensation/job to the next of kin of such deceased Doctors, Nurses and other health care workers;

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

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure safety of Doctors, Nurses and other health care workers from Corona Virus including providing treatment to the healthcare staff employed in the hospital?

### Procurement of COVID Vaccine

1078. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:  
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of any foreign nation which have developed a Corona vaccine;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the human trial for the said vaccine has been successfully completed, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is in talks with Russia and other countries to procure Covid-19 vaccine doses in the upcoming months; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for timely availability of Covid-19 drugs and vaccination?

### Deaths Due to Suicide

†1079. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recently conducted studies by the Government Agencies the number of cases of deaths due to suicides particularly among the youth is much higher in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the State/UTs having higher rates of suicides, State/UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for such hike in suicide rates; and

(d) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any concrete steps to check such incidences, if so, the details thereof?

### Tele-Medicine platform for healthcare delivery

1080. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has rolled out Tele-Medicine platform for healthcare delivery, if so, the details thereof including the criteria adopted, funds allocated and spent so far for the purpose;

(b) The State/UT wise details of Hospitals/Health Centres connected through it in the country especially in Maharashtra and technical and financial assistance provided to them;

(c) Whether the Government proposes to promote telemedicine with introduction of advance telemedicine tools such as wearable medical devices, tele cardiology and tele radiology to address the gap between urban-rural healthcare delivery and access to healthcare system. If so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the use of telemedicine with improved technology will also address the issue of shortage of Doctors and other healthcare professionals, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has formulated a National Policy on Telemedicine, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) The other steps taken/being taken by Government for the expansion and promotion of the network of e-health including telemedicine, particularly in the rural, tribal and underserved areas across the country?

### Research in AYUSH Medicine

1081. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:  
DR.T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI  
THANGAPANDIAN:

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

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there are widespread practices of AYUSH which are incorporated in primary and secondary healthcare including various Siddha medicines popular in the country which is aiding Covid management in various districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government towards research to explore the possibility of developing potential anti-Covid drug and an integrated protocol for prevention and management especially in Tamil Nadu using Siddha medicine; and

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

#### **Coverage under Ayushman Bharat Yojna**

†1082. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the coverage under Ayushman Bharat Yojana for the purpose of including diseases like Thalassaemia and alike which are out of its ambit, though prevalent in many areas and are affecting large number of people in the country; and

(b) whether the Government also proposes to cover many such pathological tests in Ayushman Bharat Yojana which are presently not covered under it due to which the patients have to spend a lot of money on these?

#### **Inefficiency in Vaccinating Children Against Measles**

1083. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been able to identify the reasons for inefficiency in vaccinating children against Measles and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has set any target to achieve the status for eradication of measles and rubella completely and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce laws for making measles vaccination mandatory; and

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

#### **Use of Pesticides-chemicals in Production of Foodgrain**

†1084. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of people falling ill due to excessive use of pesticides-chemicals in production of foodgrain and other items and if so, details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to check adulteration and limit the use of pesticides in view of the health hazards;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take stern action in order to check adulteration in food, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has initiated any programme to create awareness among public regarding the method employed to identify such adulteration in food and mitigate its ill effects;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to explore alternative methods and technology for replacing use of chemicals in foodgrains?

#### **Universal Health Coverage through AYUSH**

1085. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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 taken note of the potential of AYUSH in delivering universal health coverage in the country, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for betterment of AYUSH services by way of increase in number of AYUSH Hospitals ;

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

(d) the steps taken by the Government in ensuring availability of AYUSH drugs and trained resource manpower?

#### **SoS Safety App for Women**

1086. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to bring an SoS safety app for women to ensure women safety by connecting victims/needful with police stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any training sessions for male cops to sensitize them on the issues of women and whether any collaboration with NGOs have been made in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of Nirbhaya homes established, State-wise?

#### **NGOs Working in Health Sector**

1087. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:



Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs working in different States in the various Health and Family Welfare Programmes;

(b) the State-wise details of the names of these NGOs, along with the financial assistance obtained by them from the Union Government as well as from the external agencies during each of the last three years;

(c) the achievement of each NGO during the above period; and

(d) whether the government has a mechanism to monitor these NGO's for ensuring accountability, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Bio-Medical Waste Disposal**

1088. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that bio-medical wastes generated from various hospitals in the country are being disposed off irresponsibly thereby posing a serious threat to the health of the citizens;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any notices have been issued to hospitals across the country for lack of adequate facilities towards proper disposal of bio-medical wastes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against such erring hospital authorities?

#### **Prevention of COVID-19 Pandemic in Kerala**

1089. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved financial assistance for the prevention of COVID-19 Pandemic in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allocated funds for the development of hospitals and brought medicines through National Health Mission in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the approved and completed works district-wise;

(e) whether the Government has sanctioned new project for Regional Cancer Centre, Kerala; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New Medical Colleges**

1090. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to setup New Medical Colleges across the country, if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof including Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(b) the present status of construction/ operationalisation of each of the said medical colleges;

(c) the details of medical colleges sanctioned/ proposed to be setup in aspirational districts in the country, district-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has allocated funds for establishment of medical colleges in the States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and if so, the State/UT-wise details of the amount sanctioned and released?

#### **Utilization of Nirbhaya fund**

1091. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received details of utilization of Nirbhaya Fund from various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has reviewed the reasons for low utilization of Nirbhaya Fund in various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposals received from various Ministries and States under Nirbhaya Fund scheme;

(d) the details of projects initiated, funds allocated/ utilized till date, State-wise; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government for faster implementation of aforementioned scheme?

#### **NABH Accreditation**

1092. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABH accreditation is granted to both Government and private hospitals, if so, the details thereof and the criteria followed by NABH while providing accreditation;

(b) whether a large number of private hospitals have been provided NABH accreditation as compared to government hospitals, if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government hospitals such as AIIMS and other prominent government hospitals like Thiruvananthapuram Medical College hold the NABH accreditation, if not, reasons therefor;

(d) whether government would, as a matter of policy, consider mandating all the Government hospitals to seek NABH accreditation; and

(e) if so, the expected date of such policy change and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Electro Homeopathy Research

†1093. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Inter Departmental Committee has been constituted/is proposed to be constituted by the Government for recognising various systems of medicine which are in use in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Electro-Homeopathy Research and Development Organisation (ERDO) India has submitted any proposal to the Government for granting recognition to Electro-Homeopathy stream of medicine;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the Government is likely to recognise the said medicine system?

#### NCPCR Funds for NGO

1094. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) during each of the last two years and the current year, NGO-wise;

(b) whether the cases of misuse of the funds meant for the welfare of children by certain NGOs have come to the notice of NCPCR during the said period; and

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

#### Community Radio Stations

†1095. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the community radio stations setup in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise and location-wise including Haryana;

(b) whether the Government proposes to streamline the procedure to establish Community Radio Stations and to encourage the same in the rural and urban areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry regarding the problems being faced by the F.M. radio listeners in Bhiwani - Mahendragarh; and

(e) if so, the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to address the said problem?

#### Healthcare Facilities in Rural Areas

1096. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:  
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether healthcare is a major concern in the rural areas of the country in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof including the factors which led to this situation and the necessary steps taken in this regard;

(b) the problem being faced by the Union Government in implementing various Healthcare schemes in the rural areas;

(c) whether many of the doctors posted in rural areas are reluctant to work in view of lack of facilities, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to address the problems of rural health both at macro and micro levels and to improve the healthcare sector in rural areas of the country?

#### Climate Change Treaty

1097. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that various organizations including various Central Trade Union Organisations have raised concerns against the proposed draft rules EIA, 2020 for being inimical to Indian commitment to International Climate Change Treaty alongwith alleged environmental violations in ecologically sensitive zones as a result thereof; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### AYUSH Colleges

†1098. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

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 and details of of AYUSH colleges across the country, State-wise, stream-wise and curriculum-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish medical colleges of Ayurvedic curriculum across the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any criteria have been fixed for establishing new colleges in private sector and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to promote Ayurveda and streamline/facilitate research of AYUSH medicines and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Illegal Immunity Drugs and Medicinal Formulas for COVID-19**

1099. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAI:  
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

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 it is a fact that there is a flood of immunity drugs/medicinal formulas after COVID-19 cases across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these drugs and medicinal formulae are being sold without due approval of the Ministry, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that many people have been adversely affected due to consumption of immunity drugs, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Government including the various corrective measures to check the sale/procurement and consumption of the said immunity drugs?

#### **Initiatives to promote Yoga**

1100. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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 special initiatives have been taken by the Government for promotion of Yoga on the eve of International Yoga Day, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the various steps taken to promote Yoga are mostly restricted to the urban areas in the country and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to promote Yoga in rural and backward areas across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **AYUSH Health and Welfare Centres**

†1101. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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 total number of AYUSH health and welfare centres in the country;

(b) whether funds have been allocated for the said AYUSH Health and welfare centres by the Government, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the extent to which success has been achieved so far in the efforts to discover a treatment for COVID-19 through concrete measures and medicines of AYUSH;

(d) whether any steps/initiatives have been taken by Government towards ensuring well-being of people during COVID-19 crises; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)**

1102. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:

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

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

(a) whether the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) has achieved the objective for which it was setup and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether a significant requirement of medicinal plants are met from wild sources even as cultivation of medicinal plants has started gaining momentum across the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the proposal to develop a corridor of medicinal plants along the banks of Ganga by the NMPB and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the conservation, cultivation and commercial exploitation of indigenous medicinal/aromatic plants along with the funds earmarked, allocated and utilized for the said purpose during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

### **Increase in COVID Tests**

1103. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA  
KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the need for more COVID-19 tests across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the suggestions made by the States to control the spread of Corona virus;

(d) whether the Government has taken into account the States/UTs' request to increase the funding through National Disaster Response Fund and if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) the details of other remedial measures being taken by the Government to extend the help to fight COVID-19 pandemic?

### **Losses to Indian Film and Television Industry due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

1104. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR.SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a magazine titled New India Samachar to highlight the Government of India's flagship schemes, initiatives and achievements and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the contribution of Indian Film and Television industry to GDP of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Indian Film and Television industry has suffered huge loss due to COVID-19 Pandemic and if so, the estimated/projected loss suffered and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to extend any package for this sector to overcome difficulties due to COVID-19 pandemic;

(e) whether the Government has issued any standard operating procedures for resuming shooting of films and TV programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other measures being taken by the Government to promote film industry in the country?

### **Corona Virus in Imported Food**

1105. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has constituted a committee of experts to examine the possibilities of the presence of Corona virus in imported food items from the novel corona virus affected countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken samples from each imported food consignment for testing in its laboratories;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the findings of the committee thereon;

(d) whether the Committee has issued any advisory regarding consumption of foods as a precautionary measure from novel corona virus and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the FSSAI in view of the novel corona virus?

### **Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary**

1106. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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 threats faced by over two lakh people inhabited around the Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary of Kozhikode in view of the recent orders and notifications issued in this regard;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to tackle grievances of such inhabitants living in the surrounding areas of the Sanctuary; and

(c) the further steps taken by the Government to ensure peace and harmony for the human settlements and safety of wild animals?

### **Expenditure on Cancer Treatment**

1107. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Cancer Centres operational across the country, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total number of patients affected with cancer along with the year wise data of the number of persons visiting government hospitals to avail treatment, year-wise;

(c) the average distance that has to be travelled by cancer patients in order to avail treatment;

(d) the requirement of radiotherapy machines per million population along with the number of radiotherapy machines available in the country;

(e) the charges for cancer treatment in government hospitals vis-à-vis its private counterparts along with the number of people who go below poverty line because of the out of pocket expenditure on treatment of cancer;

(f) whether there is difference between the salary given to doctors treating cancer patients in government compared to the private hospitals, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the government is planning to set up "hub and spoke" model to augment cancer treatment infrastructure in the country, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Delay in Surgeries due to Corona**

1108. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:  
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that around 5,80,000 planned surgeries in various hospitals across the country were cancelled or delayed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic as per the study published in the British Journal of Surgery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any alternative arrangements for those patients who urgently require surgery;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Violence Against Women**

1109. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing incidence of men indulging in violence against women by way of social & economic threats/prejudices;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken/being taken by the government in this regard;

(c) whether age-old practice of dowry has driven many women to suicide each year if demands for dowry are not met; and

(d) if so, the measures taken/being taken by the government in containing the menace?

#### **Faulty COVID-19 Test Kits**

1110. SHRI HIBI EDEN:  
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imported huge quantity of COVID-19 antibody testing kits from China, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the sequence of incidents which led the Government to withdraw the faulty COVID-19 antibody test kits from China and the grounds on which the import orders from China were cancelled;

(c) whether there exist any complaints against massive profiteering and over-pricing in kits imported from China, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action or proposes to take any action against the persons involved in this serious lapse, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of genuine testing kits to combat the disease?

#### **Rise of Sea Level**

1111. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any studies on the rise of sea level and increasing tidal waves on the Kerala coast over the years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether the Government would consider the same in future;

(c) whether the Government intends to provide financial assistance to State Governments to tackle the issue of sea erosion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Muscular Dystrophy Patients**

†1112. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the provision for treatment of Muscular Dystrophy patients in the country;

(b) the funds spent for the same, head/item-wise till 2019;

(c) whether Government has made any provision for providing facility for genetic test free of cost in order to diagnose the causes of disease in patients suffering from Muscular Dystrophy;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of patients who got their tests done in the last three years in the country; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the number of such patients died during the last three years and thereafter till date in the country, State-wise including Rajasthan?

#### Climate Change Fund

1113. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of India's contribution/participation in the Green Climate Fund set up under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which was introduced to tackle global climate change;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce a Climate Change Fund within India as well as implementation of various schemes/strategies to check climate change; and

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

#### Test for COVID-19

1114. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of COVID -19 tests that have been performed in India between the 23rd March 2020 and 1st September 2020 as percentage of the total population of the country;

(b) the comparative data on above line pertaining to India with per capita testing as a percentage of the population *vis-a-vis* United States, Russia, France, Germany, Brazil and in South Asia of Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Pakistan respectively for the same period as above;

(c) the accuracy of the Reverse Transcription Polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) COVID-19 testing kits in detecting the SARS-COV-2 viral infection and the number of false positives to a hundred tests being yielded by this method of testing;

(d) the accuracy of the other forms of COVID-19 testing like the rapid antigen detection test like POC, Quantitative IGG Antibodies Serum CLIA etc.; and

(e) the time by which an effective COVID-19 vaccine is likely to be commercially launched?

#### Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place

†1115. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a SHE-Box has been made available by the Government in every department under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, in order to increase participation of women in workplace;

(b) if so, whether this has brought down cases of sexual harassment of women;

(c) whether the said provisions have helped the Government in increasing women participation in the work field;

(d) whether private sector has also been included under the aforesaid provisions; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

#### Issues Faced by Anganwadi Kendras in Urban Areas

†1116. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anganwadi Kendras are permitted to be established in urban areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Anganwadi Kendras are being run in rental buildings in several urban areas leading to unnecessary excessive expenditure thereon, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether effective implementation of Anganwadi services is being affected due to scarcity of space, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the situation so that enough space may be made available and unnecessary expenditure incurred on rent may be avoided?

#### Yoga for Covid-19 Patients

1117. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY: SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

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 practice of Yoga is benefitting COVID-19 patients across the country, if so, the details thereof and research conducted so far in this regard; and

(b) whether the theme of this year 'Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family' was conducted in States and the response received thereto?

#### Child Marriage

1118. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to increase the minimum age of marriage of girls from 18 to 21, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has taken note that child marriages are still prevalent in the country and if so, the measures adopted to check it; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any schemes and projects for the empowerment of the married women in India, if so, the details thereof?

#### Obscene Advertisements

†1119. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether some advertisements related to cigarettes, tobacco, alcohol including obscene scenes are being telecast by various Doordarshan Kendras and if so, the details thereof during last three years;

(b) whether the Government has received any suggestions or memorandum to impose legal ban on the telecast of such advertisements during the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such advertisements?

#### AYUSH Treatment for Cancer

†1120. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH 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 it is a fact that the treatment of Cancer has been found through the Ayurvedic medicine and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide Ayurveda based research and facilities for the treatment of the diseases like Cancer and other lifestyle diseases?

#### All India Handloom Board

1121. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:  
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:  
SHRI ARUN SAO:  
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to scrap the All India Handloom Board, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has decided to entrust the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)

to undertake the duties and functions of Handloom Board and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of various measures/schemes being implemented/proposed to be implemented by the Government for empowerment and to improve economic condition of the handloom weavers at present?

#### Treatment for Corona Virus

1122. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR.JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR.SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH  
DEO:

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 Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicines have been very useful in management of COVID-19 patients in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has approved various treatment kits to tackle Corona virus during the recent COVID-19 pandemic in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formed an expert committee for charting protocols for treatment and management of COVID-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken by the Government for cure of corona virus patients?

#### Research for Covid-19 drug

†1123. SHRI BALAK NATH:

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 research work is being conducted by the Government to develop COVID-19 vaccine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the companies which have been authorised to carry out field trials tests?

#### Forest Cover

1124. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of total land under forest cover to the infrastructure such as roads, buildings, bridges, tracks, etc. in major urban areas;

(b) whether total land under forest cover is decreasing, if so, the status of forest cover in 2010 *vis-a-vis* 2019, State-wise;

(c) whether any regulation exists for maintaining a set ratio between the two in urban areas;

(d) if so, whether the given ratio is accurately maintained in urban cities; and

(e) if not, whether Government is planning to make such a regulation to ensure the same?

#### **Drop in Immunization Services**

1125. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage drop in the immunization services delivery through birth dose vaccination, health facility based sessions and outreach sessions in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic;

(b) the details of the restoration of vaccination drives in the containment zones; and

(c) whether Government has any alternative plans to ensure the immunization of people in the containment zones, if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Handloom Day**

1126. SHRI SELVAM G:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently celebrated National Handloom Day;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken by the Government to make the event successful;

(c) whether the Government has scrapped All India Handloom Board and All India Handicraft Board and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether scrapping of these two Boards will severely affect promotion of Indian handicrafts and if so, the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Mega Integrated Textile Regions**

1127. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH  
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:  
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has setup/proposes to setup Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Parks (MITRAs) for attracting investment in the country; and

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

(c) the present status of these parks and the time by which such parks are likely to be completed?

#### **Welfare Schemes for Women over 75 years**

1128. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any welfare schemes particularly for women above 75 years, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government proposes to introduce such schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for local police stations or any other authority to check on a fortnightly basis about the well-being and safety of such aged women, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide free medical facilities to such aged women including supply of medicines, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shortage of Doctors in Primary Health Centres (PHCs)**

†1129. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the operational Primary Health Centres across the country including Rajasthan;

(b) whether there is shortage of doctors, trained staff and equipments in Primary Health Centres;

(c) if so, the steps taken to meet this shortage;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States to open new Primary Health Centres; and

(e) if so, the details of funds allocated therefor?

#### **Conservation of Forests**

†1130. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps so far taken by the Government for the conservation of forests and natural resources on the river banks and to check their misuse across the country especially in Uttar Pradesh;



(b) whether there is any scheme of the Government for the conservation of forest area on the bank of river Ganga so as to benefit the local people; and

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

#### **Mass Extinction of Indian Species**

1131. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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 more than 30,000 species are threatened with extinction process and out of these 25 percent are assessed to be mammals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any report of mass extinction of Indian wildlife species during the last 50 years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon and the proposals of wildlife organisations, others to safe guard on rare species?

#### **Green India Mission**

†1132. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under implementation of Green India Mission alongwith the targets achieved, State-wise;

(b) the total funds released during the last two years till March, 2020, State-wise;

(c) the number of such States that have been provided alternative sources of energy in project areas, State-wise; and

(d) the details of scheduled programmes undertaken during the last five years?

#### **Access to Nutritious Food**

†1133. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that children are deprived of daily nutritious food in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bundelkhand;

(c) whether any measures are being taken by the Government to create awareness and ensure availability of nutritious food;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to include nutritious coarse grain grown in Uttrakhand under Kendriya Poshahar Vitaran Yojana so that the economic benefits of such a decision would accrue to women farmers in this region?

#### **FM Radio Station in Maharashtra**

†1134. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any step to set up FM radio station in the Buldhana district of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Treatment of Non-COVID-19 Patients during Pandemic**

†1135. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Corona patients who got treatment in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Central Hospitals after 24th March, 2020, State-wise and hospital-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there have been more deaths due to other diseases rather than Corona on account of poor health facilities during the Corona pandemic in the country, if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the percentage expenditure of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) being made on health is adequate keeping in view the increased population and burden of diseases in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that even serious patients have been discharged from hospitals without treatment due to pandemic situation in the country and are forced to wander on roads, if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken in this regard; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the arrangement for the treatment of patients suffering from diseases other than Corona has been stopped during the lockdown period in Central Hospitals due to which a large number of people became victim of untimely death?

### Contractual Engagement of Staff in AIIMS

†1136. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of Doctors as well as medical staff in the Government hospitals including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether contractual workers in AIIMS, Raipur engaged since 2014 have been demanding regularization for a long time;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind long pendency of regularization of the said medical workers;

(e) whether the Government is considering to regularize these contractual workers; and

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

### Local Handloom Weavers

†1137. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes being run/proposed at present in the country for development of small and local handloom weavers who fulfill only local requirements, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether many handloom weavers have opted for alternative sources of livelihood due to lack of work and many persons have been trained to develop their skill in this trade;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the data regarding handloom weavers who quit their occupation during last ten years; State-wise; and

(d) whether any scheme is being run/proposed at present for the development of weaving skill in the country including in Bundelkhand area and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Recruitment of Ayurvedic Medical Officers in AIIMS

1138. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:  
SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIIMS, Bhubaneswar has recently conducted recruitment examination for Ayurvedic Medical Officers, if so, the details thereof including the number of vacancies filled up in the said recruitment drive;

(b) the details of criteria adopted for fair and transparent recruitment process of said Medical officers;

(c) whether the Government has received complaints of unfair means and malpractices taking place in the said recruitment procedure, if so, the details thereof along with the necessary steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of criteria adopted for formation of selection panel of examination board to conduct the said examination along with the composition of the said examination board including the Chairman and members thereof?

### Changes in Organ Donation Policy

1139. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to make changes in organ donation or transplantation policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to strengthen National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) to deal with State Governments more strictly;

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

(d) the steps taken by the Government for promoting organ donation among the citizens through various means of communication?

### Doctor-Population Ratio

1140. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the WHO's recommendation regarding doctor-population ratio of 1:1000;

(b) if so, the present details of the availability of Allopathic Government doctors in the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the ratio is very less as compared to the WHO's recommended doctor-population ratio;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

### Climate Change

1141. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether soil erosion adversely impacts environmental sustainability and undermines the ability of the environment to be resilient against Climate change, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that soil erosion also leads to desertification and it can get much worse unless soil erosion is dealt with, on a priority basis; and

(c) if so, the preventive steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Kusheswarasthan Bird Sanctuary**

†1142. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to develop Kusheswarasthan Bird Sanctuary in Darbhanga district of Bihar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the slow pace of development of the bird sanctuary despite being functional for over 25 years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has observed the drastic decrease in the number of migrant birds that used to visit the bird sanctuary, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any proposal to conserve and promote this bird sanctuary and develop it as a major tourist spot since the area is a major pilgrimage centre in Bihar; and

(e) if so, the time by which said proposals are likely to be carried out?

#### **Environment Impact Assessment Notification**

1143. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of Special Rapporteurs to the United Nations have expressed their concerns over the proposed Environment Impact Assessment draft Notification 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the notification is in contravention with India's "Obligations under International Law"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Technical Textile Sector**

†1144. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to promote the technical textile sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to attach the handloom clusters to the textile industry for procuring the handloom products directly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Export of Textile and Allied Products**

1145. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:  
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO

MANE:

MS.RAMYA HARIDAS:

DR.SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:

DR.SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of textiles and allied products have decreased, if so, the details thereof during the last five years and current year, year-wise and product-wise along with the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the exports of readymade garments during the said period along with the reasons for fall or rise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government has fixed targets for export of textile and garments and if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed and achieved, year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps or is planning any scheme to enhance/promote export of textiles products including woolen, silk, cellulose, fibres and handicrafts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Setting up of AIIMS like Institutions**

1146. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRIMATI KANIMOSHI KARUNANIDHI:  
DR.UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new AIIMS Institutes in the country, if so the details thereof State/UT wise;

(b) whether some AIIMS Institutes set up in the country are not fully operational, if so the details thereof and the time by which said Institutes are likely to be fully operational including in Deoghar (Jharkhand) and Madurai (Tamil Nadu);

(c) whether the Government has proposed to update some medical colleges into AIIMS Institutes in the country, if so the details thereof State/UT-wise and college-wise; and

(d) whether a number of States/UTs have requested to set up new AIIMS like institutions, if so, the State/UT wise details thereof along with its current status particularly in ESIC Kalaburagi?

#### **New Nirbhaya Fund**

1147. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted/established a new Nirbhaya Fund;

(b) if so, the details of aims and objectives of the new fund; and

(c) the funds allocated/utilized towards procurement of forensic kits for cases of sexual assault along with the number of beneficiaries so far, State-wise?

#### **Technical Textile Imports**

1148. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM

SHRANGARE:

SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has devised any policy/scheme to boost technical textile sector in the country, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Maharashtra along with the details of various achievements made in the Sector under such policy/scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present quantum of imports of technical textile;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any schemes/programmes to promote the domestic manufacturing of PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) kits and masks in the country, especially for Self Help Groups (SHGs), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote domestic manufacture of technical and medical apparel/textile including rainwear, sportswear, PPE Kits and fire resistant garments in order to cut down technical textile imports?

#### **Commerical Sexual Exploitation**

1149. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sensitization workshops and seminars conducted by the government for prevention of trafficking and rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration of victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation;

(b) the number of Protective and Rehabilitation (P&R) Homes set up for such victims;

(c) the details of the vocational training provided to such victims and the results thereof; and

(d) the details of the periodic inspection reports conducted by the Monitoring Committees constituted at the Central, State and District level?

#### **Juvenile Justice Act, 2000**

1150. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any shortage of manpower in Child Welfare Committees and Juvenile Justice Boards, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the crimes committed against children and easing the procedure for adoption?

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