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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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Earthquakes in Delhi

2071. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

Zero Defect, Zero Effect Scheme

2072. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

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

Decline in the Number of Applications for NEET UG

2073. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

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

(c) whether there is a decline in the number of students from Government schools who have joined medical colleges through NEET between 2015-2019, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) the steps taken to improve opportunities of higher education for students studying in Government schools;

(e) whether the Government proposes to abolish or exempt the NEET exam for the candidates from Tamil Nadu, so as to enable poor and rural students to take admission in medical courses, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on Health

†2074. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:
SHRI T.R. BAALU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

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

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

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

Assistance to Muscular Dystrophy Patients

†2075. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients of Muscular Dystrophy is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of patients registered under Muscular Dystrophy, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Government has any rehabilitation mechanism for muscular dystrophy patients separately, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government has any scheme/provision to provide financial assistance to the muscular dystrophy patients and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

Technology Development Centre

2076. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Bihar has significant strength of science students having knowledge and potential and if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up a Technology Development Centre in Bihar; and

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

Support to Spinning Mills

2077. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether CCI has any plan to open new branch in Odisha, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is considering to promote cotton industry and spinning by introducing new technology in view of the abundance of cotton cultivation in Wardha, Amaravati and Nagpur in Vidarbha and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any proposal for such work is pending with the Government, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it will be approved?

Measures to Modernise Jute Mills

2078. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether jute cultivation has declined over past decades due to low price of jute and lack of jute mills in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, particularly Bihar;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fix MSP for jute and open new jute mills in the jute growing areas of the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Bihar and West Bengal and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to reopen the defunct jute mills in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Bihar and West Bengal and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that not a single new jute goods manufacturing unit has been set up during the last five years and the current year and if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the jute industry is not able to fully utilize its production capacity due to lack of demand of jute in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that there is an urgent need to modernise the jute mills set up in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Farming of Herbs

†2079. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

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 formulated any scheme to promote the farming of herbs in view of the demand of domestic herbs in the International market, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any scheme to provide assistance for the farming of the said herbs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some special areas have been identified for the farming of the said herbs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Under Achievement of TB Elimination Programme

2080. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has committed to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a reduction of ten percent a year was required to achieve the goal, however in 2018, only two percent reduction from the previous year could be managed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the positive TB test is not always a cause for worry and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is focusing on preventive treatment of those who are in contact with people tested positive; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of PMJAY Scheme

2081. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to further expand the scope of PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) health insurance cover to include the middle class people and who don't have cover of their own;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of modalities of the expanded scheme?

Coronavirus Cases

†2082. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR: SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Corona has created an atmosphere of fear among the citizens of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the campaigns proposed to be launched by the Government to remove the fear of Corona from the minds of common citizens;

(c) whether there has been a decline in cases of Corona infection in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of Textile Parks/Handloom Board

2083. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO: SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether it is a fact that Handloom Weavers Association has requested the Government to recognize them as MSMEs and arrange to provide them special marketing assistance as they have lost their livelihood due to spread of Corona virus pandemic and if so, the details thereof along with the details of their other demands and the response of the Government thereto?

Conservation of River Dolphins

2084. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether River Dolphins a unique species found mainly in rivers of Asia, particularly Gangetic Dolphin, are vanishing rapidly and the national aquatic animal of India has been declared endangered by International Union for the Conservation of Nature;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether experts from India-Bangladesh-Nepal and Myanmar have come together for enhancing conservation of river dolphins in the region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Relaxation of Regulation on Honey

2085. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Apiculturists in Kerala are facing great distress due to the Gazette notification No.293 dated 03/08/2018 issued by FSSAI stating that the water content in honey shall be maximum 20 percent and anything above 20 percent is considered as adulteration;

(b) whether Government has noticed that due to high humidity level in Kerala, the water content of the honey produced here is between 20 and 25 percent which has been allowed by BIS and KVIC;

(c) whether the Government is considering to relax the prescribed conditions in the Gazette notification to help the Apiculturists of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Purchase of Ventilators for COVID-19

2086. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:
DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ventilators, PPE equipment and gloves purchased by the Government since January, 2020, month-wise; and

(b) the quantum of funds spent on the aforementioned purchases, head and item-wise?

(c) whether the Government has provided any special funds and multiple medical equipments to various hospitals and State/UTs Governments across the country to fight against COVID-19 epidemic; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of these medical equipments supplied to hospitals State/UT-wise and district-wise particularly Jharkhand, Latur district in Maharashtra and Sikar district in Rajasthan?

Incentives for ASHA Workers for Covid-19 Duties

2087. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASHA workers are being provided incentives in addition to their honorarium for the additional tasks being undertaken for COVID-19 duty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps being taken to ensure timely payment of honorarium to ASHA workers;

(d) whether a number of ASHA workers have died in the course of COVID-19 duty;

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

(f) the number of claims filed and processed under the insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19 under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan package?

National Rural Health Mission Survey

‡2088. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to conduct annual health survey in States under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) by empowered working group for getting information regarding the effectiveness of the schemes;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such survey is likely to be conducted;

(c) the time by which the outcome of such survey is likely to be received;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds to State/UT Governments for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise ?

Dip in Pollution

2089. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:

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 cognizance of the dip in air pollution and river pollution during the period of nationwide lockdown due to COVID 19 Pandemic in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note of suggestions received from various quarters to consider a change in their Policy on the basis of data of air and river pollution collected during the period of lockdown to check rise of air and river pollution across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken/being taken by the Government on such suggestions/proposals so far; and

(e) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Domestic Violence during COVID-19

2090. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in incidence of domestic violence/abuse against women during the COVID-19 induced lockdown;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases during recent lockdown and the preceding five years; and

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

Hunting of Wild Animals

†2091. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the issue of indiscriminate hunting of wild animals during the lockdown period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of leopards has drastically reduced due to rise in incidents of hunting;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check hunting of wild animals across the country?

Endangered animals

2092. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of endangered animals killed over the last five years;

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

(c) whether there is any evidence suggesting vulnerability of certain endangered species to the novel coronavirus (n-Cov); and

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

Nirbhaya Scheme

2093. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing financial assistance to State Governments to improve

safety and security of women and children under the Nirbhaya Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise including Kerala;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the utilization of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the funds released to various State Governments have been fully utilized; and

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

Reduction in Tobacco Usage

2094. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM 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 steps taken by the Government to ensure the accomplishment of the set target of 15% reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use by 2020;

(b) whether any study has been commissioned by the Government to find out the reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government analyzed the results of the last Global Adult Tobacco Survey of 2016 to assess the policy and implementation issues that need to be addressed to meet this target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Sero Survey Data

2095. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the data of Sero Survey done so far;

(b) whether there is a difference between the actual cases of COVID-19 reported and the infections found in the population at large;

(c) if so, whether the Testing strategy followed by the Government was flawed resulting in non-reporting of many such infectious cases;

(d) whether the Government proposes to allow on demand testing for the public; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh

†2096. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work being conducted under recently launched Bhartiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) Scheme to ensure nutrition for women and children; and

(b) the details of nutrition to be provided thereunder along with various criteria laid down in this regard?

Malnutrition in School Children

2097. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malnutrition in children is increasing with each passing year especially during the current time due to non-availability of health facilities and closure of schools for a prolonged period and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any scheme to monitor malnutrition status in school children, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend Poshan Scheme in schools to monitor the status of school children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and further steps taken or being taken by the Government to monitor malnutrition among school children?

Shortage of Doctors during Covid Pandemic

2098. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Corona virus pandemic challenge brought forth the shortage of doctors and medical staff in various parts of the country and if so, the measures taken by the Government to address the shortage;

(b) whether the Government intends to permit 50,000 existing diploma holders to convert their diploma into an MS/MD degree after the submission of a thesis report, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to permit final year MBBS students to perform duty in COVID-19

designated hospitals, if so, the details thereof and the names of the States which have delegated the responsibility to final year MBBS students; and

(d) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of nursing staff in various hospitals in the country, if so, the measures taken by the Government to incentivize nurses to perform duty during the Corona virus pandemic?

Cyclone Warning Centre

2099. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding locations of Cyclone Warning Centres (CWCs) functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) the objectives and the salient features of CWCs functioning in various locations in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to establish more CWCs in view of increasing number of cyclones in the country and if so, the details of locations thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has been successful in developing technology for safety from cyclonic storms and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has assessed the efficacy of our technology in comparison to other developing countries and if so, the details and findings thereof; and

(f) the further steps taken by the Government to improve the said technology?

Violation of Laws on Rape by Media

2100. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent past some of the Media Organisations/Houses have violated the rape-laws by disclosing the identity of the rape victims/survivors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the action taken against the Media Organisations/Houses or the Reporters/Journalists for having violated the rape laws;

(c) whether the Government proposes to prohibit such Reporters/Journalists and the Media Organisations/Houses for violating rape-laws by amending the present laws; and

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

National Supercomputing Mission

†2101. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aims and objectives of National Supercomputing Mission along with the achievements made thereunder so far with regard to developing the super computers;

(b) whether the Government is also collaborating with the Non-Governmental organisations in developing applications for the super computer and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to develop high performance computing and skilled human resource for operating these applications effectively, if so, the details thereof?

Misuse of Laws relating to Women

†2102. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various laws like Dowry Prohibition Act, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, aimed at providing protection to women are being misused by women and their family members to harass husbands and their family members;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent the misuse of these laws;

(d) whether there is any proposal to amend these laws; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Task Force on Motherhood and Infancy

2103. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received the report of the Task Force constituted to examine issues related to motherhood and infancy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the major terms of reference of the Committee and the details thereunder?

Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences

†2104. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH alias
PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

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 institutes are being run by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) in the country;

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

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of these institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the achievements made by them so far?

Swadhar Greh

†2105. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Swadhar Greh currently operational/setup in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to curb violence in these Grehs, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated for regular inspection and monitoring of these homes; and

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

Penalty on Polluters

2106. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new/amended Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), 2020, is likely to impose heavy penalty on polluters, in case of violations;

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

(c) the amount of penalty collected/utilized for environmental violations, State-wise during the last three years?

Policy for Prevention of Domesitic Violence Against Women

†2107. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared/proposes to formulate any new policy to curb cases of domestic violence against women across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of cases of domestic violence against women reported in the country during the last three years, if so, the details therefor State/UT and year-wise; and

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

Encroachment of Lakes in Telangana

2108. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lakes recognized by the Government in the State of Telangana;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of any formal complaints/information on lake encroachment in some districts of the State;

(c) if so, the number of lakes encroached in whole or part during the last five years including the current year;

(d) whether any of these lakes were encroached as a result of any State Government sanctioned activity in the said duration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Compensatory Afforestation in Telangana

2109. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released money to Government of Telangana under Compensatory Afforestation Act after repeated requests from the State Government and direction from the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total money collected from State of Telangana since 2014 June under CAMPA and amount released to the State since 2014;

(d) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Government to release Rs. 54,000 crores of CAMPA funds to States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of pending projects under CAMPA from Telangana?

Traditional Health Knowledge and Epidemic Management

2110. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

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 utilized the traditional health knowledge and epidemic management to contain and prevent COVID-19, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the role of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy in the management of COVID-19;

(c) whether the Government has utilized the traditional health practices and immunisation modulation in management of COVID-19, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the modern medicine practitioners agree/concur with the assessment and management of COVID-19 under AYUSH;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide awareness to the general public regarding the management of COVID-19 under AYUSH, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that modern medicine practitioners oppose the management of COVID-19 under AYUSH and if so, the details thereof?

Communicable Diseases

2111. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya and other communicable diseases have resurfaced in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of persons affected/died as a result thereof during the last three years, year/State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware that major hospitals in the country are not adequately equipped for providing treatment to the affected patients, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued any direction and assistance to the States to ensure adequate treatment to the patients; and

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

Paralysis and Acute Flaccid Paralysis

2112. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of paralysis and Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) are on the rise in the country and if so, the reasons therefor along with the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government is not giving much attention to this disease and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted awareness programme to check paralysis/AFP related cases in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the financial assistance and logistics provided by the Government to the States/UTs especially Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Government to check paralysis/AFP related cases in the country?

Implementation of National Health Mission in Chhattisgarh

†2113. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under National Health Mission (NHM) during the last two years and as on date for Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether any steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen National Health Mission and make it more effective by increased allocation of funds;

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

(d) the details of Community Health Centres and Public Health Centres setup in Chhattisgarh from the date of inception of National Health Mission; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to assess the implementation and growth of National Health Mission (NHM) along with the present status thereof?

Biological Diversity Act

†2114. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions made by the Government under Biological Diversity Act, 2002;

(b) the efforts being made under the said provisions to conserve forests and wildlife in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether any action has been taken/any changes have been made in the rules to control forest crimes in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Prohibition of Child Marriage

2115. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

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 fact that although child marriage is prohibited and is considered as an offence, the Hindu Marriage Act recognizes it as capable of being voidable yet valid;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of the child marriages reported across the country during the last three years including the current year; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to make child marriages legal and if so, the details thereof?

Measures to check Child Marriages

2116. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of child marriage reported during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating early and forced marriages of children;

(c) whether a spike in the number of cases of child marriage due to the pandemic crisis has been reported?

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to check the situation;

(e) whether the increase is in child marriages is due to domestic challenges and obligations faced by young girls; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and its potential impact on education of children?

Health Facilities in Rural/Backward Areas

†2117. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of non-availability of adequate health service in financially backward and rural areas and also in Himalayan Regions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made a provision to make serving in these areas mandatory for doctors passing out from various medical institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that all the citizens of the country especially poor are easily provided with healthcare facilities near their homes?

Revision of Advertising Rates in Print Media

2118. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM
SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to increase advertising rates in print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time since when the advertising rates were revised in the past; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to bail out print media from current distressed situation as well as prevent them from turning non-viable/sick?

Monitoring of AYUSH Medicines

†2119. SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:

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 Central Scheme started by the Government has strengthened the safety vigilance monitoring mechanism for AYUSH medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the mechanism is ensuring the safety and quality of AYUSH drugs; and

(d) if so, the manner in which it is assisting in assessing and evaluating these medicines including identification of the adverse effects of these medicines?

Reclamation of Land for Compensatory Afforestation

2120. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken by the Government to use land reclaimed from exhausted Coal India Limited (CIL) mines for Compensatory Afforestation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any other initiatives to implement Compensatory Afforestation in other areas too in view of the changes in environment; and

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

Violence Against Women

2121. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in number of cases of domestic violence against women reported between March 22nd 2020 and July 31st 2020 as compared to previous months of the same year;

(b) if so, the details of the cases registered on the basis of said reports along with the number of cases registered during the previous six years, State-wise;

(c) the number and the date of cases registered for domestic violence and the date of disposal of such cases prior to March 22nd 2020, State-wise;

(d) the quantum of funds allocated/utilized under Mahila police Volunteer scheme, States-wise;

(e) the number of One Stop Centres established, State-wise; and

(f) the total number of beneficiaries under the scheme and their distribution based on the type of assistance given to them?

COVID-19 Treatment under Ayushman Bharat Yojana

2122. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of patients who availed treatment for COVID-19 under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in various hospitals across the country;

(b) the total number of non-COVID-19 patients who availed free treatment under AB-PMJAY since its operation, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the total amount allocated and spent for the AB-PMJAY since its launch, State/UT-wise?

Ayush University

2123. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up AYUSH Universities across the country; and

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

One Stop Centre for Girls

2124. SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to establish One Stop Centres for girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Track Child Portal

†2125. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the training programme on 'Track Child Portal' under the child safety plan is likely to be organised;

(b) the details including names of such places where the above training programmes have been conducted during the last three years;

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

(d) the total number of officials trained under the said programme; and

(e) the outcome of said training along with the details thereof?

COVID Tests Rate

2126. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is tracking the testing numbers at the district level;

(b) if so, the details of average number of tests conducted daily in the last one month, district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the rate of tests per 1000 persons at present is commensurate with testing levels in countries with similar number of active COVID-19 cases;

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

(f) the average number of tests to detect COVID-19 per 1000 persons being undertaken, on average, since February 2020, month-wise?

Improvement in Nutrition Level

†2127. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

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 issues relating to age of motherhood, reduction of Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and improve the nutrition levels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Food and Nutrition Board

2128. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up the Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) to implement community nutrition programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its structure, functions and budget;

(c) Whether the FNB organises various activities and programmes for women and children, if so, the details thereof and funds sanctioned therefor during the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has set up Food Testing Laboratories to analyse the food items under Anganwadi scheme, if so, the details of laboratories, State-wise and the achievements made by them so far; and

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of the FNB and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Medicines derived from Cow Urine/Dung

- †2129. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI ARUN SAO:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study/research for products/medicine made from Panchagavya including Cow urine/Cow dung;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for marketing and promoting product/medicines made from Cow urine/Cow dung; and

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

Compensatory Afforestation Act

2130. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there are discrepancies found in the implementation of Compensatory Afforestation Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there are clear violations of the guidelines of the Forest Conservation Act 1980 in the implementation of the Compensatory Afforestation Act;

(c) if so, the details of such incidents as reported from across the country; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the CAF Act to safeguard the interests of forest dwellers who are dependent on forests for their livelihood, if so, the details thereof?

Maternal Mortality Rate

2131. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of country's current Maternal Mortality Rate;

(b) the number of females benefitted from Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (Suman) till now; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to generate awareness about the said scheme?

Regulation for Online Video Content

2132. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans for regulation of OTT platform and online video content;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to restrict streaming companies and censorship of OTT platform/online video content by implementing new legislation on OTT platform and online streaming of videos; and

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

Indigenous manufacturing of Medical Equipments

- †2133. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the medical equipment being used in the country are imported, if so, the details thereof and the category of medical equipments imported from other countries at present;

(b) the scheme formulated by the Government to make India self reliant in the manufacturing of medical equipment including ventilators, surgical items etc. and to increase the production of the same in the country;

(c) the total amount allocated for the development of manufacturing and research infrastructure for medical equipments and medicine, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and

(d) whether India is also dependent on the import of raw materials for bulk drug manufacturing, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to reduce the import of raw materials used for the manufacturing of medicines?

Ban on Freebies to Doctors by Pharmaceutical Companies

2134. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned doling out freebies, cruise tickets, paid vacations and sponsorships for educational conferences and seminars to doctors by pharmaceutical companies from January 1, 2014, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Mumbai branch of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal has disallowed an allowance of Rs.76.55 lakhs paid by a leading pharma company, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such kind of unethical practices followed by the pharma companies hitherto; and

(d) whether the Government is having any proposal to bring out specific comprehensive law in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

AYUSH Treatment for COVID-19

†2135. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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 concrete measures/medicines of AYUSH have helped in finding cure for COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any steps were taken by the Government for the well-being of public during the COVID-19 crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines were issued to general public about use of Ayurvedic/Unani/Homoeopathic systems as precautionary steps to fight COVID-19, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any research was conducted by the Government to find cure using Ayurvedic/Unani/Homoeopathic treatment for COVID-19, if so, the details thereof?

Establishment of Yoga Parks

2136. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

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 set up 100 Yoga Parks across the country;

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

(c) the objectives of setting up these yoga Parks and activities undertaken thereunder?

Hospital in Chhatisgarh under PMSSY

†2137. SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any multi-super specialty hospital is being constructed in Bilaspur, Chhatisgarh under 'Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana' (PMSSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the construction work of the said hospital is likely to be completed; and

(d) the amount of funds sanctioned and allocated by the Government so far for construction of the said hospital?

Delay in Transportation of Human Organs

2138. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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 delay in transportation of human organs rendering it wasted and useless to save precious lives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take up/have taken up the issue with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to take its help and ensure that all organs are transported by air free of cost by public and private sector airlines in order to achieve the real objective of organ donation and implantation of such organs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines to Manage Bio-Medical Waste

2139. SHRI BANDI SANJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to manage biomedical waste generated in the hospitals due to treatment of patients affected by COVID-19, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government of Telangana is following the protocol mandated for disposal of bio-medical waste generated in COVID-19 hospitals in the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government/Indian Medical Association have received any complaints from doctors in the COVID-19 hospitals of Telangana State in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Traditional Indian Medicine System to Counter COVID

2140. SHRI T.R. BAALU:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is set to surpass Brazil as second highest Covid affected Nation, as the total number has already crossed 41 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to address the situation;

(c) whether the Government would seriously contemplate the traditional Siddha, Ayurvedic and other Indian methods to boost immunity among the people all over the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in incidence Cyclones and Floods

†2141. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been unprecedented increase in the natural calamities like cyclones and floods in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the natural calamities like floods that occurred in Madhya Pradesh during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the forecasting system to tackle such situation?

Vaccines being Developed to Combat Coronavirus

2142. SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR:

SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vaccines being developed in the country to combat Corona virus, along with the progress of trials, stage-wise;

(b) the vaccines that have graduated to the stage of clinical/human trials;

(c) the details of the places where such trials are taking place and the success rate of these trials conducted on human beings so far; and

(d) whether a triage or vaccination schedule to inoculate the 130 crore people of India has been conceptualized by the Government, if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

PMJAY in Health and Wellness Centres

2143. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) provide free healthcare facilities under PMJAY;

(b) if not, whether the Government is planning to bring all HWCs under its ambit;

(c) whether HWCs provide screening and management of non-communicable diseases, mental ailments, ophthalmic and dental healthcare; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether HWCs are employed in task of undertaking COVID tests; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Effects of COVID-19 Lockdown

†2144. SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

बस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the textile industry in the country including small scale units and handloom weavers have been badly affected due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown and many handloom units/brands have been closed/are on verge of closure resulting in loss of jobs/livelihood of weavers and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Telangana and Karnataka;

(b) the details of various factors hampering the restart of such closed units;

(c) whether textile workers/weavers are being forced to mortgage their homes and jewels to sustain themselves as their work has come to a standstill and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to waive off the pending electricity bill arrears of the weavers across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Portrayal of Obscenity and Violence on Television

2145. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that too much portrayal of obscenity and violence on television in the form of web series is creating a negative impact on children and youths and if so, reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government is planning to setup a screening body for web series on the lines of Censor Board of Film Certification;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take stringent corrective measures to check the negative impact of rising depiction of obscenity and violence in web series on the children and youths in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) other corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Single Use Plastic

2146. SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of plastic in day-to-day life has been found to be damaging to the environment, especially the plastic used in packaging with thickness less than 40 microns which continues to be manufactured in violation of the law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to restrict use of plastic in packaging industry to check the environmental degradation;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any specific plan to encourage use of degradable plastic in the country including proposal to close down all industries manufacturing these products;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Poshan Abhiyan

2147. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Poshan Abhiyan since inception;

(b) whether the Poshan Abhiyan has covered all districts and block levels across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries, State/District-wise including Assam;

Budget Allocation for PG Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy

2148. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:
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) the details of the Post Graduate Institutes of Yoga and Naturopathy and Central Research Institutes of Yoga and Naturopathy to be setup in the country with the objective of research in this field as proposed by Ministry, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the budgetary allocation in the financial year 2019-20 for the construction of these Institutes;

(c) whether the Government has allocated any funds of the setting up of Yoga and Naturopathy Institutes in the rural areas, including Kasargod district of Kerala and the time by which the project is likely to be completed, if so, the details thereof State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of the funds released and total expenditure incurred on the construction of these Yoga and Naturopathy Institutes during the last five years, year-wise?

Women Jan Dhan Account Holders

2149. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI
THANGAPANDIAN:

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 the pension of many widows have been discontinued during the lockdown, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if not, the details thereof including the number of women currently receiving pension;

(c) whether the Government is aware that 500 rupees paid to women account holders and an advance pension of three months/grant of 1000 rupees for widows under Jan Dhan does not even cover basic sanitation costs of the said beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is formulating steps to ensure their safety and wellbeing and if so, the details thereof?

Uranium Exploration in Amrabad Tiger Reserve

2150. SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given in-principle approval for exploration of uranium in Telangana's Amrabad tiger reserve;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware that this decision would adversely affect the flora and fauna of the area including the number of tigers alongwith contamination of the Krishna river, which is the lifeline of Telangana;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to rescind its decision relating to exploration of uranium in Amrabad Tiger Reserve, if so, the details thereof?

Nursing Colleges

2151. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nursing colleges operational in the country at present, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of new nursing colleges proposed to be opened, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the training being provided in the Nursing colleges meets the international standards in health care, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the Nursing Training College in Deoghar and Godda district of Jharkhand are likely to start?

National Creche Scheme

2152. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proportion of women engaged primarily in domestic duties has increased during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any child-care subsidies are being provided to mothers by the Government, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has implemented the National Creche Scheme; and

(d) whether delayed and non-existent payments from the States have prompted many creches to shut down across the country and if so, the details thereof?

Measures to promote Yoga Education

†2153. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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 impart Yoga education in army and any other Government institutions across the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the competitions organised at district/State level to promote Yoga among the youth of the country, State/UT-wise?

WHO Guidelines on COVID Tests

2154. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:
SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that World Health Organisation (WHO) has advised that the country needs 140 tests per day per million population;

(b) if so, the details of the tests being done within Tamil Nadu per day;

(c) whether it is not at par with the WHO rate, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has allowed on-demand COVID-19 testing without a prescription;

(e) if so, the details thereof and objectives intended to be achieved by this decision; and

(f) whether the Government has decided to train another 2000 healthcare assistants by the end of this year, if so, the details thereof along with the number of healthcare assistants working during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Community Transmission of COVID-19

2155. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY
NALAMADA:
MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a community transmission of COVID-19 in the country, if so, the details of first case of community transmission of COVID-19 observed and the total number of such cases in the relevant States/UTs at that time, State/UT-wise along with the action taken by the Government to stop community transmission;

(b) the details of the protocol recommended by the Government to prevent further community transmission of COVID-19 and the date of identification of the first instance of an active case of COVID-19 which could not be traced to a known infected contact and with no travel history;

(c) whether Government has any data with regard to the testing done for COVID-19 virus in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and number of positive cases detected State/UT-wise including Jharkhand; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to reduce the charge/fee of RT-PCR or TrueNat or CBNAAT or RAT test in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the number of private labs authorized to conduct these tests in the country, State/UT-wise?

Preference for AYUSH

2156. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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 a large number of people are displaying a tendency to avoid allopathic treatment and are instead availing/preferring alternative modes of treatment/medication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is encouraging the use of AYUSH mode of treatment/medication across the country including Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the cities where such facilities are provided by the Government?

Co-operation in Homeopathy and Traditional Medicine

†2157. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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 set up any forum to facilitate Global co-operation in the field of Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has approved any agreement to promote co-operation in the field of traditional system of medicines and Homoeopathy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Violence against Children

2158. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of childcare institutes/homes across the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware of rising incidence of violence/abuse against children in childcare institutes/homes in recent years, if so, the details thereof including incidents reported during the last three years, year-wise/State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry in each of the aforementioned cases;

(d) whether the Government has decided to close down more than 500 childcare homes across the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise?

Measures to Promote Handicrafts

2159. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:
DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to harness the potential of hinterland handicrafts across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has any schemes to promote Indian Handicrafts globally and improve its export competitiveness, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and scheme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any platform to get together all the skilled artisans on a single platform to help them network and aid each other, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rastriya Mahila Kosh

2160. SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme to bring about socio-economic upliftment of poor women in COVID-19 affected regions, under Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the current financial year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is considering to examine the existing status of implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of One Stop Centres to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the said scheme?

Purchase of Cotton from Farmers

2161. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open centres through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to purchase cotton from the farmers as it has done for the Tur, Harbhara and other pulses through NAFED & SFAC as the Private Ginning & Pressing units are harassing farmers for payment, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for the Farmers Producers Organisation to open centres to act as a intermediaries for NAFED & SFAC and ultimately for CCI to ensure Minimum Support Price and earlier realisation of cotton payment, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

PPP Model in Afforestation Programmes

2162. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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 introduce a latest version of National Forest Policy, if so, the timeframe within which such a policy is likely to be introduced;

(b) whether the Government is considering public-private partnerships for afforestation programmes in degraded forest areas, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the PPP model does not negatively impact the tribal community and forest dwellers?

Draft Environment Impact Assessment, 2020

2163. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has observed that Post-facto Environment Clearance is violative of the fundamental principles of environmental jurisprudence, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has given any undertaking before the Madras High Court that no more extension of time will be granted for post facto Environment Clearances, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any provision for post facto clearance in the EIA 2020 draft notification; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Women and Child Development Committees

†2164. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to constitute Women and Child Development Committees in rural and urban areas at Gram Panchayat and Nagar Panchayat levels respectively to identify various women victims affected by hunger, poverty & domestic violence and to secure social and economic security to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names and rights of the Members of the proposed committee;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures likely to be devised/adopted to ensure social and economic security to aforementioned women and children expeditiously?

Development of Women and Children

†2165. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of various schemes being implemented by the Government to promote the development of women and children across the country;

(b) whether various Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO's) are getting grants from the Government for the purpose;

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

(d) whether the Government have taken note of reports regarding instances of misuse of funds allocated under various schemes relating to promotion of women and children by a few NGO's; and

(e) if so, the action initiated against such NGO's?

National Rural Health Mission

†2166. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the targets set under the said Mission for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21, State/UT-wise;

(b) the targets set and achieved under the said Mission during each of the last five years, criteria-wise, year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(c) whether NRHM has been successful in integrating the various vertical health programmes and

decentralizing the healthcare facilities at village level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Blue Flag Certification

2167. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beaches that have been recommended for 'Blue Flag' certification, State/UT-wise;

(b) the status of the recommendations, including the estimated timeline;

(c) the criteria adopted by the Government for making such recommendations;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide increased financial assistance to beaches thus recommended, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is taking measures to develop more beaches according to 'Blue Flag' standards, and if so, the details thereof?

Climate Change Act

2168. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Earth Sciences has published "Assessment of Climate Change over Indian Region" recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has taken steps in view of this new report to combat, mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change; and

(d) whether the Government is planning to bring a "Climate Change Act" in line with other countries, if so, the details thereof?

Occurrences of Landslides

2169. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES

पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that landslide tragedies are frequently occurring in different parts of Kerala in every monsoon and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any studies on the increasing occurrences of landslides in the Western Ghat region of the country including Kerala;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government proposes to constitute any study in this regard in near future;

(d) whether the landslide hazard mapping for the State of Kerala has been prepared and if so, the details thereof?

Benefits of Weavers/Textile Weavers

2170. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced any schemes for the benefit of weavers in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether demonetisation and current COVID-19 pandemic has affected the weavers of the country massively and if so, the details thereof?

Treatment of Lifestyle disorders

†2171. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

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 formulated any plan to bring a change in mindset of people to suggest that AYUSH medicines are effective in the treatment of lifestyle disorders and have limited side-effects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has setup laboratories equipped with latest technologies for advance research on AYUSH medicines, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of other corrective measures being taken by the Government to popularize AYUSH system of medicine; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that the demand of Yoga professionals is gradually rising and if so, the details thereof?

Yoga and Naturopathy Bill

†2172. 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 the opinions/suggestion of Yoga-Naturopathy experts had been sought by the

Government while drafting the proposed Yoga-Naturopathy Bill as per the assurance given by Government during passing of National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicines (NCIM) Bill, 2019 to bring about an independent Bill for Yoga and Naturopathy;

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

(c) the details of the proposals of the Government for the registration of such persons who have been practicing Naturopathy/graduates in Naturopathy?

Use of Diesel Cars

2173. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

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 of the fact that the Environment Pollution Prevention & Control Authority has made a plea before the Apex Court to stop the use of diesel cars in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by Central Pollution Control Board?

Transmission Capacity of FM

2174. SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the transmission capacity of FM in Coochbehar Parliamentary constituency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said work is likely to be completed?

Medical Research

2175. DR. AMAR SINGH:

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 identify medical research separately rather than clubbing it with commercial ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether digital incentivisation plan is completely missing, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether 2019 saw various frameworks initiated such as the National Digital Health Blueprint; and

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

Guidelines for Use and Disposal of Face Mask

2176. SHRI A. RAJA:
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 had issued any guidelines on quality standards, use and disposal of face mask for general public, doctors and other frontline workers during lockdown, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of increase in production capacity of PPE in the country since the beginning of lockdown;

(c) whether many poor people reused the disposed face masks during lockdown, especially in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government on burning/deep burial of used face masks/medical kits across the country, including Tamil Nadu?

Empanelment of Social Media Platforms

2177. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently released policy guidelines for empanelment of social media platforms with the Bureau of Outreach and Communication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to determine the terms of eligibility for such social media platforms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Atrocities Against Women during Lockdown

†2178. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

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 various atrocities committed against women and the various problems faced by them during the lockdown and the manner in which the National Commission of Women dealt with the same;

(b) the number of such complaints received/reported from 21st March, 2020 till date along with the action initiated against such crimes, State-wise; and

(c) the number and details of the complaints reported across the country including Udaipur district of Rajasthan?

TDS in Water

†2179. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has urged the Government to issue notification regarding ban on RO purifiers in such areas where the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) measure in water is less than 500 mg/litre;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for compliance of the order issued by NGT;

(c) the number of such areas where RO is not required as a result of the total dissolved solids (TDS) in water being less than 500 mg/litre; and

(d) the number of areas where the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) measure in water is more than 500 mg/litre and potable water is not available?

Ayush Health and Wellness Centres under NAM

2180. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) built under the National Ayush Mission (NAM) Scheme since September 2014 in the country including Andhra Pradesh, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of such HWCs which have been allocated under the PM-JAY Scheme;

(c) the details of Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals constructed and upgraded since September 2014 in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the funds allocated by the Government to Andhra Pradesh under the NAM Scheme; and

(e) whether any survey or study has been conducted after the implementation of the NAM Scheme to gauge whether people prefer health services in AYUSH or allopathy, if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Shortage of Hospitals in Rural Areas

†2181. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the Government proposes to address the shortage of hospitals and modern

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

healthcare facilities including ICU, throughout the country and particularly in the rural/remote areas;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy and loans at low interest rate to encourage people to set up new hospitals, particularly in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Eradication of Blindness and Leprosy

†2182. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of central aid provided to the States/UTs for the eradication of blindness and leprosy during the current year;

(b) the funds released for this purpose during the current year so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for the utilisation of central assistance or grant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

DD/AIR in Border Areas

†2183. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecasting/broadcasting of Doordarshan and Akashvani is not clearly visible/audible in rural and border areas of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the number of transmitters, especially in the said areas, State/UT-wise?

Drug for Breast Cancer

2184. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

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 AIIMS has successfully tested a coded ayurvedic drug for improving quality of life of breast cancer patients and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the said drug is effective in curing the disease and if so, the details thereof?

Research in Biotechnology

2185. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council to promote Research and Development in Biotechnology;

(b) if so, the details thereof including funds allocated, R&D projects undertaken and their output during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development of biotechnology as well as physical and human infrastructure in this sector;

(d) whether Biotechnology has varied applications and far reaching impact and implications in prominent sectors and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is urgent need to formulate regulatory framework for Biotechnology sector at national level and if so, the details thereof?

Promotion and Guidance on Health Research

2186. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented 'Grant-in-aid scheme for Inter-sectoral convergence and co-ordination for promotion and guidance on health research as a flagship programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the priority area identified for research under this flagship programme;

(d) the financial assistance for carrying out research studies in identified areas for each State/UT since its inception; and

(e) the extent to which the research studies are beneficial to the public health?

National Family Health Survey

2187. DR. MUNJPARA MAHENDRABHAI
KALUBHAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that between NFHS-3 and NFHS-4 the unmet need for family planning among currently married women in the age group of 15-49 years declined marginally from 13.9% to 12.9%, translating to about 30 million women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this unmet need/demand is due to shortage in supply on account of supply side gap, if so, the details thereof and the action taken to address the shortcomings?

Eco-sensitive Zones of Western Ghats

2188. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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 any decision on the final notification on demarcation of eco-sensitive zones of Western Ghats?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft notification on Western Ghats is due to expire by the month of September, 2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Incidence of Forest Fire

†2189. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

SHRI RAVI KISHAN:

SHRI NAYAB SINGH:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI JOHN BARLA:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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 of the rise in incidence of forest fires globally causing widespread damage to bio-diversity including wildlife and plant-life;

(b) if so, the special arrangements formulated under Forest Fire Prevention and Management Schemes in our country;

(c) the manner in which modern technology has been leveraged under this scheme; and

(d) the funds earmarked/allocated/utilized in this regard during the last three years?

COVID-19 Pandemic

2190. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY

NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government approved technology driven solutions and interventions to address the COVID-19 pandemic;

(b) the funds allocated for research of technology to address the pandemic;

(c) the details of plans to roll out these solutions to the public in order to protect people from the virus till a more permanent solution is found; and

(d) whether any of these solutions have been implemented in Government offices, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Tikarpada Wildlife Sanctuary

2191. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Parks and Sanctuaries in the country, State-wise, including Odisha;

(b) whether the Government is considering the long-standing demand for designating Tikarpada Wildlife Sanctuary as National Park; and

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

OPD Services under RAN and ABY

2192. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

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 of the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) and Ayushman Bharat Yojana (ABY) insurance schemes to include out-patient services, which are currently excluded and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has made sufficient allocation of funds for supporting long term and life-long treatments under these schemes for critical and rare diseases, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the National Policy For Treatment of Rare Diseases has suggested alternate sources of funding, such as crowd-funding or corporate donations to supplement the one-time payment envisaged under the Policy, if so, steps taken by the Ministry to help people avail such alternative sources;

(d) whether the Government has only utilised 50% of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana funds in 2019-20; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Measures to Curb Noise Pollution

2193. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH
DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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 of the rise in noise pollution in various cities across the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the average levels of noise pollution recorded in major cities during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of noise pollution norms prescribed by the World Health Organisation and subsequent action taken by the Government to implement the said norms;

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the law pertaining to various norms to regulate noise pollution, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Central Pollution Control Board has set up National ambient noise monitoring network to monitor noise pollution levels across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has initiated/formulated any programmes/schemes for creating awareness about health ailments associated with high noise pollution and if so, the details thereof?

National Forest Policy 2018

2194. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total land under the coverage of forest/trees across the country, as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government drafted a new National Forest Policy (NFP), 2018;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the aims and objectives thereof;

(d) whether the Government has elicited comments/suggestions on the draft NFP, 2018 from various stakeholders and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the new National Forest Policy has permitted the public to grow, harvest and market trees on government-owned lands and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the new NFP will come into force?

Separate Regulatory Mechanism on News Coverage of COVID-19

2195. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought to set up a separate regulatory mechanism for issuing a blanket directive to the Indian media for all the news coverage on COVID-19 in a petition to the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has expressed grave concern over Government's recommendations to pre-censor unplugged news coverage during this national emergency;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the details of cases where movement of journalists were restricted since the beginning of nationwide lockdown on March 25, 2020?

Increase in Suicides

2196. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of people committing suicide in the past few months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether more people are facing mental health problems because of the pandemic situation; and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines to all the State/UTs to provide mental healthcare to all the people affected by the pandemic, including setting up of telephone helplines, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide better access to mental healthcare to the affected people?

AYUSH Medicine for COVID-19

2197. 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 the Government has undertaken any research project pertaining to medicines for COVID-19 in AYUSH;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Ayurvedic medication is effective in treatment of COVID-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Status of Hospital Beds

2198. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beds in Government hospitals as of 1st March, 2020, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the States/UTs struggled to provide beds, beds with oxygen and ventilator to COVID patients in the first few months of the pandemic, if so, the details of availability of normal and oxygen beds and also ventilators as of 1st September, 2020, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received mobile ventilators from many countries free of cost particularly from USA to combat COVID-19 pandemic;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of such ventilators received and distributed State/UT-wise along with criteria opted for such disbursement;

(e) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs. 15,000 crores health emergency package to deal with COVID pandemic; and

(f) if so, the details of amount sanctioned for creating more beds, including oxygen beds and ventilators?

Chopper Services in Government Hospitals

2199. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce chopper services in important and premier Government hospitals across the country to ferry critical patients to save lives; and

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

Chinese Imports

2200. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian textile industry is largely dependent on Chinese imports for conducting its businesses;

(b) if so, the details indicating the textile products being imported from China;

(c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to strengthen the domestic textile industry and thereby reduce its dependence on China;

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

(e) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to encourage large global retailers in the textile sector to purchase from India; and

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

AYUSH Practitioners in Hospitals

2201. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:
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 proposes to provide requisite number of hospitals for the practitioners of AYUSH in Bihar particularly in district of Gopalganj, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the action taken for creating awareness among the citizens regarding AYUSH for healthcare management;

(c) whether it is fact that the Government proposes to provide modern diagnostic equipments with trained personnel for the proper functioning of hospitals, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Surge in COVID Cases in Kerala

2202. 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 surge in COVID-19 cases in the month of August and September 2020, in States like Kerala, where it was claimed to be contained in the initial months of the lockdown;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the situation, especially after the complete withdrawal of lockdown?

Doctors as Percentage of Population

2203. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the ratios recommended by WHO worldwide with regards to doctors, hospital beds, ICU beds and Ventilators as a percentage of the population and the present status of these ratios in India;

(b) whether each such ratio in the country is at par with the WHO recommendations, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the efforts being made by the Government to meet the International standards in healthcare facilities/ services in the country?

Setting up of Anganwadi Kendras

†2204. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines for setting up of 4 lakh Anganwadi Kendras across the country have been issued, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of Anganwadi Kendras inaugurated/ operational so far under the said guidelines, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the number of children and women likely to be benefitted through the said Anganwadi Kendras?

Setting up of COVID Hospitals

2205. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK
NIMBALKAR:
SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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 has setup COVID Hospitals in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has prepared any special strategy to fight COVID-19 pandemic in States like Tripura, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Jharkhand, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from these States to send designated special teams to fight COVID-19; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Special Team thereon?

Environmental Clearance for LG Polymers

2206. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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 any proposal sent by Andhra Pradesh regarding environmental clearance for LG Polymers company operating in Vishakapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for allowing the company to operate despite not procuring timely environmental clearance; and

(c) the current status of the pending case lying with the NGT involving the said company?

Baghjan Oil Reserve

2207. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has extended any monetary and technical assistance to tackle the unprecedented crisis due to gas and oil spill at Baghjan oil reserve;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance extended so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increasing TB cases

2208. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases and death rate of Tuberculosis patients are increasing in the country, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of cases reported during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has developed any national plan for eradication of tuberculosis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Minimum Support for Advertisement

2209. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the media houses of the country have asked the Government for providing financial packages to continue publications and broadcasting in a smooth manner during the COVID-19 situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Press Associations of different states have appealed to their

respective state Governments to release minimum advertisement support from Central quota and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of payments pending clearance since 2015 and proposal of the Government to clear the same upto August 2020, State/UT-wise and newspaper-wise?

Young Scientist Research Programme

2210. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted/planning to conduct any programme to encourage young scientists to engage themselves in scientific activities/undertake research work;

(b) if so, the main characteristics of the Young Scientist Research Programme along with the details of funds allotted and utilized for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year and if not, the future plan of the Government in this regard;

(c) the age limit and other eligibility criteria for availing the benefits under this programme and the details of achievements made under this programme so far; and

(d) whether scholarship or any other special incentives are being provided by the Government under this programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

CSIR Reports in Public Domain

2211. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual reports of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have not been made available in public domain during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which these reports are likely to be made available for public scrutiny?

Pharmacovigilance initiative for AYUSH

2212. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing Central Sector Scheme of Pharmacovigilance initiative for Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy drugs and if so, the details thereof and the objective thereto;

(b) whether the Government is implementing Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of Information Education and Communication (IEC) for promotion and propagation of AYUSH Systems of Medicine;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved till date in the promotion of AYUSH system of medicine; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to provide AYUSH system of medicine as an alternative alongwith allopathic system in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and district hospitals across all States in the country?

Upgradation/Modernisation of Hospitals

2213. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the norms set for the basic infrastructure of private and Government hospitals in the country including Bihar, Jharkhand and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has assessed the major deficiencies/challenges confronting the Public Healthcare Centres and Government hospitals in the country and if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to improve the infrastructure in Hospitals/Public Healthcare Centres and root out other deficiencies in order to provide quality healthcare services and if so, the details thereof indicating the hospitals upgraded/modernized during the last four years alongwith the funds provided and utilized therefor, State, district and hospital-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to deploy sufficient manpower in healthcare facilities across the country and if so, the details of steps taken/proposes to be taken thereon;

(e) the concrete action taken by the Government to resolve the unmanageable patient load in public hospitals including for expansion of hospitals infrastructure; and

(f) the details of the action taken for ensuring adequate supply of medicines in public hospitals/healthcare facilities?

DD Telecast in Foreign Countries

2214. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on proposals to broadcast Doordarshan in foreign countries, in addition to Bangladesh and South Korea, which have substantial number of people of Indian origin;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said telecast is likely to start?

Mahila E-Haat

2215. SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of entrepreneurs registered in "Mahila E-haat" State/UT-wise during the past three years;

(b) whether e-platform has played a key role in financially empowering the women across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the benefits reach out to maximum number of women entrepreneurs during the past year?

Opening of Unani hospital

2216. SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:

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 received proposals from various States for setting up of Unani hospitals in the country including Jehanabad in Bihar;

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

(c) whether a number of these proposals are pending for approval and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the time by which these pending proposals are likely to be finalised; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government to popularise Unani System of medicine in the country?

Agreement with Foreign Countries

2217. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with the foreign countries relating to Science & Technology during the last five years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of benefits likely to be accrued as a result of such agreements?

Guidelines for Caesarean Deliveries

2218. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of caesarean deliveries across the country is higher than the developed countries, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such deliveries performed during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of the standards declared by WHO for caesarean deliveries;

(c) whether Government has put in place any guidelines and rules for cesarean deliveries and if so, the present status of compliance thereof by Government and private hospitals and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government and private hospitals and Nursing Homes are forcing the women patients and their family members to undergo caesarean operation even when it is not necessary;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against erring Government, private hospitals, nursing homes in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to bring down C-section deliveries as per the WHO standards?

Job Loss for Women

2219. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps aimed at creating gender parity in unpaid household work which falls disproportionately on women in both rural and urban households, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the pandemic has led to a disproportionate number of job losses for women;

(d) if so, the steps taken or planned to help women get back to work; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

COVID Emergency Response

2220. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package, if so, the objectives behind such a package;

(b) the details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard;

(c) whether the funds sanctioned are likely to be utilized in three phases, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India has one of the lowest global COVID-19 fatality rates and consecutively recovery rate has increased;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the current status of COVID-19 in India; and

(f) whether NCDC has conducted surveillance during the pandemic through the IDSP network and if so, the details thereof?

Installation of High and Low Power Transmitters

†2221. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high and low power transmitters installed so far in the country, State/UT-wise and location-wise;

(b) the target set for installing HPT/LPT/VLPT in the country during the last five year plan alongwith the number of transmitters actually installed, State/UT-wise;

(c) the target set in this regard post the twelfth five year plan, State/UT-wise alongwith the efforts being made to achieve it;

(d) whether the Government has sanctioned a scheme for installation of more high power transmitters in different states and if so, the location-wise details thereof; and

(e) the details of prescribed time limit for the same?

COVID-19 test centres in Jharkhand

2222. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of COVID-19 test centres in Jharkhand especially in Bokaro, Giridih and Dhanbad district;

(b) whether the Government have provided any guidelines for tracing the cases to contain the disease; and

(c) the number of isolation wards/centres established in Jharkhand especially in Bokaro, Giridih and Dhanbad districts?

Promotion of Naturopathy

†2223. 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) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Naturopathy across the country; and

(b) the number of fake companies selling AYUSH products against which action was taken during the last five years?

Mental Health of COVID Health Workers

2224. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds disbursed by the Government to States/UTs for procurement of PPEs and N95 masks for frontline healthcare workers and number of PPEs procured so far, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has taken steps to provide mental health support to healthcare workers during the pandemic; and

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

National Bio-Material Centre

2225. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up a National Bio-material Centre (National Tissue Bank) at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) the steps taken by the Government in co-ordination with States/UTs to increase social awareness for donation of human organs;

(c) whether the Government would encourage setting up of Human Organ Banks in each State and would make provision of funds therefor, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry would approach Ministry of HRD and States/UTs to introduce a chapter on organ donation in school and college curriculum, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation of Funds for Ayush

2226. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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 allocated funds for Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (Ayush) to Kerala during the last three years.

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

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned additional funds for the infrastructure development of Kurichi Homeopathic Hospital at Changanassary, Kerala;

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

(e) whether the Government has allocated funds under AYUSH for research studies to aid/facilitate preventive medicine against Covid-19; and

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

Environment Management Capacity

2227. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes for environmental education, awareness and training during the last three years;

(b) whether World Bank assistance has been taken to promote environment management capacity building project in various States of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon during the said period, State-wise?

Cancer and Kidney Related Diseases

2228. DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the cases of cancer and kidney related diseases have increased rapidly for the last four years across the country especially in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to arrest these deadly diseases;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any dialogue with developed countries for working for advanced technology/device to prevent cancer or to develop indigenous vaccine to end this deadly disease; and

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

Population based screening for Hypertension

2229. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to conduct population based screening for hypertension, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) the current status of India Hypertension Control Initiative and the number of people who have been registered for treatment under this initiative;

(c) the success rate of treatment adherence; and

(d) the manner in which Government is ensuring that screening and treatment of hypertension remains a priority during the current pandemic considering it as a major co-morbidity for COVID?

Fatality Rate in COVID

2230. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fatality rate reported in COVID-19 for cancer patients is the highest in the country during last 6 months, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether cancer is the top most common disease in India responsible for maximum mortality with about 0.5 million deaths per year;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government for the prevention of the disease;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide free treatment to all the cancer patients in all the hospitals including private hospitals; and

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

Diversion of Funds under BBBP

2231. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds released for Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme have been diverted into wasteful activities such as inaugurations and promotion during the last five years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the productivity of this scheme; and

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that the benefits are accruing to the beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof?

Capacity of AIR/DD

†2232. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to increase the capacity of All India Radio/Doordarshan Kendra in Wardha, Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any proposal for the purpose is pending, if so, the time by which it is likely to be approved?

Treatment under Naturopathy System

†2233. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:

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 number of people treated by Naturopathy is less in the country including Uttarakhand, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is due to lack of awareness in people about the system of Naturopathy, qualified doctors and basic infrastructural facilities;

(c) whether the Government is considering to popularise Naturopathy across the country including its

treatment in Uttarakhand in view of its accessibility, cost effectiveness and unique geography of the hill State; and

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

Promotion of Ayurvedic System of Medicine

†2234. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

SHRI SHANTANU 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) whether the Government has formulated any steps to promote Ayurvedic System of Medicine;

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

(c) whether the Government has setup any Ayurvedic diagnostic centres or initiated Ayurvedic treatment in the existing hospitals/diagnostic centres during the last one year and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Vaccine for COVID-19

2235. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that many organizations are claiming that a vaccine has been invented/developed to control corona virus in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has examined their claims, if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to produce vaccine at the earliest?

COVID-19 Patients in Delhi

2236. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of COVID-19 patients in Delhi who were/are being treated in hospitals under the Central Government;

(b) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring availability of beds to patients and their real time monitoring during the COVID-19 pandemic in such hospitals;

(c) the amount spent on the treatment of COVID-19 patients in such hospitals; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any measures for the post COVID-19 care of patients and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Lemaru Elephant Reserve

†2237. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities being provided to the people of 140 villages adversely affected by setting up of Lemaru Elephant Reserve in lieu of their displacement;

(b) the number of employees appointed under the project for their rehabilitation; and

(c) the number and details of displaced families which have been provided compensation or land till date?

Promotion of Ayurvedic System of Medicine

2238. COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE:

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 'Integration of AYUSH with National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) Program', including funds allocated for the same;

(b) the details of 'Integration of AYUSH with NPCDCS Program' Centres, State/District-wise including Rajasthan;

(c) the details of effectiveness of treatment offered for Cancer at these centers along with total number of people who have undergone treatment at each of these centres;

(d) the total number of people employed at these centres, and the criteria for their recruitment in each State; and

(e) whether any proposals have been initiated to expand the programme to more States and districts and if so, the details thereof?

Ayurvedic Covid-19 Vaccine

2239. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

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 given approval to any Ayurvedic Covid-19 Vaccine in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, vaccine-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the Government agencies involved in the development of the vaccine?

Handloom Clusters

2240. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for sanction of Handloom Clusters in their States, if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government is planning to develop such clusters in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the number of such clusters currently functional in the country, State/UT-wise including Telangana;

(c) the details of the places identified for establishment of new handloom clusters in the country, State/UT-wise including Telangana along with the funds allocated and released for each cluster under this project;

(d) whether the Government has implemented Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for development of mega handloom clusters in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the present status of mega handloom clusters in the country, State/UT-wise including Godda district of Jharkhand?

Inclusive Programme for Persons with Disabilities

2241. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans or taken any steps to provide for Inclusive Programing on various broadcast platforms of the Government for Persons with disabilities and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide for same language subtitling on Government TV channels and other modes of video broadcast undertaken by the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry has undertaken any study or plan to commission such research in coordination with Ministry of Education and/or Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, to explore the possibility of benefits in literacy and accessibility due to Same Language Subtitling; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Generation of Information Technology Waste

2242. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

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 India generate the highest amount of Information Technology waste globally and if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for the same;

(b) the quantum of I.T. waste generated in the country during each of the last three years including the current year;

(c) whether as per the aforementioned study, I.T. waste generation in India would be doubled by year 2050, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to address the said problem and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for recycling of IT waste in the country?

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

2243. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is the second most common cause of death in the country after heart disease;

(b) whether Government is giving any attention to this disease in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any awareness programme about the disease, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of people suffering from COPD and the states where it is most prevalent along with number of patients who have been given treatment/treated and patients died during each of the last three years;

(e) whether the Government has launched a national programme for prevention and control of COPD and if so, the details thereof and the achievement made thereunder since its inception; and

(f) the other preventive measures taken to make available affordable drugs/treatment to the low income/poor people of the country for COPD?

Cancer Patients

†2244. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA:
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the number of cancer patients across the country if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(b) whether nearly 1300 deaths due to cancer are taking place everyday, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has ascertained the main cause of cancer, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the emphasis has been laid on health education to create awareness about cancer and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the number of patients likely to be affected in the next 10 years and the preparations being made to deal with it?

Observation of World Blood Donors' Day

2245. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government observed World Blood Donor Day recently;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the theme of the event and initiatives undertaken;

(c) whether there is shortage of blood in various blood banks due to COVID-19 pandemic situation causing lot of difficulties to patients and if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to push for a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration, creating opportunities to donate and raise public awareness on the need for safe blood donation in the country, if so the details thereof;

(e) whether blood bank facilities are not available in various districts in the country; and

(f) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any blood bank policy stipulating setting up at least one blood bank in every district in the country especially in Tamil Nadu and Southern States?

Utilisation of CAMPA Funds

2246. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has come up with some framework to ensure that the various States are utilizing the Compensatory Afforestation Funds Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Fund individually, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that newly selected land for afforestation are contiguous to the forest land being diverted;

(c) the details of steps undertaken by the Government to ensure that natural/native species have been planted rather than non-native species; and

(d) the details of penal provisions/penalties imposed against any violations in this regard?

Health Centres in Assam

2247. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of healthcare centres functional in Assam specially in Dhubri and Goalpara districts;

(b) the number of them sponsored by Union Government and the State Government, separately;

(c) the details of staff, doctors and nurses posted at all the healthcare centres, district-wise in Assam;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to set up more healthcare centres in Assam particularly in Dhubri and Goalpara districts;

(e) if so, the detail thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of Ayurvedic Products during COVID-19

†2248. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:
SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:
DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the use of the Ayurvedic products during COVID-19;

(b) whether the Government proposes to promote AYUSH among people to boost immunity in general and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ayurvedic products have not been properly tested due to sudden increase in demand due to which confusion has ensued among the public;

(d) the details of patients benefitted during the COVID-19 pandemic through AYUSH treatment; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to deal with current crisis?

Upgradation of AIR/DD

2249. SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGHBHAI CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIR/DD stations are regularly being modernised/upgraded at par with international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof including modernisation/upgradation work carried out in the production of broadcast/telecast of programmes of All India Radio and the Doordarshan;

(c) the funds allocated/utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the benefits accrued as a result of modernisation/upgradation of AIR/DD Stations?

National medical plants boards

2250. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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 National Medical Plants Board is functional/operational in the country;

(b) if so, the work which has been assigned to them;

(c) if not, whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up any Substitute board; and

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

Digitisation of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs)

2251. SHRI Y. DEVENDRAPPA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal for effective monitoring of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across the country through digitisation;

(b) if so, the extent to which digitisation has been achieved, State-wise;

(c) the proposed timeline and the strategies implemented under this project, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Union Government and the State Governments to improve nutrition, literacy and numeracy in Anganwadi Centres?

Scheme of Integrated Textile Park

†2252. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more Scheme of Integrated Textile Park (SITP) in the country, particularly in the State of Haryana;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up any SITP in Bhiwani, Dadri, Mahendragarh, Nuh districts of Haryana;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these SITPs are likely to be set up; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Child Care Institutions

2253. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of shelter homes and Child Care Institutions (CCIs) currently functional across the country along with the number of children residing in them, State-wise including Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government is aware of torture and sexual exploitation of children at shelter homes indicating

the number of such cases reported during the last three years, year and State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for protection and welfare of children at such homes/institutions?

Trial by Media

2254. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of increasing spectre of trials by the Media in matters that are still in the process of being investigated under the relevant provisions of the IPC & CRPC and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether his Ministry has received any complaints/representations from people regarding trials by media in pending criminal matters, if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon;

(c) the number of alerts/internal references made to the Ministry by the Electronic Media Monitoring Centre (EMMC) on the matter and details of action taken against the erring entities, indicating the names of such TV channels;

(d) whether trial by media constitute a violation of the Programme & Advertising codes in terms of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act & Rules that are intrinsic to the licensing conditions of TV channels and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to cancel licenses of TV channels and check media trials in the country?

News Programme in Sanskrit Language

2255. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio (AIR) news channel has started broadcasting its first ever news programme in Sanskrit language, if so, the details thereof and the objective behind the move along with the days and duration of the programme;

(b) whether DD News has completed five years of continuous telecast of Sanskrit News Magazine successfully and if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Government proposes to air and telecast more Sanskrit programmes and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said decision is likely to be taken;

(d) whether the time slots allotted for regional news bulletins on Akashvani and Doordarshan are comparatively for lesser duration and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of various steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the duration of news bulletins in regional languages and improving the same?

Expansion of National Parks

2256. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to expand the area of National Parks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to setup buffer zones along the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of protests in this regard by various States/farmer organization; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken to redress their grievances?

Skilled forest workers

2257. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skilled forest workers employed with all forest divisions on permanent and contract basis, State-wise;

(b) the details of fire-fighting equipment available with forest divisions, State-wise and head-wise; and

(c) the number of skilled forest workers and fire-fighting equipment available with the forest divisions in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh, division-wise?

Discharge of Information during COVID-19

2258. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has devised any strategy for discharge of information including data release during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether the Government has engaged Non-Governmental Organisations to spread awareness about COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the spread of COVID-19 infection at a faster rate on account of irresponsible behavior of social elements by spreading false information on COVID-19 medication resulting in delayed medical help; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps/initiatives taken by the Government for debunking the misinformation related to COVID-19 including strict action against the concerned persons in this regard?

Harmful Effects of Consuming Trans Fats

2259. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether people in the country are still not aware about the harmful effects of consuming trans-fats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the FSSAI has launched a new mass media campaign in order to create awareness about trans-fats and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to eliminate the use of trans-fats in the country by the year 2022 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the FSSAI has issued any draft regulations to meet the World Health Organizations mandated two percent limit regarding trans-fat elimination in oils, fats and extracted fat of food products and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the time by which said regulations are likely to be notified by the Government; and

(f) whether the Government has set any procedure to record the compliance of regulations issued and if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Rashtriya Arogya Mission

†2260. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds in order to further strengthen Rashtriya Arogya Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Poshan Abhiyaan

2261. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current levels of malnutrition, stunting, wasting, anemia among children between 6-59 months and anemia among women and adolescent girls in the age 15-49 years across the country, specially the targets set to overcome the same in Jharkhand, district-wise; and

(b) the nature of convergence across different schemes run by the Government with the Poshan Abhiyaan?

Man-Animal Conflict

2262. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

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 of the loss of human lives due to frequent attacks by wild animals encroaching into agriculture fields and human habitations near forest borders in various states;

(b) if so, the total number of human lives lost during the last five years ending August 2020, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the population of various wild species have multiplied during the last few years and that they are posing danger by encroaching into agriculture fields and nearby human habitations near forest borders due to insufficient food and water; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by the Government to control the man-animal conflict in the country?

Objectives of National Rural Health Mission

2263. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural population do not have sufficient medical facilities in most of the rural areas in the country including Bihar;

(b) the extent to which National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has achieved its objectives;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up super specialty healthcare centres in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CGHS Empanelled Hospitals and Wellness Centres

2264. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals and dispensaries under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) in the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) whether the number of such hospitals and dispensaries are adequate keeping in view the increasing number of Government employees in the country including Maharashtra;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to open/set up new CGHS Centres across the country, particularly in Wardha and Amravati in Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring more private hospitals under CGHS in order to increase the number of such hospitals and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has recently amended the list of empanelled hospitals under CGHS, if so, the details of hospitals which have been excluded from the said list, State/UT wise including Delhi?

Drug Use

2265. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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 the incidence of use of drugs is rising among women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of women and children detained for selling/using drugs;

(d) the number of de-addiction centres functioning across the country, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government is providing financial assistance to these centres; and

(f) if so, the details of funding provided during the last three years, year and State-wise?

Multi-National Companies (MNCs)

2266. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYASAHEB PATIL:

SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO
MANE:
SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE 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 Government has planned to develop herbal gardens with prominent medicinal plants in the country including Maharashtra in collaboration with various Multi-National Companies (MNCs);

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

(c) the details about the current herbal gardens in the country;

(d) whether Government is providing incentives to the farmers to promote herbal farming, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the type of assistance being provided by Government for the same and the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the further initiatives taken by Government during the last three years in this regard?

RT-PCR Kits

2267. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian companies are currently manufacturing RTPCR kits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of kits that are indigenously manufactured and the percentage of kits being imported; and

(d) the number of tests per day that can be done using the said kits?

National Biopharma Mission

†2268. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI NAYAB SINGH:
SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:
SHRI JOHN BARLA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the aims and objectives and the goals set by the Government under National Biopharma Mission (NBM);

(b) the details of the efforts being made by the Government under NBM for promoting entrepreneurship and indigenous manufacturing;

(c) the manner in which the Government is boosting innovation in the country to attain inclusivity; and

(d) whether any projects/activities are also being undertaken under NBM in Haryana, if so, the details thereof?

Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao (BBBP)

2269. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts identified under Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme in Telangana and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the targets set and achieved in all the States/UTs under the scheme;

(d) the total amount allocated under the scheme to different States/UTs and utilized so far;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the success of the scheme since its inception; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and further steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure the success of the scheme?

Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

2270. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SELVAM G:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people are suffering from Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver disease (NAFLD) which is emerging as important cause of liver disease in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many patients of NAFLD are not able to get good treatment due to shortage of trained doctors;

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

(e) whether the Government has taken/proposed any measures to educate the public on the ill effects of NAFLD, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to include NAFLD in the National Health Programme and provide financial assistance to such needy patients, if so, the

details thereof and the other measures being taken by the Government for facilitating affordable treatment of NAFLD and other liver related diseases and also development of diagnostic and treatment technology for NAFLD ?

Integrated Regional Offices

2271. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has recently set up 19 Integrated Regional Offices (IROs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons, objectives/benefits for carrying out such an exercise?

Malnutrition among children

2272. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of malnourished children in the country State/UT-wise including Bihar;

(b) whether malnourishment among children across the country has been increasing over the years

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Bihar;

(d) whether the Government is planning to issue new guidelines to address the issue of malnutrition among children;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the funds proposed to be sanctioned for this purpose and the time by which the guidelines are likely to be issued?

News Bulletins in Regional languages

†2273. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps taken by the Government to increase the show-time on television and improve the broadcasting of news bulletins in regional languages at national level through 'Doordarshan' and 'Akashvani';

(b) whether the Government proposes to promote the broadcasting of such bulletins to attach more importance to the various regional languages of the country; and

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

Malnutrition among Children

†2274. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prevalence of malnutrition is highest in the country globally;

(b) whether the Government is aware that forty four percent children below the age of three years are suffering from malnutrition;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan;

(d) the names and details of such States where the number of children suffering from malnutrition are the highest; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Textile Production

†2275. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production in textile sector has witnessed a large scale decline, if so, the details of textile production and export from the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and product-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any plan for boosting the production and exports in the country, if so, the details of the export of textile products and the revenue earned therefrom during the said period, country and product-wise;

(c) the total amount of FDI made in the textile sector during the said period;

(d) the details of measures taken by the Government to boost textile sector in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of funds and incentives made available to textile industries during the said period, State/UT-wise along with the details of employment likely to be generated through textile sector?

Non-release of funds for Telangana

2276. DR. G RANJITH REDDY:

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 funds have not been released for the State of Telangana under the National Afforestation Programme and Green India Mission since 2016-17;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing funds for Telanaga; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide funds to Telangana under above programmes and increase its forest cover from the existing 23,000 sq. kms?

Handloom Weavers

2277. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA
KRISHNA RAJU:
SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:
SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:
SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request from handloom weavers seeking recognition as MSMEs and special marketing assistance as they have lost livelihood due to COVID pandemic, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly Andhra Pradesh along with the details of their other demands;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to protect the handloom weavers and supply free electricity to them, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Bihar and Maharashtra and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned/released funds for execution of various schemes for weavers, if so, the details thereof, scheme and District-wise and if not, the reasons therefor along with the total number of weavers in the country, particularly Karnataka;

(d) whether some State Governments are unable to fully utilize the sanctioned amount, if so, the details and reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to ensure optimum utilization of released funds for the benefit of weavers; and

(e) whether the Government is aware of the problems faced by the handloom weavers, if so, the measures taken by the Government to address the problems of the weavers along with schemes proposed and implemented by the Government to uplift the handloom sector?

Exclusive COVID-19 treatment and care blocks

2278. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
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 Union Government has any plans to start exclusive COVID-19 treatment and care blocks in States Like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu where large numbers of people got infected by COVID-19 and their number is increasing manifold;

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

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government to provide funds and medical equipment for COVID-19 care management;

(d) whether the Government has anticipated and is ready for the second wave of COVID-19 during the winter months in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken both by the Centre and State Governments in this regard?

Anganwadi Centres under MGNREGA

‡2279. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of approved Anganwadi Centres in Chhattisgarh which are currently operational in rental premises along with the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to include construction work of Anganwadi centres under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Subsidies for Cotton

2280. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to increase subsidies for cotton on par with rice or wheat, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any proposal to mitigate the loss of jobs and reduction in market growth of cotton textile industry in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

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

(e) whether the Government is planning to enhance the sales from the industry by introducing more FTAs or reducing import duties in order to make the prices more competitive and if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Specialists Doctors in Rural Areas

‡2281. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to make up the shortage of doctors and to correct this ratio in Government healthcare centres operated in the country particularly in rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government have identified such areas in country including Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh where there is acute shortage of doctors and medical facilities;

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

(d) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to ensure better availability of specialist doctors in rural and remote areas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, including Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and if not, the reasons therefor?

Neglect of Other Health Issues due to COVID-19

2282. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the impact of COVID-19 on reporting of TB cases and detection of HIV cases;

(b) whether the Government anticipates an increase in the incidence of TB and HIV as a result of the pandemic; and

(c) if so, details of the measures being taken by the government to redress the situation?

PFC Programme

2283. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of budget allocated to and utilized by Patent Facilitation Cell (PFC) for implementation of various programmes/schemes/activities during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the total number of patents that have been filed till date, Region-wise and Year-wise; and

(c) whether the PFC offers financial help to startups and other young entrepreneurs to file the patents and if so, the details thereof?

Emission Standard

2284. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has given in-principle approval for relaxation of Nitrogen Oxide emission standard limit from 300mg/Nm³ to 450mg/Nm³ in May 2019;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by Government to tackle "Climate Change";

(c) the details of communications between Ministry of Power (MoP), Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) related to increasing NOx emission standards;

(d) if so, the details of the officials involved in this decision from MoP, CEA and CPCB;

(e) the monitoring report on emissions of four thermal power plants sent to the Ministry in May 2019; and

(f) the details of thermal power plants violating the 300mg/Nm³ standard as per the monitoring report at full-load and part-load?

Reduction in Forest Cover

2285. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

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 reduction in forest cover across the country as a result of which climate is adversely affected;

(b) if so, steps that have been taken/are being taken to improve the forest cover;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop specific forest zones for growth of medicinal plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Missing Children

†2286. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

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 instances of missing children being recovered by the Police although their relatives have not been traced during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such children during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the proposals formulated by the Government regarding the upbringing and education of such children?

Virology Laboratories for Corona Testing

†2287. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Virology Laboratories for the test of Corona virus in the time of COVID-19 global pandemic, State/UT/location-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Virology Laboratories are in operation in all Medical Colleges of Chhattisgarh including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal/correspondence has been done to start virology laboratories in Bilaspur, Raigarh and Ambikapur medical colleges in Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, the details and the current status thereof; and

(e) the other measure being take by the Government for testing controlling and prevention of Corona pandemic?

National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Applications

2288. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced to set up a National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Application (NM-QTA) in the Budget, 2020 and if so, the details thereof including the budget outlay;

(b) the key features and objectives of the said Mission along with the timeframe for implementation of the Mission;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any guidelines on ethical practices to be followed while conducting research under the said Mission covering the aspects of artificial intelligence, privacy and other such elements, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to partner with foreign countries, foreign investors, and the private sector as a part of the NM-QTA and if so, the details thereof?

Global Rise in Temperatures

2289. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

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 as per a recent UN report, there could be a 3-5 degree rise in temperature compared to pre-industrialization levels globally, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has laid down any roadmap to educate/create awareness among people towards adopting a environment-friendly lifestyle, if so, the details thereof; and

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

Benefits to Healthcare Workers

2290. MS. DIYA KUMARI:
SHRI JAYANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to provide any special benefits for the country's healthcare workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the schemes for healthcare workers fighting COVID-19 in the country; and

(d) the details of beneficiaries of such schemes, State/UT-wise as on date?

Medical College at Nagaur

†2291. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of selection of agency for construction of a medical colleges approved under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme in Nagaur district of Rajasthan is under consideration with the Government;

(b) if so, the time by which the action is likely to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to issue any guidelines for early operationalisation of the said medical college; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Free Treatment in OPDs

2292. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the existing norms, Private Hospitals are supposed to reserve 25% quota for providing free treatment to patients in the Outdoor Patient Department and 10% quota to admit poor patients, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether private hospitals utilise reserved quota beds into paid categories on the pretext of having no vacancy;

(c) if so, whether the Government is having any monitoring mechanism to verify the authenticity of the claims made by the private hospitals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is having any proposal to cancel the licences of the private hospitals for not implementing the norms prescribed by the Government, if so, the details thereof?

Institutional Births/Deliveries

2293. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a deadline for achieving 100 percent Institutional Births in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to increase institutional Births;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the sub-standard and inhuman facilities in various health centres as a result of which several women are choosing non-institutional deliveries, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has found serious cases of non-institutional deliveries in Cities/ urban areas?

Ayush Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

2294. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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 Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy (AYUSH) hospitals functioning in the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number and details of staff strength, including doctors, and the present position in each of the traditional systems of medicine, State/UT-wise, hospital-wise, stream-wise;

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to supplement the efforts of various State Governments to promote AYUSH in the country, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a 50-bedded AYUSH hospital in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, stream-wise?

Reservation to OBCs in Medical Admissions

2295. SHRI T.R. BAALU:
SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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 judgement of the Madras High Court stating that there is no impediment to provide reservation to OBCs in medical admissions from the All India Quota contributed by the States and that a Committee should be set up to provide fifty percent of reservation and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon;

(b) whether any committee has been constituted to examine the proposal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reservation for OBCs in such medical admissions has not been given since 2013 and if so, the reasons therefor and whether the Government proposes to grant the same from the academic year 2020-21;

(d) whether the Government has received representations from any State particularly Tamil Nadu for providing reservation to OBC students for securing admission in MBBS and PG medical courses; and

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

Women Entrepreneurship

†2296. DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any programme to promote women entrepreneurship across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Physical and Mental Health of Children

2297. SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH
NARAYAN DHANORKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an adverse impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on the physical and mental health of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to promote awareness about mental health issues among children and parents and address the anxiety issues caused in children by the fear of COVID-19 virus?

Rates of Advertisements for Private TV Channels

†2298. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI
KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase
the rates of advertisement for private T.V. channels;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic
Affairs(CCEA) has chalked out a plan for the
'broadcasting, basic infrastructure and network
development' in Prasar Bharti; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Compensatory Afforestation

2299. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST
AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has compiled a list of
locations and corresponding acreage where

Compensatory Afforestation was carried out in the State
of Telangana, especially in the district of Yadadri-Bhongir;

(b) if so, the details thereof, each year since 2014;
and

(c) the sanciton, release and utilization of CAMPA
funds each year since 2014, State-wise?

E-waste

†2300. 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) whether e-waste is increasing rapidly in the
country, every year;

(b) if so, the details of e-waste generated during the
last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any plan for disposal
of e-waste, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is aware that the workers
engaged in e-waste management are getting affected by
various diseases and several casualties have been
recorded as a result; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save
people from such problems and to set up a safe disposal
system for e-waste?

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