

LOK SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

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

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

Total Number of Questions—20

Alternative System of Medicine

†*261. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students across the country including Chhattisgarh who have done three-year medical course in Alternative System of Medicine;

(b) whether the Government has given recognition to the said course;

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

(d) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to utilize the knowledge of such students in hospitals where there is a shortage of doctors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Farm Loan Waiver

*262. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR

REDDY:

SHRI KONAKALLA
NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farm loan waiver is not a good practice for economic or credit culture which ultimately cannot be justified in the long run according to former Governors of the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to offer farmers a longer window to pay off their loans and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the financial assistance provided/ being provided to each State by the

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Government for the purpose during the last three years and the current year?

Loan Agreement with IBRD

*263. KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has signed loan agreement with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) for the Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) project recently;

(b) if so, the details along with the terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the aims and objectives of said loans along with the ongoing projects in association with international agencies, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether India has contributed any share to the World Bank and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the role of India in the decision making body of World Bank?

Complaints against Private Companies

†*264. SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN
YADAV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUHARY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received for violation of terms and conditions by private companies with regard to deposit of money by the public and its return along with the names of companies against which such complaints have been made during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government on such complaints during the said period along with the outcome thereof;

(c) the number of cases out of the said complaints filed in the court along with the number of said cases pending in the court at present; and

(d) the number of persons jailed in this regard?

Compensation to States

*265. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of revenue received by the Government through Cess imposed on luxury goods that is payable to compensate the States; and

(b) the manner in which the Government plans to compensate the States, which incurred revenue losses under Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime in cases the losses exceed the estimates that have been set out?

Depleting Forest Coverage

*266. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH
JOSHI:
SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forest coverage of the country has been drastically and constantly depleting;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to address the issue;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to involve the private sector to increase the forest coverage by encouraging private participation in preservation and conservation of forests and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government also intends to give tax exemptions and compensation to those people who propose to raise forests in their land under the said plan and if so, the details thereof?

Women Entrepreneurs under MUDRA Yojana

*267. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women entrepreneurs who have availed credit under the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Limited (MUDRA) Yojana in the country since its inception, State/UT-wise including Telangana; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to cover more women entrepreneurs under MUDRA Yojana?

Rise in Elephant Menace

*268. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of elephant menace has risen in the country particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such incidents reported during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any effective measures to prevent elephant menace in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has also taken steps to provide compensation to the families and farmers affected by elephant menace and if so, the details thereof?

Fraudulent Practices by Bitcoin Companies

*269. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the growing reports of cheating and fraudulent practices by bitcoin companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such companies are repeatedly violating rules laid down by the Government by not filing annual balance sheets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken against such companies so far?

Demands of Small Traders

*270. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small traders in the country are severely hit by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and if so, the details thereof along with the demands made by them;

(b) whether the Government is considering the demands of small traders; and

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

Agricultural Loan*271. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gap between disbursement of agricultural loan by Public and Private Sector banks has widened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, if so, the details thereof, Bank, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has received complaints against private sector banks for denial of or showing reluctance for agricultural loan to the farmers across the country during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Bank, State/UT-wise, along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such complaints so far;

(d) the details of loans settled by farmers under one-time settlement scheme along with its impact on Non-Performing Assets of the Banks; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring transparency in disbursing agricultural loan to the farmers?

Institute for Study and Research on Forest‡*272. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:
SHRI MANSHANKAR
NINAMA: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 set up a designated Institute for study and research on forest and management of the forest resources in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be set up and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the targets prescribed by the Government for increasing forest area which is decreasing due to increase in population in the country?

Awareness Programmes for Ayurveda*273. SHRI GODSE HEMANT
TUKARAM:Will the Minister of AYURVEDA,
YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI,
SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY
(AYUSH)आयुर्वेद, योग और प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा, यूनानी,
सिद्ध और होम्योपैथी (आयुष) मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has

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implemented/proposes to implement various schemes/programmes to create awareness regarding ayurveda in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, programme/scheme and State/UT-wise?

Credit/Loan Facilities to SCs/STs

‡*274. SHRI RATTAN LAL
KATARIA:

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

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India/ Public Sector Banks (PSBs)/financial institutions provide any credit/loan facilities to the people belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) for their socio-economic development and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the procedure adopted by the Government for the selection of SC/ST beneficiaries under different schemes;

(c) the total amount earmarked and disbursed under the said schemes by the PSBs/financial institutions to SC/ST communities during the last three years, bank-wise;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure easy credit facility by PSBs/financial institutions to SCs/STs; and

(e) the number of households brought above poverty line as a result of inclusive policies of the Government during the above period?

Communicable Diseases

*275. SHRI RAYAPATI
SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details/status of communicable diseases prevalent in the country;

(b) the initiatives taken by the Government to address communicable diseases along with the deaths reported during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of flagship programmes launched in this regard;

(d) the details of funds allocated for the purpose, funds spent and unspent along with the reasons for the same during the said period, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the other steps taken to spread awareness to check the said diseases during the above period?

Growth of Indian Economy

*276. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE
वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report of United Nations Indian economy is likely to expand by 7.2 per cent in 2018 and go up further to 7.4 per cent in the following year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the manner in which large scale public investment initiated by the Government has resulted in growth of the Indian economy;

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(c) whether confidence in the Indian economy has increased substantially on account of the policy measures of the Government and of the Central bank; and

(d) if so, the details of the policy measures undertaken for the purpose?

Comprehensive Health Service

†*277. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people in rural and urban areas of the country fail to get treatment for severe diseases requiring expensive treatment due to financial constraints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement a comprehensive health service coverage in view of this grave situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-Acceptance of Coins by Banks

*278. SHRI MOHD. SALIM:
SHRI MD.
BADARUDDOZA
KHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the banks are not accepting coins from the customers;

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

(c) the manner in which the Government is planning to mitigate the hardships being faced by small traders, shopkeepers, vendors and beggars; and

(d) the advice rendered by the Government to the people who are stuck with a huge quantity of coins due to non-acceptance of the same by banks?

Medical Negligence

*279. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:
SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of medical negligence in Central Government and private hospitals have been reported across the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year and State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh along with the response of the Government in this regard and the action taken against such hospitals;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Grievance Redressal Committees in these hospitals during the said period, hospital-wise and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government has framed any rules to curb loot and criminal negligence by private hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other corrective measures taken by the Government to stop such incidents of loot and criminal negligence?

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Unqualified Doctors

*280. SHRIMATI P.K.
SREEMATHI TEACHER:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

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 findings of the World Health Organisation (WHO) report that a large

number of doctors practising in India do not have necessary qualifications;

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

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry/investigation in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) the details of cases registered against such practitioners; and

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

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SNEHLATA SHRIVASTAVA

Secretary General

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Total Number of Questions — 230

Revenue Loss due to Smuggling

2991. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that smuggling, counterfeiting and piracy of various things are going up in the country thereby impacting the Make in India campaign and the objective of becoming a global manufacturing hub and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government made any assessment of the sectors goods that are smuggled, pirated or counterfeited into the country and loss incurred by respective sectors and revenue loss incurred by the Government thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last five years and the current year, sector/goods-wise?

CSR

2992. SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds spent by various companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17;

(b) whether the Government has got audited the amount spent by those companies under CSR and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds out of the above spent on locals?

Loan to Small Scale Industries

†2993. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any arrangement to provide bank loans to persons running

Small Scale Industries (SSI) and to the small shopkeepers who are running business in rented shops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any terms and conditions have been fixed by the Government for providing loans to the middle class shopkeepers running business in rented shops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Food Recall Policy

2994. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

SHRI DUSHYANT

CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Act has provisions for recalling food items which are not in compliance with the laid down food safety, regulatory and manufacturing norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of cases where such items have been recalled under the said provisions during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has released specific food recall procedures and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to amend the Consumer Protection Act to recall food items which do not meet the requisite standards of Bureau of Indian norms and if so, the details thereof?

Healthcare Delivery System

2995. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been providing adequate financial assistance for strengthening the healthcare delivery system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance provided/ utilised during the last three years, State/ UT-wise?

Zoonotic Diseases

2996. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a serious threat from zoonotic diseases as India contributes nearly a third of global deaths due to rabies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control zoonotic diseases?

Disbursement of Pension

2997. PROF. SADHU SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the disbursement of Central Government Pension to many beneficiaries have been stopped due to non-linking of same with the Aadhaar number and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Punjab;

(b) whether the Government proposes to exempt beneficiary patients suffering from leprosy or any other grave disease and hence unable to provide their biometric details and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the other steps taken by the Government to facilitate such beneficiaries patients; and

(d) whether the Government is considering some alternative option for such beneficiary patients and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Implementation of Paris Pact

2998. SHRI SANJAY
HARIBHAU JADHAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced at the recent informal meeting of BRICS leaders on sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany to implement Paris Pact in Letter and Spirit and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether, besides India, the other BRICS members have shown reluctance to implement this agreement and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role being played by United States of America (USA) and other Member

Countries in regard to Global deal on climate change?

Finance to Large Infrastructure Project

2999. ADV. NARENDRA
KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to raise funds from capital market to finance large infrastructure project is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government have finalised the action plan and identified the projects to be funded; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Corporate Debt Restructure Scheme

3000. SHRI BADRUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether banks are facing huge loss due to big loan defaulters causing bad impact on the country's economy;

(b) if so, the details of such individuals/companies which are in default of loans with more than Rs. 100 crore, bank-wise;

(c) the details of individuals/companies that have been benefited by Corporate Debt Restructure scheme during the last five years;

(d) whether the Government has come out with guidelines for banks regarding loan recovery; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Final Effluent Treatment Plant of Ankleshwar

3001. SHRI DEVUSINH
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry/Government has issued directions through Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), under Section 18(i) (9b) of Water Act, 1974 not to add any hydraulic load to the Final Effluent Treatment Plant (FETP) of Ankleshwar resulting in stalling of development of the industrial estates of the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether during the last five years the results of the outflow of the FETP have substantially improved due to continuous and rigorous efforts of the State and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether as a result, the ban imposed under the said section of the Water Act needs to be lifted by CPCB for all around growth in the region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the ban is likely to be lifted?

Standard Operating Procedure for Missing Women

3002. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed a Standard Operating Procedure for tracing of missing women and their rehabilitation after recovery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats

3003. SHRIMATI POONAM
MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH) scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the components and activities of the Scheme;

(c) the number of protected areas in the country identified under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(d) the amount of funds spent by the Government since the inception of IDWH scheme, year-wise; and

(e) whether IDWH has been effective in terms of saving critically endangered species from extinction since the inception of the Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Loan to Dairy Units

†3004. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Banks provide loans for setting up small dairy units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of farmers who have been granted such loans for setting up small dairy units in the country, Bank/State/UT-wise including Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the said loan is inadequate for establishing a modern dairy unit, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to raise the said amount for setting up such dairy units, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some Banks do not show interest in giving small loans under the said scheme, if so, the details thereof and the action to be taken against the Banks which refuse loans for such activity; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to provide interest free bank loans for fulfilling needs of animal husbandry sector and if so, the details thereof?

Pending Central Grants to Karnataka

3005. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds/grants relating to various Central Government Schemes are pending for release to the Government of Karnataka for want of Utilisation Certificates and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the total funds/grants released to Karnataka during the last two years under grants/share in Central Government Schemes/devolution?

Demonetisation

†3006. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the deposits made in cooperative societies, District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), urban banks and State cooperative banks after demonetisation upto 31 March, 2017, Bank/State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) whether the said cooperative institutions and banks were authorised to exchange Rs.500 and Rs.1000 currency notes after demonetisation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether cases of suspicious banking transactions made through public banks, private banks, foreign banks, district cooperative banks, urban cooperative banks and State cooperative banks have come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof, Bank/State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(d) the action taken against banks and account holders found guilty in such suspicious transactions; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy or corrective steps in this regard?

Achievement under Government Schemes

3007. SHRI VIRENDER
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has satisfied with various programmes/schemes initiated during the past three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has achieved its target of employment under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Start-Up India and Stand-Up India schemes;

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

(d) whether some of the private banks are not showing interest in providing loans under such schemes initiated by the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Online Chat Service for Taxpayers

3008. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has launched an online chat service for taxpayers and if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives behind the move;

(b) the number of persons who have availed this service till date;

(c) the number of persons filing return under Income Tax in the country, slab-wise during the last three years along with the amount of revenue received for the said period;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring more people to file their income tax return so that menace of black money could be reduced; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Common Medicinal Plants

3009. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH
YADAV:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether common medicinal plants are becoming endangered due to several factors like diversion of forest land, biotic and abiotic interference in forest areas, over-exploitation, unsustainable harvesting of medicinal and aromatic plants and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is severe short supply of medicinal plants for manufacturing alternative medicine;

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

(d) whether international cooperation is needed amongst harvesters, traders, manufacturers, Government agencies, non-governmental organisations and researchers to secure sustainable habitat for these medicinal plants; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this direction?

Rejuvenation of Sasthamcotta Lake

3010. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for rejuvenation of Sasthamcotta lake in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has received any detailed project report from the State Government of Kerala for the said project and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has released funds for rejuvenation programme of Sasthamcotta lake from 2014 onwards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

Limited Liability Participation

†3011. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Limited Liability Participation (LLP) rule is applicable in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and

(c) the number of firms included under LLP rules during the last three years, State/ UT-wise?

Diabetes

3012. SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI: SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken and schemes/programmes launched along with the funds allocated to control diabetes in the country;

(b) whether the people suffering from diabetes are most vulnerable to risk of developing lung diseases, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the excessive dose of insulin directly affect the lung anatomy, and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether most of the medicines used in the treatment of diabetes are targeted at reducing the excess amount of sugar in blood by generating more insulin in the body; and

(e) if so, whether the Government is considering any action plan in this regard?

Sewage Treatment Plants

3013. SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.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 released funds to State Governments including Tamil Nadu for strengthening and setting up of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) and Treatment Storage Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided to State Governments including Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has chalked out any comprehensive strategy to provide technological and financial support to develop CETPs for the large number of leather tanneries and dyeing units across the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total funds allocated for the purpose?

PSBs Branches under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

†3014. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a mandatory provision for opening the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) branches under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, if so the details thereof;

(b) whether any notification has been issued/proposed to be issued by the

Government in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government is formulating any plan to bring other banking facilities under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Black Money Stashed Abroad

3015. SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which have entered into agreement for bringing back black money during the last three years;

(b) the amount of money brought back into the country during the said period;

(c) whether the expected goals are not being achieved in the matter of black money; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Tobacco Control Policy

3016. SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel has recommended framing an 'equitable and pragmatic' National Tobacco Control Policy, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has proposed regular scrutiny for the

compliance of 'The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003', if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has requested various States to stop selling of non-tobacco products by shops which are licensed to sell tobacco products and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that vendors are openly selling tobacco products to minors in close vicinity of educational institutions; and

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

Cash Deposited by Government Employees

†3017. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct/probe regarding the cash deposited by the Central Government employees during demonetisation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rule 39A of Income Tax Rules

3018. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from Chartered Accountants Association, People's representative in connection with dropping of Rule 39A of the Income Tax Rules, 1962;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Overhauling of GST Rate Structure

3019. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has underlined the need of complete overhauling of Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate structure which was launched four months back keeping in view of the problems being faced by the small businessmen and general public as well;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any directions have been issued to GST Council to make the GST a comprehensive system and if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in Banking System

†3020. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) identified corruption

cases in working of banking system during the last three years;

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

(c) the number of cases registered in this regard, bank-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposes to be taken by the Government to stop such corruption?

Demand of Homoeopathy System

3021. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

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 demand and popularity of Homoeopathy system of medicine in the country and in foreign countries and the steps taken to popularise the same; and

(b) the details regarding coordination/cooperation with foreign countries in Homoeopathy system of medicine/R&D in Homoeopathy and advantages thereto?

Debts of Andhra Pradesh

3022. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total debts of Andhra Pradesh at the time of its division in June, 2014 along with its debts to various financial and other institutions as of June, 2014, institution/agency-wise;

(b) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is in deep financial crisis and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total debts of other States as of June, 2014, State-wise;

(d) the details of the present debts of Andhra Pradesh as of 1st December, 2017 and the agencies/ institutions from which Andhra Pradesh got loans and repayment made since June, 2014, institution/agency/ year-wise; and

(e) the details of projects/schemes/ programmes for which above debts have been utilised by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, year/scheme-wise and the status of each of such scheme/ programme/project?

Tax on Deposits of Retired Persons

†3023. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to ensure that the money deposited in banks by the retired persons is not taxed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Payments by Cooperative Banks

3024. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA,:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a number of cooperative banks and rural banks are not in a position to pay money deposited by poor farmers in their accounts;

(b) if so, the number of such banks and number of farmers/ depositors suffering, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken up this matter to settle the issue of defaulter banks and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to help the poor farmers in this regard?

Safety of Children

3025. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been ranked 116 in the global index of places where childhood is most threatened, lagging behind many of its neighbouring countries and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that according to the said index, India fails to give kids a safe childhood and scored worst in protecting the girl child; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Herbs Collection Centres

†3026. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

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 ayurvedic herbs collection centers in the country, State/UT-wise along with their numbers and locations;

(b) whether the Government proposes to enhance the number of these centers, particularly in hilly areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these centres are likely to be started?

Brain Drain

†3027. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing the problem of brain drain of medical practitioners which is directly affecting health sector;

(b) if so, the number of students who went to foreign countries for higher medical studies, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh along with the number of students out of them who returned back to India;

(c) whether the Government has taken strict action to stop brain drain of medical practitioners; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kidney Failure

3028. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of patients suffer kidney failure due to UTI infections each year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also true that due to drug resistance many patients have to be admitted and put on injectable drugs that are costlier; and

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

HPV Vaccine

3029. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:

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 introduce HPV vaccine under the universal immunisation programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said vaccine will help in preventing cervical cancer and if so, the details thereof?

Illegal Felling/Cutting of Trees

3030. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA: SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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 illegal felling/ cutting of trees in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of cases of illegal felling/cutting of trees reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there is an established procedure to account for the number of trees felled illegally and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of illegal felling/cutting of trees on environment and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the further steps taken by the Government to tackle illegal felling/cutting of trees?

Service Charges in Hotels/ Restaurants Post GST

3031. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government to ensure hotels and restaurants don't charge service charge in addition to Goods and Services Tax (GST);

(b) the details of redressal mechanism for a customer who is being charged additional service charge; and

(c) the details of proposed penalty for hotels and restaurants which are charging such service charge?

Use of Elephants in Circuses

†3032. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme in connection with the abolition of practice of using elephants in licensed and non-licensed circuses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

IFCI

†3033. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance that Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) in its report has stated that accounts of fifteen companies has turned into Non-Performing Assets from the year 2013 to 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the IFCI has fixed the responsibility of the officers who wrongfully sanctioned these loans and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether out of fifteen companies only one company has been referred to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for investigation, if so, the details thereof along with the present status of investigation;

(d) whether other fourteen companies have been subjected to the same investigation; and

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

Outstanding Bank Loans

3034. DR. C.

GOPALAKRISHNAN:
SHRI DIBYENDU
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a twenty per cent increase in outstanding loans of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in 2017 as compared to the last year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there has been an increase in the number of wilful defaulters from 2016 to 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified the accounts of big defaulters which constitutes bad loans of the PSBs;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the total bad loans of PSBs upto October 2017; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to use the foreign exchange reserves for shoring up the bank capital and if so, the details thereof?

Income Tax by Millionaires

3035. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has considered the logic and law behind millionaires, billionaires and trillionaires

paying Income Tax in the same rate *i.e.* 30 per cent, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any constitutional constraints or any legal hindrance against hiking different income proportionate rate of income tax from 35 per cent to 45 per cent along with existing rate of income tax; and

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

Export of AYUSH Products

3036. SHRI KONDA

VISHWESHWAR
REDDY:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the top ayurvedic drugs indicating their names that are exported from India to different countries; and

(b) the details of the largest exporters of ayurvedic products from India across the world along with percentage of the exports?

Cyber Crime in Banks

3037. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banks have lost a sum of Rs. 88,553 every hour on an average in

the past three years and three months to cyber crime amounting to 252 crore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Action on Fraudulent Transactions by Companies

3038. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for Government intervention in the affairs of a public limited company when there are allegations of fraudulent transactions and unethical practices;

(b) whether cases of frauds and illegal accounts/transactions by companies and corporate houses have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in such cases in the country?

Private Sector Investment in Health Sector

†3039. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private sector is shirking away from its responsibility of providing health services in the rural India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase private sector investment in the health sector in rural areas?

Pollution from Mining Activities

†3040. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken steps to reduce the level of pollution in the cities located near sources of mining activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government is likely to chalk out a programme in collaboration with the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Spending by States

3041. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance that spending by States grows at slowest pace in 13 years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether during the current financial year 17 major States have budgeted for a 10.8 per cent rise in spending as compared

to 19 per cent last year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government's spending is expected to grow 7.8 per cent this year which is less than half of the 17 per cent rise record last year and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has noted that the pace of increase in revenue spending at 7.8 per cent is lower than capital spending which creates assets and generate jobs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Staff in AIIMS

3042. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the emergency wing of AIIMS, New Delhi which gets over 500 patients daily is short staffed and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the availability number of senior residents and junior residents is far less than their required/sanctioned strength and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of technicians for ECG and ventilator services is also less than required and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies?

Electronic Health Records

3043. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued guidelines for implementation of interoperable Electronic Health Records (EHR) a move towards digitalization of Healthcare data in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame fixed for it;

(c) whether this is expected to help patients as they will not be required to repeat diagnosis and similar procedures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amendment in Banking Regulation Act

3044. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has outlined a broad plan to resolve stressed assets of lenders in the wake of the amendment of the Banking Regulation Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the RBI is considering to constitute a panel comprised majorly of its independent board members to advise it in this matter, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the RBI is working on a framework to facilitate the objective and consistent decision making process with regard to cases that may be determined for resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

External Aid for Ongoing Projects

3045. SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State of Gujarat for external aid for proposed/ongoing projects and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of such proposals received by the Union Government from the State of Gujarat for external aid/loan for the proposed/ongoing projects for infrastructure development in the State in various sectors and the action taken thereon?

Misuse of Loans by States

3046. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of loans disbursed to the States by the Union Government during the last three years along with the amount outstanding against the States, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has taken cognizance of certain misuse of loan amount by the States during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and

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

National Environment Regulator

3047. SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:

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 set up a National Environment Regulator for ensuring independent oversight of green clearances given to the projects as has been directed by the Supreme Court of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such a regulator is likely to be established;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the report of expert panel headed by T.S.R. Subramanian for establishment of regulator at National and State level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Water Pollution due to
Idol Immersion**

3048. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of idol immersion in water bodies have seen a rise in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has undertaken any study assessing the short and long-term impact of idol immersion in water bodies;

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

(d) the measures taken by the Government to reduce water pollution because of idol immersion?

**Awareness about Breastfeeding
among Women**

3049. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintain data about the number of women who breastfeed their newborns within one-hour of birth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to increase awareness about the importance of breastfeeding among women in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Lack of Infrastructure Facilities
in Medical Colleges**

3050. SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that most of the medical colleges in the country are lacking in infrastructure facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Medical Council of India is issuing

approvals to private medical colleges which are not having facilities as per the laid down guidelines in connivance with the Private Medical Colleges authorities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted on this matter, if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Changes in Cryosphere affecting
Global Climate**

†3051. SHRI JANARDAN
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether changes in the cryosphere is affecting the global climate;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to minimise the changes in cryosphere?

Project Secure Himalayas

3052. SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched project 'Secure Himalayas' in association with the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has aimed under the said plan to protect endangered species and their habitats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Longitudinal Ageing Study in India

3053. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), if so, the details and motives thereof;

(b) the details and status of the work undertaken so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of the targets fixed along with action plan prepared by the Government under the scheme for the ensuing years?

National Clean Air Programme

3054. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drafted the National Clean Air Programme with specific targets and timelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to engrain the National Clean Air

Programme with the use of new technology in order to combat the rising challenge of air pollution in India; and

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

Impact of GST on Furniture Business

3055. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance that the furniture business has badly affected due to higher rate of Goods and Services Tax (GST);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and

(c) whether the Government has any plan to review the high rates of GST imposed on furniture and if so, the details thereof?

Childline Services

3056. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made it mandatory for States/UTs to set up the 24 hour childline services and if so, the details and the compliance thereof;

(b) the number of childline services centers existing in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of complaints reported in childline during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether there is a mechanism in place to monitor and evaluate the functioning of these services and if so, the details thereof?

Homes for Mentally Retarded Children

3057. SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up children homes in various States including Madhya Pradesh for development and care of mentally retarded children;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of said homes set up by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to some reports that the mentally retarded children are not taken care of properly in the said homes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Tiger Safari-cum-Rescue Centre

†3058. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the proposal submitted by the State Government of Rajasthan for tiger safari-cum-rescue centre in buffer zone of Ranthambore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the same?

Loan to Farmers

3059. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers including small and marginal farmers covered under banking services in the country including Maharashtra;

(b) the number of farmers out of the small and marginal farmers, who have taken loans from the moneylenders and the estimated amount of loans taken by them, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and

(c) the number of farmers who had repaid their debts taken in 2016-17 and the number of those who had not repaid them, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

Debit and Credit Cards

†3060. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money transacted or paid through debit and credit cards in the country during the last three years and the current year, bank-wise;

(b) the number of new debit and credit cards issued during the said periods by PSBs, bank-wise;

(c) whether the cash transaction in the country has declined due to digital mode of payment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of Pharmacists

3061. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of pharmacists in CGHS, Unani Centres in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of pharmacists working in these centres, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the reasons for posts lying vacant and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to past Pharmacists in CGHS, Unani clinics?

Cashless/Less Cash Township Model

†3062. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme for establishment of cashless/less cash townships model in various cities of the country;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory to implement the cashless/less cash model in other township schemes to be launched in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Air India Disinvestment Progress

3063. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked NITI Aayog to devise a roadmap for the Air India having a estimated liability of over Rs. 52000 crores which may include recommendation for a strategic sale and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NITI Aayog working on it on war footing and has submitted its recommendations to the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any timeframe has been set for it and if so, the details thereof?

Vacant Posts in National Institute of Siddha

3064. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

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 posts of Director and Medical Superintendent in the National

Institute/college of Siddha at Tambaram in Tamil Nadu are lying vacant, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to fill those vacancies?

Neonatal Diseases

3065. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to global burden of diseases study published in the medical journal 'The Lancet' the newborns in India have a lesser chance of survival than babies born in Afghanistan and Somalia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India's rank in neonatal diseases and chronic kidney ailments is among the worst in the world; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

3066. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI: SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and the details of the incentives offered under it;

(b) the total number of subscribers currently enrolled under the scheme so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to spread awareness about the scheme;

(d) whether any grievance redressal mechanism exists under the scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any applications regarding insurance claims have been received under this scheme, State/UT-wise; and

(f) if so, the number of applications received in this regard and the action taken thereon?

Beneficiaries under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme

3067. SHRI PARTHA PRATIM RAY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme since its inception, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken note that Kanyashree scheme of West Bengal Government is recently awarded United Nations Public Services Award, if so, the difference between these two schemes; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to incorporate some changes in BBBP scheme in view of Kanyashree scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Bank Frauds

†3068. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of bank frauds involving ATM machines and bank

cheques have taken place across the country, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the number of people found guilty in such cases; and

(c) the outcome of the investigation conducted regarding the said incidents?

Impact of GST on ATM Industry

3069. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Automated Teller Machine (ATM) industry is facing problems under Goods and Services Tax (GST) in maintaining ATM machines as ATMs are put under the highest tax slab of 28 per cent under the new GST regime and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any representations from the Confederation for ATM Industry (CATMI) for redressal of their problems with regard to GST implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Disposal of Cases by NGT

†3070. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of environment related cases disposed of by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) during the last three years;

(b) the amount of money received on account of penalty imposed in the said cases;

(c) the number of plants planted by the guilty persons on orders of NGT;

(d) whether the funds collected by NGT are used for plantation activities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of Buffer Zones

†3071. SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has developed buffer zones for the conservation of environment in the country; and

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

Discontinuation of Disinvestment

†3072. SHRI ASHOK
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) proposed to be disinvested by the Government as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received request to discontinue the disinvestment of these PSUs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to discontinue disinvestment in view of requests received in this regard; and

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

Impact of Climate Change

3073. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH
SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up India's first dedicated Innovation Centre for Climate Change/ National Centre for Climate Change to study the impact of climate change in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its nature of job;

(c) whether the centre will study the ocean behaviour and weather conditions and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said centre is likely to be set up;

(d) whether a recent study report has brought out the fact that the South Asia including India will face sudden and irregular recurrence of calamities like floods in future due to climate change; and

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

Restoration of Sharing Pattern between Centre and States

3074. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government considers of restoring the earlier sharing pattern for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) to enable the States to have more resources for their State schemes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Animal Care in Zoo

3075. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI
KHADSE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Zoo Authority of India has arranged a workshop especially on wild animal care to be taken in the zoo;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some experts have expressed their views in the field like model infrastructures in zoological park and many more;

(d) if so, the details of the suggestions given by these experts during the workshop and the steps taken by Government for implementation of the suggestions; and

(e) whether new equipment has installed in zoo for animal care and if so, the details thereof?

Selling of Medicines

3076. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to ban homoeopathy doctors

from selling medicines from the premises they are practicing in, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether chemists selling allopathic medicines are also allowed to sell homoeopathic medicines without having a separate licence; and

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

Sale of PSBs Share

3077. SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to sell shares of Public Sector Banks (PSBs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Superbugs in Animals

3078. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data about the emergence of superbugs in animals in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all the States are under threat of superbugs as per the findings of the said study; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Grant-in-aid to Rajasthan under NAM

†3079. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to Rajasthan as grant-in-aid under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) along with the details of the amount of the funds allocated under various activities;

(b) the district-wise details of the activities in respect of providing mass health facilities organised in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of consolidated AYUSH hospitals being proposed to be opened in Rajasthan along with the amount of the fund allocated and disbursed in this regard, if any; and

(d) the number of villages in Rajasthan which have been selected under AYUSH Gram and the details thereof?

Plastic Notes

3080. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether five cities have been selected for using plastic notes of Rs.10 denomination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to go ahead with the procurement of the requisite plastic substrate material and approved the printing of Rs.10 notes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Easy Exit for Start-ups

3081. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are mechanisms already in place to investigate the start-ups in view of reports of rising practice of filling annual records and tax returns essentially by the non-functional start-ups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Financial Assistance to Small and Medium Industries

†3082. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms for grant of tax rebate for small scale industries;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide any financial assistance for the development of sick and closed up small and medium public sector industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of such industries on the verge of closure due to dire financial situation, State/UT-wise?

Deaths of Children in Gorakhpur Hospital

3083. DR. ANSHUL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several children died in Baba Raghav Das (BRD) Medical College and Hospital in Gorakhpur recently and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government run hospitals are equipped with all the required infrastructure in the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the States/UTs for the development of infrastructure therein during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the total number of hospitals upgraded/modernised in the country, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and the steps taken by the Government to further improve the functioning of these hospitals?

Upgradation of District Hospitals

†3084. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal to upgrade/include the district hospitals of Bharuch and Narmada district of Gujarat as model district hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of e-waste

3085. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount of toxic e-waste of disposable nature was stored in all the power firms across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has asked the power firms to dispose of these e-wastes without damaging the environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response received from the power firms in this regard?

Counterfeit Currency

3086. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assured/analysed the reduction in fake and counterfeit currency, post demonetisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely short term and long term impact of this move on the country's economy along with the effective measures taken to ban parallel currencies in the country?

Aadhaar Seeding

†3087. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives of Aadhaar seeding with bank accounts;

(b) whether the Government has made it mandatory for all the non-beneficiaries of the Government subsidy schemes to seed their Aadhaar in such accounts; and

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

Encroachment on Lakes

†3088. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether vast network of important lakes in Bihar are being encroached upon in an uncontrolled manner and are being filled up with waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to notify such lakes as wetlands;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

National Parks

†3089. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national parks in the country as on date;

(b) whether these parks are inhabited by families and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for rehabilitation of families residing in national parks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh?

Forest Clearance for Gauge Conversion

†3090. SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal relating to forest clearance for gauge conversion of Gondia-Jabalpur rail line from Balaghat forest division of Madhya Pradesh; and

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

Islamic or Sharia Banking System

3091. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has plans to introduce Islamic or Sharia banking

system to meet the financial needs of the people, if so, the details thereof and is not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has received any proposal for the formation of Islamic Bank; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the RBI in this regard?

Public Health Programmes/Schemes

3092. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):
SHRI RAJKUMAR SAINI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the major programmes/schemes being implemented/proposed to be implemented by the Government for improving the general public health across the country along with the target fixed in this regard for the next two years;

(b) the fund allocated and utilized under various schemes/programmes along with the achievement therefrom during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the various steps undertaken to ensure austerity in the Ministry during the said period?

Funds Allocated for Study on Climate Change

3093. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study on climate change and its impact on the country's environment;

(b) if so, the results of the studies that were done recently; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by his Ministry for study on climate change and its impact?

Safe City Plan for Women

3094. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:
SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to initiate a comprehensive 'safe city' plan for women in metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the list of cities selected in this regard;

(c) whether this will serve as robust emergency response system and provide police verified public transport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Commercial Release of GM Mustard

3095. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:
SHRI PONGULETI
SRINIVASA REDDY:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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 put off a decision on commercial release of Genetically Modified (GM) Mustard amid strong reservation expressed against the use of transgenic variety of oilseeds unless a detailed study is conducted on its safety aspects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted fresh round of consultations with environment groups, scientists, activist bodies and farmers in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the State Governments are consulted before granting approval of commercial cultivation of genetically modified crops and if so, the details thereof?

Cancer Vaccine

3096. DR. THOKCHOM
MEINYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether cancer vaccine is now available in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the doctors have started giving advice to the general public about this vaccine, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has approved a policy in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Old Age Jan Dhan Account Holders

†3097. SHRI PANKAJ
CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the problems being faced by the elderly people who are not able to withdraw money from their Jan Dhan Accounts as their thumb prints fail to match the data due to old age;

(b) if so, the measures being undertaken to enable such old age account holders to withdraw money from their saving accounts;

(c) whether the Government is likely to issue instruction for transfer of accounts of such old age account holders to be opened by Business Correspondents instead of Bank Branches for issuance of ATM Cards to them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Exemption of Excise Duty

3098. SHRI MEHBOOB ALI
KAISER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturing units in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand availed 100 per cent Central excise exemption since 2003 and if so, the details thereof and the current status thereon;

(b) whether a large number of units have relocated to North Eastern States leading to unemployment in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to revisit the excise duty exemption issue for another ten years to sustain and boost the investments and industry in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the percentage of refunds by the centre and States under the present GST regime?

Uniform to Children in Anganwadi Centres

3099. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA
RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide two pairs of uniform to children in Anganwadi Centres under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Closure of Defaulter's Account

3100. PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether reportedly a number of bank defaulters have closed their accounts in overseas banks due to fear of detection by the Government authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the banks concerned have helped such defaulters; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against such defaulters as well as banks?

Import of Prohibited Materials

†3101. SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge stocks of restricted material is being imported in the country through the international borders;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year, border-wise and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Customs Department has asked the Department of Posts to fully computerise the field Post Office in order to prevent the smuggling of the parcels of medicines and drugs; and

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

Testing of Food Items

†3102. DR. RAMESH
POKHRIYAL
"NISHANK":

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy or issued guidelines for production and testing of food products and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has noticed the shortage of testing facilities and trained personnels in axal affected, border, remote, rural, hilly areas of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

e-Waste Collection Centres

3103. SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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 put in place a dedicated scheme to manage electronic waste (e-waste), if so, the details thereof including steps taken in the last two years in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has carried out a survey to evaluate the requirement of e-waste collection centres in different States/Union Territories in the last two years;

(c) if so, the details of the existing collection centers present in various States/ Union Territories and the additional collection centres required to manage electronic waste;

(d) whether the Government is planning to make the setting up of e-waste collection centres mandatory for all producers and manufacturers of electrical and electronic equipments and if so, the details thereof along with the estimated timeline of its completion; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for installation of e-waste bins for its easy collection and disposal and increasing awareness regarding management of e-waste in various cities?

Life Insurance Products

†3104. SHRIMATI NEELAM
SONKER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down new norms to make Life Insurance products easy and customer friendly and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any time limit has been fixed for compliance of these norms and if so, the details thereof?

Mandi Tax

†3105. SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action to discontinue Mandi Tax in various States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh after the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on 7 July, 2017; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cyber Security Cess

3106. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to impose a cyber security cess to fund digital India programme and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the cess is likely to act as an impediment to promoting digital payments and is against the whole idea of making digital economy consumer friendly and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the proposals to use such cess fund, scheme-wise?

Mini-Sewage Treatment Plants

3107. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH
PATEL:

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 set up mini-sewage treatment plants in the country including Madhya Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the sewage waste generation in the country is increasing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to address the situation?

Female Genital Mutilation

3108. DR. KAMBHAMPATI
HARIBABU:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that female genital mutilation is still being practised in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported/ recorded during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has done any consultations with community members and NGOs on the issue and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring any legislation to stop such practice/ custom and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to curb or ban such practice/custom?

Branded Food Items

3109. SHRI R.
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) insists on packing and branding of rice, pulses, foodgrains and flour to provide safe and healthy food to the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has noticed that a 5 per cent taxation is levied on such branded food items whereas the unbranded food items are exempt from taxation;

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

(e) whether Foodgrains Merchants Association has submitted their representation to the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance for exemption of such branded food items from taxation and if so, the details of outcome thereof?

Drug Testing Laboratories

†3110. SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether inadequate number of drug testing laboratories is one of the major reasons for circulation of spurious drugs in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of drug testing laboratories functioning and proposed to be opened in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) the existing mechanism to review the functioning of drug testing laboratories;

(d) whether the Government proposes to launch a campaign to create awareness and ensure public participation against spurious drugs, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken to reward the whistleblowers and ensure their security as well as to safeguard the interests of honest manufacturer and traders of medicines/drugs in the country?

Inter caste Marriage

†3111. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of inter caste marriages by misleading girls has increased in the country and the number of girls in the age group of 18 to 21 years is highest in such incidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Effect of Pollution on Marine Life

3112. SHRI JITENDRA
CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether marine life in ocean and rivers has been affected due to chemicals, waste, garbage and sewage water discharged from industries and plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether death of a number of whales and dolphins and thousands of fishes have been washed ashore near Adyar estuary in Chennai have been reported recently due to pollution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Campaign against Shell Companies

†3113. SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO
ADSUL:

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of benefits likely to be given to the bamboo growers outside the declared forest area for its transportation and sale;

(b) whether the present permit system will be avoided in this regard; and

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

Recapitalisation of Public Sector Banks

3115. SHRI RABINDRA
KUMAR JENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a plan to recapitalise Public Sector Banks through bonds or other such instruments, if so, the details thereof along with the amount of money the Government has earmarked for this purpose;

(b) whether the Government devised any criterion for which banks will be eligible for these funds, if so, the details of the criterion set thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is a provision for checks/oversight and penalties for banks that may mismanage the recapitalisation funds, if so, the details thereof?

SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:
SHRI KUNWAR
PUSHPENDRA SINGH
CHANDEL:
SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated campaign against black money, wilful defaulters and erring directors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a number of registered companies are facing action from authorities after the demonetization;

(c) if so, the number of companies registered prior to demonetisation and the number of companies closed after demonetization;

(d) whether a number of companies are not carrying out their business activities since long;

(e) if so, the number of such companies identified so far and the action taken by the Government against such companies; and

(f) the details of guidelines and the action taken by the Government against the directors of shell companies?

Bamboo Growers

3114. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Surface Water Pollution

3116. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WATER AID, an international organization has stated in its report that eighty per cent of the surface water in India is polluted and is dangerous to health;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial action the Government proposes to take to get over the situation and preserve the purity of the surface water?

International ATM Cards

3117. SHRI BALABHADRA
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether International ATM Cards issued by domestic banks are secured in terms of cyber security specially in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for ensuring secured International ATM cards transactions in foreign countries?

Schemes for Farmer's Welfare

3118. PROF. PREM SINGH
CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive scheme for farmers envisaging their financial

requirements at every stage of farming has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes with all its components;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a scheme has been formulated cater to the need of small, marginal and tenant farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

National Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health

3119. SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:
SHRI T.
RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI GAJANAN
KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH
SINGH:
SHRI NARANBHAI
KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an expert Committee on National Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee;

(e) whether the Government has constituted an Environment and Climate Change Cell under the Directorate General of Health Services; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the matters dealt by said Cell?

Obesity among Children

3120. SHRI B.N.
CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any measures to put in place an effective public health policy to tackle obesity and under weight among children and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether violations of regulations of food industry by some food companies, soft drink companies and agrochemical manufacturers have come to the notice of the Government;

(c) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last three years in the country, year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has taken any stringent actions against the agencies which violated the rules and if so, the details thereof?

MoU between India and Morocco

3121. SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO
ADSUL:
DR. SHRIKANT
EKNATH SHINDE:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Morocco signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for enhanced cooperation in the health sector recently;

(b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives and the key areas identified for cooperation in this MoU;

(c) the extent and manner in which it will be beneficial to the Indian Healthcare Sector; and

(d) the time by which the said MoU will be implemented along with the present status thereof?

Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016

3122. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
MUNDE:
DR. SHRIKANT
EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether civil society organisations working on environmental conservation have requested for the repeal or amending of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (CAF Act) to ensure its compliance with the Forest Rights Act (FRA);

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereon;

(c) whether the compensatory afforestation funds have become a tool to further strengthen the forest departments, undermine the authority of gram sabhas, defeat forest rights claims and to facilitate rampant corruption and mismanagement of public money;

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

(e) the steps taken by the Government to address forest rights concerns and include provision for consultation with gram sabhas in the implementation of CAF programmes?

Toxic Water and Air Pollution

†3123. SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of toxic water and air pollution has touched a new record because of industries/ companies in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether excessive mining in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh has increased water pollution and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether people of Sonbhadra, UP are compelled to drink contaminated water due to water pollution and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any legal action against the industries/ companies for polluting environment and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other corrective measures taken by the Government under the Environment (Protection) Act in this regard?

Invasive Animal Species

3124. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zoological Survey of India compiles list of alien invasive animal species;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to check attack on of such species on biodiversity of the country;

(d) whether the Government has noticed that certain types of invasive fish species are destroying fish populations in the wetlands of Kolkata; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to protect the fish population of wetlands of Kolkata?

Increase in Medical Seats

†3125. SHRI MANOHAR
UTAWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private medical colleges in the country along with the Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) seats available therein, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received any proposal to increase the number of seats in UG and PG medical courses including introduction of new courses in the existing Medical Colleges; and

(c) if so, the details and present status thereof along with action taken for upgradation of infrastructures, work force and staff etc. in this regard?

Revamping of ICDS Scheme

3126. SHRI RAJENDRA
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to revamp the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme and withdraw the provisions of cooked food and rations to children, and pregnant and lactating women, and replace it with cash transfers in view of NITI Ayog's recent recommendation in the policy document, 'Nourishing India';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the disbursed cash is spent in the required manner?

Regional Rural Banks/Grameen Banks

†3127. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)/Grameen Banks are inadequate in the country to facilitate the payments made under various schemes, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of the Regional Rural Banks/Grameen Banks branches functioning in the country in the year 2014 as well as their number at present, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any parameter for opening of RRBs/Grameen Banks in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made/being made by the Government to improve the banking facility in rural areas?

International Yoga Centre

3128. SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN:
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an International Yoga Centre in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with funding pattern;

(c) the details of locations identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which the said Centre is likely to be set up?

Accidental Insurance Coverage

3129. DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL
VIJAYSINH
SHANKARRAO:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
SULE:
SHRI DHANANJAY
MAHADIK:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken scheme to promote accidental insurance coverage and if so, the details and the objective thereof;

(b) the challenges faced by the Government in the implementation of the scheme;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the difficulties in the implementation of the scheme;

(d) whether there is any improvement in the related indices after the implementation of the scheme, if so, the details of distribution of the related indices, State/UT-wise; and

(e) whether the Government is undertaking any other policies for promoting accidental insurance coverage and if so, the details thereof?

E-way Bill

†3130. SHRI LAKHAN LAL
SAHU:
SHRI R.P.
MARUTHARAJAA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to bring/likely to bring e-way bill on priority basis to prevent tax evasion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has found any shortcomings in the extant system and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of tax evadors on which action has been taken so far, State/UT-wise?

Drugs Imported from China

3131. SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drugs/drug ingredients imported from China and other countries during the last three years, country-wise/ingredient-wise;

(b) whether the Government plans to reduce imports and country's dependence for drugs/ drug ingredients;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Written Off Loans

3132. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRIMATI K.
MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all scheduled commercial banks wrote off Rs. 2,25,180 crore cumulatively in the five year period ended March, 2016, if so, the details thereof, public/private sector, bank-wise;

(b) whether this was just a technical exercise to clean up accounts, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have written off loans worth Rs. 55,356 crore in the first half of the fiscal year 2017-18 which is 54 percent higher than the last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Nutrition to Children through Anganwadi Centres

3133. SHRI RAM MOHAN
NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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 findings of the National Family Health Survey 2015-16 (NFHS-4) that only 10 per cent of 6-24 month children are adequately fed and if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(b) whether the Government is considering any change in the system of delivery of nutrition to children through Anganwadi Centres and if so, the details thereof?

Filing Date for GST Returns

3134. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:
Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the Goods and Services Tax (GST) returns filing deadline by one or two months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also planned to conduct regional workshop for traders to explain filing of GST and if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of ICDS

3135. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:
SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that due to poor implementation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, child malnutrition cases have increased manifold across the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government/ Central teams have conducted visits in

various States to oversee the implementation of the ICDS in the past few years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the further measures taken by the Government to monitor the implementation and disseminate awareness about the scheme?

Surrogacy

3136. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed the States to check illegal activities related to surrogacy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current scenario of surrogacy in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to regulate commercial surrogacy in the country?

Health Workers

3137. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of health workers presently working across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to develop healthcare system using the auxiliary midwives, multipurpose

health workers and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs); and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Reservation in Corporate Sector

3138. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to create employment opportunities for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes youths in Corporate Sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake Companies

3139. SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified many shell/fake companies that have conducted financial transactions during demonetisation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per the Government reports 3500 shell/fake firms deposited and withdraw Rs. 17000 crore post demonetisation;

(c) if so, the number of such companies so far closed or are in the radar of the Government;

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of loss of human lives and damage to standing crops by animals/wild animals have been reported from various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof separately during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the provisions for compensation to the victims of such incidents along with the amount paid as compensation and the number of beneficiaries during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check human-animal conflict and destruction of crops of farmers by wild animals along with reaction of the Government for family planning of such animals to control their population?

Education and Employment for Orphan/Destitute Children

†3142. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:
SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government implements any scheme/programme or provide scholarship to orphan/destitute children for higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of children benefited therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether demonetisation has failed allowing companies to deposit a huge amount and later withdraw it, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken so far by the Government on such shell/fake companies for financial embezzlement and future roadmap chalked out for taking action against such companies?

Strengthening of the Economy

†3140. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian economy has been strengthened due to demonetisation and Goods and Services Tax (GST) implemented by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to strengthen the economy of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the economy of the country is likely to be strengthened?

Loss of Lives and Properties by Wild Animals

3141. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:
SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to help orphans to get education and employment?

Equipment to Hospitals

3143. ADV. CHINTAMAN
NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that shortage of equipments in Government hospitals delay the treatment of new born children/poor patients and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of equipments provided by the Government under various schemes to the Government hospitals and Primary Health Centres in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(c) whether any training has been provided to the staff working in those hospitals to operate the said equipments and if so, the details thereof?

GST on Lottery Business

†3144. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI
TUMANE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rates of Goods and Services Tax (GST) levied on lottery business in the country;

(b) whether due to implementation of GST the lottery business has slowed down and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any request to reduce or do away with GST on lottery business;

(d) if so, whether the Government has accepted the request; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government for revival of lottery business in the country?

National Medical Council Bill

3145. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to introduce the National Medical Council Bill and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received appeals regarding certain clauses in the Bill, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an objection regarding "National Licentiate Exam for MBBS Graduate" is commonly raised by the Medical Students and Colleges from all over India;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether there is any strong demand from the Medical Colleges and Students regarding electing one representative of the registered medical graduate from each State and if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereon?

PHCs/CHCs

3146. SHRI B. V. NAIK:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

SHRI SIRAJUDDIN
AJMAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs)/Community Health Centres (CHCs) running in the country, State/UT-wise including the tribal areas;

(b) whether the Government is contemplating to release funds for setting up PHCs in the States;

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

(d) the amount of funds proposed to be released under this scheme;

(e) the number of people visiting PHCs and sub-centres in the rural areas; and

(f) whether PHCs in the country fulfil the infrastructural requirements as per the Indian public health standards, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Homes for Women and Children

3147. SHRIMATI
MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of support shelters for women and children homes constructed in the country, specifically in Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) the source of funding for the construction and maintenance of such projects; and

(c) the funds allocated/released and utilised on these projects during the said period, State/UT-wise?

Linking of Aadhaar with PAN Cards

3148. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of Aadhaar cards linked with PAN cards and with bank accounts as on date;

(b) whether there exists any security features with regard to Aadhaar linked financial transactions;

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

(d) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that the sensitive data is not leaked by the organisations handling this data?

Rise in Inflation

†3149. SHRI KAPIL
MORESHWAR PATIL:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA
BAMA:
SHRI RAMSINH
RATHWA:
SHRI SADASHIV
LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of essential articles continued to rise during the last three years and the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) reached to double digit in December 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rate of inflation for the last three months as per the Consumer Price Index (CPI);

(c) whether inflation is being measured by the WPI instead of CPI and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether retail prices of essential articles including sugar, tea, pulses, cereals etc. have gone up steeply during the last few months in spite of WPI going down and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for variation in the prices of said articles; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in co-ordination with various State Governments to control inflation?

Devadasi System

3150. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that young women are still being initiated into the Devadasi system in some States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to submit a report in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to bring a suitable legislation to ban this system and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

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

Short Duration Medical Course

3151. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical education and the profile of doctors is generally urban centric and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government proposes to start a short duration medical course involving meritorious students from rural areas to meet the shortage of doctors in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Environmental Clearance for Projects

†3152. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
SHRI HARINARAYAN
RAJBHAR:
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from various States for environmental clearance for projects during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and project-wise;

(b) the number of Government and private projects sanctioned out of the said projects along with the number of such projects still lying pending for environmental clearance, State/UT-wise and project-wise;

(c) whether the Government has adopted or proposes to adopt any system to provide environmental clearances to proposed projects within a prescribed time schedule and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the process of environmental and forest clearances for such projects?

Fake/Bogus Companies in Karnataka

3153. SHRI PRAKASH B. HUKKERI:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of companies registered in Karnataka so far including Belgam region;

(b) whether the Government has identified the fake/bogus companies registered under the Companies Act in Karnataka so far including Belgam region;

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

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government against these fake/bogus companies?

Online Tracking System/Portals for Missing Children

3154. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI RAGHAV
LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up online tracking

system/portals for children in vulnerable conditions including missing/destitute children in order to bring them under the coverage of various welfare schemes/programmes being implemented in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of website hits on track child portal along with the number of children tracked/rescued with the help of such tracking system/portals so far in the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Ministry in coordination with other Ministries proposes to formulate any new scheme for education and employment of such children in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

Nutritious Food for TB Patients

†3155. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of TB patients in the country, as on date;

(b) whether the Government proposes to arrange funds to provide nutritious food to TB patients along with their treatment;

(c) if so, whether this assistance will also be given to the TB patients getting treatment in private hospitals; and

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

Launching of IPOs

3156. SHRI BHAGWANT MANN:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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PROF. SADHU SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) proposes to facilitate and expedite the complete process of launching of IPOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction;

(c) the manner in which the process will affect the primary market and make it more effective;

(d) whether the SEBI also proposes to reduce the listing time of any company from six days to four days; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it will affect the shareholders?

SEBI Investigation on Acquisition of Company

3157. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a whistle-blower has sought a forensic investigation over the acquisition of an Israeli company by a Bangalore based prominent IT major and over the legality of a hefty severance pay to its former Chief Finance Officer (CFO) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the SEBI proposes to dismiss the settlement overture by the IT major and prosecute the management as a deterrent measure and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the IT major had earlier sought the approval of the SEBI for a

consent settlement over the severance pay paid to its former CFO and if so, the details thereof?

Sustainable Development

3158. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI
SRINIVASA
RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is committed to a path of sustainable development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has recently changed the fossil fuels centric approach to effectively address the concerns of climate change and to follow the path of sustainable development; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Merger/Consolidation of PSBs

†3159. SHRIMATI JYOTI
DHURVE:
SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRI K.
PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to merge/consolidate the Public Sector Banks as part of re-structuring of banking system of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued official communication to the Banks asking them to start the merger process, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning a road map to implement the Narsimhan Committee Report, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the benefits likely to be derived out of the merger/consolidation of banking system and the likely impact thereof on customers?

Rural Posting

†3160. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL
RAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make one year rural posting mandatory for MBBS degree holders desirous of seeking admission in post-graduate programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to make one year rural service mandatory for the doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government for improving doctor patient ratio in the country particularly in rural and remote areas?

AIIMS User Charges

3161. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi to review its user charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether internal committee of AIIMS constituted to review the user charges at the hospital, has recommended against charging money for tests and procedures which cost less than Rs. 500 at the institute;

(d) if so, the details of the same; and

(e) the time by which final call on user charges will be taken?

Results of Clinical Trials

3162. SHRI A.
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Indian Council of Medical Research has decided to make it mandatory for all clinical trials to report results back to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that Clinical Trials Registry of India does not have the mandate to take action against errant investigators;

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

(e) the details of steps taken against the errant investigators?

Aamali Tiger Safari Project

†3163. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan has been received regarding Aamali Tiger Safari Project in Tonk district, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to accord sanction to Aamali Tiger Safari Project;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time limit fixed for the same; and

(e) whether the Government has earmarked and released any funds for the project and if so, the details thereof?

National Anomaly Committee

3164. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Anomaly Committee (NAC) under the 7th Central Pay Commission has submitted its interim report, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to abolish the system of formation of Pay Commission in future, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is considering to adjust the salaries of its employees and pensioners Dearness Allowance (DA) that crosses the 50 per cent mark, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Department of Expenditure planning to take the responsibility to regularly monitor salaries

and allowances of central government employees and recommend the changes if needed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Share of Investments in GDP

3165. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the share of investments in India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) since the year 2014;

(b) whether share of investment in GDP has steadily declined over the years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the share of investment in GDP?

Paris Agreement on Climate Change

3166. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment on the impact on India after United States of America's withdrawal from Paris Agreement on Climate Change;

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

(c) whether the modalities of the Climate Change agreement should be

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for reducing the waiting period for surgeries/medical tests in AIIMS, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of average waiting time taken for surgeries/test; and

(c) the details of measure taken/being taken by the Government to reduce longer duration for surgeries/tests?

Voluntarily Declaration of Black Money

3169. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of black money voluntarily declared by the people under the Government scheme that was opened for a limited period;

(b) the amount of tax recovered under this scheme; and

(c) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme?

Genetically Modified Crops

3170. ADV. M.

UDHAYAKUMAR:
SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY
PANDA:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD
DATTA:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

reworked after the withdrawal of USA from the agreement and if not, the details thereof; and

(d) the details on the quantum of money required by India to meet its obligation under the Paris agreement along with the money that India is expected to receive as foreign aid under the above agreement post its implementation in 2021?

Setting up of Anganwadi Centres

†3167. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:
DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi and mini-anganwadi centres presently functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of the services being provided at these centres;

(c) the funds allocated/released and spent on these centres during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any requests from the States/UTs to set up additional Anganwadi Centres; and

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

Waiting Period in AIIMS

†3168. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) the norms/guidelines regulating field trials of Genetically Modified (GM) crops along with the total number of GM crops under consideration of Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee indicating their present status of field trials and names of organizations/States involved therein, crop-wise including Mustard and Brinjal;

(b) whether certain States/agencies/experts have expressed their reservation over introduction and field trials of GM crops, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken to address their objections/concerns;

(c) whether the Government has found any evidence against GM crops in terms of destruction of local varieties therein and if so, the details thereof along with the details of scientific evidence relating to health hazards of such crops noticed so far; and

(d) whether the Government is reviewing the regulatory framework for GM crops and if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken to manage the prospects and effects relating to the cultivation of GM crops?

Stray dogs

3171. SHRI VENKATESH BABU
T.G.:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey is made by the Government about the unowned stray dogs, owned and confined dogs, total confined dogs and total number of dogs in the country;

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

(c) whether any steps were taken by the Government under the National Rabies Control Programme to prevent and control the human deaths due to rabies and to prevent spread of rabies and to expand rabies sterilization programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Violations of Environmental Norms

3172. SHRI PR. SENTHIL
NATHAN:

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 steps against builders and realtors who have breached the environmental norms and rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of those realtors booked during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has taken any concrete measures to control and curb such illegal construction activities even before the start of the work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Government and the National Green Tribunal in this regard?

Integrated Child Protection Scheme

†3173. SHRIMATI REKHA
VERMA:

SHRIMATI BHAVANA
PUNDALIKRAO
GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) being implemented by the Government for improving the living standards of children in difficult circumstances;

(b) whether the Government has made available adequate funds for the said scheme and if so, the details of allocated/released and utilised funds along with the number of beneficiary children under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the adequate amount is likely to be made available by the Government;

(d) whether instances of irregularities in implementation of the scheme during the said period has come to the notice of the Government and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the action taken in this regard; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government for effective implementation of said scheme in the country?

Funds to Jammu and Kashmir

3174. SHRI THUPSTAN
CHHEWANG:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund allotted to the Jammu and Kashmir under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years along with the details of utilisation of these funds;

(b) the number of major health institutions both in Government and private sectors functional in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether Government proposes to open medical college in Ladakh region and if so, the details thereof?

Working Hours for Doctor

†3175. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid down norms to fix the working hours for medical practitioners and doctors in all the Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the standard of treatment in hospitals has gone down as the doctors and para medical staff have to work more than fixed hours and due to negligence; and

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

Change in the Lending and Deposit Rates

3176. SHRI R. DHRUVA
NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the lending and deposit rates of the Banks to counter the growing inflation;

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

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

Vacant Posts of Environmental Scientists

3177. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of environmental scientist posts are lying vacant throughout the country since 2014;

(b) if so, the post-wise and category-wise details thereof along with the number of permanent scientist at present;

(c) whether reservation has been given in the Environmental Science/Studies subject which is considered for the scientist posts in the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to take immediate steps to fill up vacancies of permanent scientist and if so, the details thereof?

Yoga Education

3178. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

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 yoga centres functioning and professionals registered at present, State/UT-wise along with the details of criteria adopted for certification of these yoga centres;

(b) whether the Government proposes to spread yoga education through various levels of courses in the country and if so, the details thereof, course-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any plan to train a large number of youths in yoga and send them to various countries to spread yoga and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other efforts made by the Government to provide visa facilities to international students for long duration yoga courses and promote yoga as a lifestyle science instead of academic subject?

Solar Powered Fencing

†3179. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

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 erect solar powered fencing in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh for protection of crops of farmers from animals; and

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

Money Laundering

3180. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Financial Action Taken Force has submitted its report on various issues including money laundering;

(b) if so, the details of the said report and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the domestic agencies have started investigation along with foreign agencies on the basis of the said report; and

(d) if so, the details thereon?

Silicosis

3181. SHRI HARISH MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to effectively treat and mitigate the disease burden of silicosis in affected areas;

(b) whether the Government plans to create a national programme on elimination of silicosis on the lines of National Tuberculosis Control Programme;

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

(d) if not, the other measures taken to combat silicosis; and

(e) the recommendations of National Human Rights Commission on aspects of Silicosis?

CSR Funds Allocated by Private Companies and PSUs

3182. SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJA:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private companies and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in Tamil Nadu have allocated and spent funds under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) towards community infrastructure development programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the private companies and PSUs in the areas in and around Perambalur District of Tamil Nadu have also spent their CSR funds for the said purpose as per the Companies Act, 2013 containing the CSR provision under Section 135 Schedule VII of the Act; and

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

Environment Protection Laws

3183. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the environment protection laws so as to promote major projects, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce a system for single window clearance for industries all over the country by relaxing the environmental protection laws and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enforce the environmental protection laws, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the functioning of the Green tribunal and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is satisfied with the existing structure, procedure and functioning of Green tribunal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and

(f) the details of the reason for amendment of the provision regarding the constitution of the Green tribunal, its function, qualifications etc.?

Retrenched Employees of Disinvested PSUs

3184. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) disinvested during the last three years and the current year across the country, State/UT-wise including in West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government is planning to disinvest some more PSUs in West Bengal;

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

(d) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government for making

avenues of employment for the retrenched employees of such disinvested PSUs?

State Child Protection Society

3185. SHRI FEROZE VARUN
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child beggars who have been identified and benefited under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government intends to increase the number of State Child Protection Society and State Adoption Resource Agency in the States in consonance with their demographics;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shell Companies

3186. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कॉर्पोरेट कार्य मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government's policy towards dealing with the shell companies of the country;

(b) the number of shell companies have been found during the last five years and the current year; and

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps against any of them and if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of Funds under CAMPA

3187. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the information on fund allocation and expenditure incurred under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) scheme till last financial year is in public domain and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has received the Annual Plan of Operation of Arunachal Pradesh for the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the details of net Present Value amount received from Arunachal Pradesh according to the fixed rates during each of the last three years;

(d) whether there is a huge difference in the net accumulation and disbursement ratio of CAMPA funds to various States/UTs and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of amount collected under CAMPA scheme and amount spent for plantation activity and infrastructure purposes; and

(f) the details/dimension of forest land area diverted for non forest purposes in Arunachal Pradesh?

Savings under DBT Scheme

3188. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes covered under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programme along with the savings to the Government under the different schemes owing to the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programme; and

(b) the names of the schemes that are being considered for a Direct Benefit Transfer?

Sandalwood Trees

3189. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN
REDDY:

SHRI KONDA
VISHWESHWAR 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 conducted any survey to find out the number of sandalwood trees in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the large scale illegally cutting of sandalwood trees for the smuggling purposes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Merchant Discount Rate

3190. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
MAHATO:

SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
SHRI ASHOK
SHANKARRAO
CHAVAN:

SHRI T.
 RADHAKRISHNAN:
 SHRI NARANBHAI
 KACHHADIYA:
 SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
 SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
 DR. HEENA
 VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
 DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
 SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
 KUNWAR HARIBANSH
 SINGH:
 SHRI GAJANAN
 KIRTIKAR:
 SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
 SHRIMATI SUPRIYA
 SULE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to waive the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) applicable on digital payments pertaining to the retail sector, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has decided to bear the charges that Merchants pay to banks on purpose of upto Rs. 2000 using a debit card, Bhim or Aadhaar recently, if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;

(c) the time by which such subsidiary will be made available and the estimated amount likely to be bear as subsidy by the Government per annum;

(d) whether the Government has also bear the charges imposed by Paytm and e-commerce platform of a private mobile internet companies and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the estimated MDR to be reimbursed to banks with respect to the transactions of less than Rs. 2000; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to accelerate the digital payment in the country?

Abortions

3191. SHRIMATI MAUSAM
 NOOR:
 SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR
 REDDY:
 DR. PRITAM GOPINATH
 MUNDE:
 SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
 SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL
 SHIVAJIRAO:
 SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
 BARNE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
 FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a report published in Lancet Global Health Medical Journal about 1.56 crore abortions took place across India in 2015, which is significantly higher than the Government estimates/figures;

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

(c) whether a large number of women undergo abortion outside health facilities, if so, the reasons therefor indicating the number of safe medication abortions, surgical abortions, other unsafe methods resorted to in the country;

(d) whether the various awareness and public health programmes in this regard are not so effective due to shortage of trained staff at the ground level in rural areas and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any study and issued guidelines to State

Governments for proper implementation of the Central Government schemes and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide proper health facilities to the women of the country including in rural areas?

Third Party Food Safety Audit

3192. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
 KUNWAR HARIBANSH
 SINGH:
 SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
 SHRI ASHOK
 SHANKARRAO
 CHAVAN:
 SHRI NARANBHAI
 KACHHADIYA:
 SHRI GAJANAN
 KIRTIKAR:
 SHRI BIDYUT BARAN
 MAHATO:
 SHRI T.
 RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
 FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated the process of getting third party safety audit of food conducted in various places of the country;

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

(c) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has empanelled national and international agencies to audit food safety and hygiene standards of canteens, cafeterias and hostel mess of several IITs and IIMs; and

(d) if so, the details of the agencies who are involved in the said audit?

Samples from Imported Food

3193. SHRI BHARTRUHARI
 MAHTAB:
 SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
 SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
 FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government draw samples from each imported food consignment for testing in their laboratories;

(b) if so, the number of such samples tested during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the violation of the standard food safety norms in such testing have come to the notice of the Government during the said period;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government against such violations;

(e) whether the Government has received representations from industry associations to do away with the said practice and switch over to the international norm of random and risk-based inspections; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such representations so far?

Growth of Bank Credit

3194. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
 DIWAKER:
 SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a multi decadal decline in the growth of bank credit in the current financial year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the bank credit growth has hit a low on the back of bad loans in previous years of 2015 and 2017 and turning into Non-Performing Assets, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no statistics or standard base on which the situation has improved or deteriorated, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether this decline has impacted the private investment in the economy, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to step up bank credit growth apart from the recapitalisation bonds along with the action taken against the bank officials with regard to NPAs?

AYUSH Education

‡3195. DR. P.K. BIJU:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SINGH:
SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered practitioners under AYUSH system of medicines in the country, State/UT-wise and stream-wise;

(b) the details of institutions/hospitals imparting medical education in AYUSH at various levels in the country, State/UT-wise and stream-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to open/upgrade AYUSH institutions, colleges, universities, hospitals, health centres, research centres in the country, State/UT-wise and stream-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from various States in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon;

(e) the details of funds earmarked, allocated and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(f) other efforts being taken by the Government to promote education under AYUSH system of medicines in the country?

ATMs

3196. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) of many Public and Private Sector Banks (PSBs) across the country have either depleted or shut down due to non-availability of higher denomination currency notes after demonetisation;

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

(c) the action taken by the Government to sort out these issues and to make these ATMs functional;

(d) whether the Government received complaints regarding the shortage of lower denomination notes in ATMs due to which people are at times unable to get desired amount from their ATMs, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide a proper and balanced flow of lower denomination notes from ATMs?

Flexi Fund Limit under CSS

3197. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI PRABHAKAR
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to increase the flexi fund limit of the States to be given under Centrally Sponsored Schemes from 10 per cent to 25 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Scheme for One Stop Centre

3198. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI DUSHYANT
CHAUTALA:
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR
RAY:
SHRI SHER SINGH
GHUBAYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

महिला और बाल विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features and facilities/services available under the One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme implemented by the Government for women affected by violence;

(b) the details of proposals received from States/UTs for setting up of OSCs/Sakhi centres under the scheme along with the proposals approved/lying pending and the funds sanctioned/released and utilised thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of centres presently operational out of sanctioned projects in the country along with the number of women assisted thereby, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up at least one such centre in every district in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government for the effective functioning of these centres?

Emission by Thermal Power Plants

3199. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:

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 recently asked the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to clarify its stand on coal based thermal power plants which are causing emission beyond permissible limits;

(b) if so, the present status of coal based thermal power plants which are causing emission beyond permissible limits;

(c) whether CPCB has asked various coal based power plants to adopt latest technologies so that emission by such plants across the country is properly checked; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to Non-Communicable Diseases

3200. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN
OWAISI:
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that nearly 60 per cent of deaths in the country are now attributed to non-communicable diseases according to data released by WHO recently;

(b) if so, the details of authentic information/data of the Government about the number of deaths occurred due to non-communicable diseases during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has worked out any long term or short term strategy to prevent deaths due to non-communicable diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the proposals, if any, to involve private sector to prevent such deaths?

Noise Pollution

3201. SHRI SHIVKUMAR
UDASI:
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR
PATIL:
SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether noise pollution has increased in various cities of the country, if so, the details of cities which have recorded maximum level of noise pollution in the country, State/UT-wise including National Capital Region Delhi;

(b) the average level of noise pollution in major cities of the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;

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

(d) whether the Government has initiated any programme for increasing awareness about health ailments associated with high noise pollution in the country especially targeting the local population and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and utilised for dealing with the matters of noise pollution during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to amend the law determining various norms to check noise pollution spreading through various means and if so, the details thereof?

Conservation of Natural Resources

†3202. PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural resources of water such as lakes, waterfalls and glaciers are shrinking/melting very fast in various cities including the Himalayan region due to climate change and global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether devastation witnessed in Kedarnath was due to melting of glaciers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action plan formulated by the Government for conservation of natural resources such as lakes and ponds?

Pollution in Rivers

3203. SHRI NAGENDRA
KUMAR PRADHAN:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:
PROF. CHINTAMANI
MALVIYA:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
DR. P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flow of sewage water and waste from industries is polluting various rivers of the country including those

flowing from Punjab to Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of scheme being implemented at present to make rivers free from pollution along with the funds allocated for the said schemes during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study on polluted rivers in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any norms regarding mandatory setting up of waste water treatment plant at the time of setting up of industries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to check discharge of sewage and industrial waste in river/canal water and if so, the details thereof?

Infrastructural Projects

3204. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructural projects undertaken in the country have created job opportunities in a considerable manner; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

PMVVY

3205. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) to provide social security during old age and to protect elderly persons aged 60 and above and if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the scheme;

(b) whether the scheme is exclusively for the senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme is exempted from GST and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach to the needy elderly persons/ senior citizens; and

(e) whether the scheme is at par with other schemes for senior citizens such as Senior Citizens Saving Scheme (SCSS) and if so, the details thereof?

New Drugs

3206. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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 new drugs developed and new medicines introduced in AYUSH system of medicines along with research works undertaken in this regard during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of slow progress in development of new drugs in AYUSH stream in view of

enforcement of clinical trial method system as followed by modern medicine and the lack of institutional mechanism for AYUSH; and

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

Central Research Institute

3207. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special plan to strengthen the activities of Central Research Institute, Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether various vaccines produced in this institute are being fully utilised and all facilities of the Current Good Manufacturing Practice (CGMP) parameters are adopted in the process;

(c) whether the process of preparing of 'yellow fever' vaccine has started in this institute under CGMP parameters, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the status of production of Anti-sera vaccine project; and

(e) whether the land has been allotted to the Institute by the State Government for this project and if so, details thereof?

SBM Subsidiary in India

3208. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. HEENA
VIJAYKUMAR
GAVIT:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given approval to State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) to open a wholly owned subsidiary bank in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the interest rates for lending and borrowing of SBM will be regulated by RBI rules, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any other foreign bank has approached RBI for clearance regarding opening local unit in India, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the purpose behind allowing foreign banks to operate from India; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard citizen privacy in the international market as a result of this step?

GDP Growth/Economic Growth

3209. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:
SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an expert Committee to identify the reasons for declining GDP growth/economic growth;

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

(c) whether the principal decline in GDP growth is on account of decline in industry, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government is considering the offer of Rs. 40,000 crore fiscal stimulus to the economy to boost exports, support MSMEs and expand bank credit etc., if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the move whilst arresting the slowdown widen the fiscal deficit, if so, the details thereof along with other proactive steps taken by the Government to provide a stimulus to the slow economic growth?

Linear Projects in Wildlife Areas

3210. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved "eco-friendly" guidelines framed by Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII) that entails safeguards for animals and birds to speed up approvals of linear projects in wildlife areas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is planning to set up a databank of legislations that can aid in better conservation of flora, fauna and rivers and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has notified Tribunal, Appellate Tribunal and other Authorities (Qualification, Experience and Other Conditions of Members) Rules, 2017;

(d) if so, the details and its implications in present rules thereof; and

(e) the new steps/initiatives being taken by the Government for providing neat and clean environment to people in India?

Upgradation of Nursing Institutions

†3211. SHRI RAM TAHAL
CHOUDHARY:

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 upgrade nursing institutes in the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned/utilised for the said work during the said period?

Funds to States

†3212. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provides funds to State Governments under various heads for their development and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any mechanism is in place to monitor the expenditure from said funds

and if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the said mechanism functions; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Direct Tax Collection in States

†3213. SHRI OM PRAKASH
YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state the total direct tax revenue received by the Government from various States/UT's particularly Bihar during the last three years and the current year?

High Frequency Trading

3214. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a report from Technical Committee on High Frequency Trading;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Government to monitor frequency trading?

AYUSH Projects

3215. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

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

be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of National AYUSH Mission;

(b) the extent to which the Ministry has been able to succeed in the constitution of State AYUSH Societies;

(c) the details of States which have been unable to set up State AYUSH Societies and the reasons for the same;

(d) the details of States that have submitted their Annual Action Plans for 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18; and

(e) the action taken by the Government on the Annual Action Plans submitted, State-wise and year-wise, including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

Ignorance of Warning by Private Companies

3216. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government ignore several warnings from private companies on the complex technology required for a nationwide Goods and Services Tax (GST) to work smoothly and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether said technology was not ready for launch and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there were other technical flaws that resulted in incorrect tax

assessments and if so, the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the specific problems about the GST rollout and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to address the said specific problems?

Converting Retail Banks to Full Time Banks

†3217. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is considering to relax the banking services related norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to recognise those commercial banks as full service bank branches that are providing minimum four hours of service, five days a week;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made it mandatory for the banks to set up as many ATMs as per the number of their branches in towns and cities;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to maintain proper Banking services across the country?

Banks Board Bureau

3218. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:
DR. K. GOPAL:
ADV. M.
UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE

वित्त मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banks Board Bureau has informed the Government about the tardy progress made by State owned bankers in resolving the issue of Non-Performing Assets (NPA), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Banks Board Bureau has suggested a roadmap to wriggle out of the NPA problem being faced mainly by Public Sector Banks, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to expand the ambit of oversight Committee to provide guidance under available mechanisms including deep restructuring, joint lenders forum and strategic debt restructuring; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for Medical Research

3219. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA
YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH
SHINDE:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.
SCINDIA:
SHRI VINAYAK
BHURAO RAUT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA
BARNE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medical research in the country needs to be focussed on drugs and vaccines for tropical diseases which are normally neglected by international pharmaceutical companies on account of their limited profit potential;

(b) if so, the response of the Government and the current status of allotment of funds for medical research;

(c) whether the growth of health facilities has been highly imbalanced in India;

(d) if so, whether a serious drawback of India's health service is the neglect of rural masses and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide sufficient funds to focus on rural population and remove the imbalance of health facilities, particularly in rural India?

Landslide Risk Reduction and Management

3220. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

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 steps to ensure landslide risk reduction and management in the North-East Region including Sikkim; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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