

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Tuesday, August 3, 2021/ 12 Shrawana, 1943 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Ayush; Corporate Affairs; Culture; Earth Sciences; Finance; Health and Family Welfare; New and Renewable Energy; Power; Science and Technology; Tourism)**

Total number of questions -- 15

**Financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh**

151 **Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of financial assistance sanctioned and released to Uttar Pradesh during the last three financial years under various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes;
- (b) the details of the above assistance, scheme-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the total assistance to Uttar Pradesh in the form of financial grants to the State during the last three years, grant-wise and year-wise?

**Treatment for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 diseases under PMJAY**

152 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons treated for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 diseases across the country under the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), State-wise for Financial Years 2019-20 and 2020-21;
- (b) the details of total budget allocated and utilised on COVID- 19 and non-COVID- 19 patients under the Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, State-wise and year-wise, for last two financial years;
- (c) the number of individuals registered under the PMJAY scheme from January 2020 to June 30, 2021, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve registrations under PM-JAY?

**Dance and music traditions of North Eastern States**

153 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified dance and music traditions of North Eastern States- Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland;
- (b) if so, which are these and the steps being taken to promote them;
- (c) whether there is any regional centre dedicated to promote dance , music and arts of North Eastern States;

- (d) if so, details of programmes undertaken in the last three years;
- (e) if not, whether Government will establish a centre dedicated for the promotion of painting, dance and music in these States; and
- (f) whether fellowships, scholarships and awards are offered for the artists of these States?

#### **Production of Covaxin and Covishield vaccines**

**154 Shri Naresh Gujral:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current capacity to manufacture Covaxin and Covishield in the country today; and
- (b) the expected capacity going forward from the month of August to December 2021?

#### **Grid-scale battery energy storage system**

**155 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

Will the Minister of **Power** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Grid-scale battery energy storage system;
- (b) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is planning to set up 1,000 MW Grid-scale battery energy storage system in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of places where NTPC is planning to set up the same;
- (d) the manner in which Grid-scale battery energy storage will help in renewable energy integration; and
- (e) the details of barriers that Government is facing in implementing battery energy storage system?

#### **Additional tax on tobacco products**

**156 Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of tax Government is generating from tobacco products;
- (b) whether Government is considering to impose additional tax on tobacco products to generate additional revenue for COVID-19 stimulus package, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from the States to impose additional tax on all tobacco products, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Acute shortage of Remdesivir injection**

**157 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Remdesivir injection in the country due to increase in COVID-19 cases day by day;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase and monitor supply of Remdesivir drug;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the same drug has been selling in the black market; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to control and monitor this?

#### **Collection from high excise duties on petrol and diesel**

**158 Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has collected more than ₹36 lakh crore as excise duty on petroleum products during the last 7 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government is collecting 800 per cent more excise duty on diesel and 250 per cent more excise duty on petrol in comparison to excise duty levied on diesel and petrol in 2013-14;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of utilisation of more than ₹36 lakh crore collected from common people, year-wise?

### **Mission Innovation**

#### **159 Dr. Banda Prakash:**

Will the Minister of **Science and Technology** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote Science and Technology with emphasis on emerging areas and their application for the development and support to the weaker sections of the society and, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether India played a crucial role in launching 'Mission Innovation' which is a global initiative and, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under 'Mission Innovation' during each of the last three years; and
- (d) whether Government has allocated funds to R&D Projects under smart grids engaging various Indian and foreign institutes and industries and, if so, the details thereof?

### **Reviewing of power purchase agreement by Andhra Pradesh Government**

#### **160 Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Power** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after May, 2019 Union Government has written to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh on two occasions to desist from reviewing the then existing power purchase agreement that was prevalent in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the steps taken by the incumbent State Government of Andhra Pradesh to review the power purchase agreement entered into by the previous Government; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps taken by Union Government to desist the State Government from doing such acts?

### **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme**

#### **161 # Shri Ajay Pratap Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of posts allocated by the Ministry through outsourcing in Madhya Pradesh under the National Tuberculosis Control Programme, district-wise;
- (b) whether any rules and regulations have been set for the recruitment process of these posts;
- (c) the details of selected candidates in compliance with these rules in Sidhi and Singrauli districts; and
- (d) the grounds on which the institution for selecting these candidates was selected and whether an advertisement was given for that, if so, the details thereof?

**Freezing of DA/DR and use of saved fund**

162 **Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would not pay the arrears of dearness allowance to employees of Central Government since January 2020 till July 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and details of savings of Government due to freezing of DA/DR;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of utilisation of fund saved by freezing of DA/DR; and
- (e) the rationale for salary cut of Union Ministers for only 12 months till 31/03/2021 and their subordinate employees for 18 months till 30/06/2021?

**Stock Market and Economy**

163 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the economy crashing, but the stock market showing all-time- high, as of now Stock Market syncs with the Economy;
- (b) whether it is a fact that RBI in its Financial Stability Report has said that 'it could pose risks to financial stability';
- (c) whether Government has an analysis on the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Offline registration facility for vaccination**

164 **Shri Kapil Sibal:**

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps being taken for offline registration of vaccination in areas with lack of digital services and digital literacy;
- (b) whether there are any processes in place to ensure vaccination of people who do not have an identity card; and
- (c) whether the data of a person registered on CoWIN is being shared with other agencies or departments?

**Monthly rainfall in the country**

165 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has data of monthly rainfall in the country including Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the total rainfall recorded in the country in each State including Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (d) whether Government has conducted any study on forecast for the coming monsoon season for Maharashtra ; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

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