THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) An underground tunnel was discovered by Indian Army troops in general area Chakla of Pallanwala sector (Jammu District) on 21st August, 2014 approximately 300 metres on our side of the Line of Control (LoC). No exit point of the tunnel was found.

(c) Government regularly reviews the threat perception to secure our borders and protect national interest. Appropriate measures are taken from time to time to maintain/upgrade the country’s defence preparedness along the border to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India. Further, some areas along the borders are also kept under surveillance by regular patrolling by troops and other aerial, optronic and electronic means etc.

Challenges faced by Ayurveda

*224. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the biggest challenge Ayurveda faces today is lack of commitment and confidence amongst its practitioners;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ayurveda needs dedicated doctors;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a need for greater awareness for Ayurveda; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESO NAIK): (a) Like in any other profession, there may be a few cases where a qualified practitioner of Ayurveda does not measure up to the professional standards in terms of confidence and commitment.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In order to enhance greater awareness about Ayurveda, following activities are being organized by the Ministry of AYUSH,

(i) National level Arogya Fair.

(ii) State level Arogya Fair in selected cities.
(iii) Participation in Fairs/Melas organized by eminent organisations/States

(iv) Financial assistance to States/Colleges/Institutes/NGOs for organizing Conferences/ Seminars/Workshops/ Symposium, etc. on AYUSH.

(v) Financial assistance to the AYUSH Industry for participating in Fairs/Melas organized by Government of India/State Government.

(vi) Preparation and distribution of authentic publicity material on AYUSH Systems including Multi-media/print-media campaigns, audio visual materials for popularization of AYUSH Systems.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) is being implemented where provisions have been made for Grant-in aid to the State Governments/UTs for greater awareness of AYUSH including Ayurveda through the following activities:

(i) Public Health Outreach activity

(ii) Behavior Change Communication (BCC)

(iii) AYUSH Gram

(iv) School Health Programme through AYUSH

(v) Information, Education and Communication (IEC).

**IT exemption for co-operative institutions**

†*225. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the losses incurred by the weak co-operative credit institutions as a result of inclusion of income from agricultural business of these institutions under the purview of income tax limit;

(b) whether Government intends to give tax relaxation to cooperative institutions for their income from agricultural business; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The income/loss arising from different sources of income is aggregated while computing ‘total income’ of an entity under the Income-tax Act, 1961 (‘Act’). Therefore, data regarding

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.