

Impact assessment of Saubhagya scheme

*208. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state whether any assessment has been made on the progress made in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya) which was launched in September, 2017 with the aim to provide access of electricity to all remaining households in the country, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI RAJ KUMAR SINGH): Performance of Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana-Saubhagya is regularly monitored for the entire country by Ministry of Power. As reported by the States more than 2.31 crore households have been electrified, up to 26.12.2018, since launch of Saubhagya scheme on 11th October, 2017. The scheme envisages electrifying the remaining un-electrified households by 31st March, 2019.

Plans to celebrate birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev

*209. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the series of activities planned by Government to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji; and

(b) the amount earmarked, if any, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Government of India has decided to commemorate 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji with effect from 23.11.2018 at national as well as international level. Following activities have been planned during the year-long celebrations:

- (i) Development of the Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district to the international border in order to facilitate pilgrims from India to visit the holy Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, Kartarpur in Pakistan.
- (ii) Development of the historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi as a heritage town on the Smart City principles including establishment of a heritage complex.
- (iii) Upgradation and development of Sultanpur Lodhi railway station with all the modern amenities.
- (iv) Release of commemorative coin and postage stamp.

- (v) Set up a Centre for Inter Faith Studies at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
- (vi) Organisation of an International Seminar on the life and teachings of Shri Guru Nanak Devji in New Delhi.
- (vii) Establishing chairs on Shri Guru Nanak Devji in one University each in UK and Canada.
- (viii) Doordarshan to arrange live telecast of programmes on Shri Guru Nanak Devji and the Gurubani.
- (ix) National Book Trust to publish Gurubani in different Indian Languages.
- (x) UNESCO to be requested to translate and publish anthology of Shri Guru Nanak Devji's writings in world languages.
- (xi) Indian Missions to organise special events to commemorate the occasion.
- (xii) States/UTs to celebrate 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Devji in a befitting manner.

(b) No specific amount has been earmarked for the purpose. Planned activities will be implemented through various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and State Governments and financial implications will be met by the respective Ministries/State Governments from their allocated budget.

Upgradation of public healthcare infrastructure

*210. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to expand and increase the health infrastructure in the States;

(b) if so, the details of the areas in which Government is planning to expand and increase the same; and

(c) the State which has the best health infrastructure including sub-centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Block PHCs, Rural Hospitals, Sub-divisional Hospitals, District Hospitals, Medical Colleges and Hospitals, Super Speciality Hospitals including the number of beds and the patients treated there?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Public Health and hospitals, being a State subject, the primary responsibility of providing accessible, affordable and quality healthcare including setting up of new hospitals and upgradation and strengthening of existing health facilities lies with the State Governments.