

Rajya Sabha

**List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS**

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, February 11, 2022/ 22 Magha, 1943 (Saka)

**(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Commerce and Industry;  
Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Electronics and  
Information Technology; Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Food  
Processing Industries; Heavy Industries; Railways; Textiles)**

Total number of questions -- 15

**Status of Phase II of FAME India scheme**

106 # **Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:**

Will the Minister of **Heavy Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Phase II of the electric vehicles (hybrid) scheme named Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India) scheme across the country;
- (b) the details of the charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) in the State of Bihar, city-wise;
- (c) the number of proposals pending at present with Government, State-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to fix a distance limit in which there is at least one EV charging station, if so, the details thereof?

**Sustained development of agricultural sector**

107 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various concessions/incentives provided to the farmers for development of agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters, to give agriculture the status of industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to the farmers as a result thereof; and
- (f) the details of action plan initiated by Government for sustained development of agriculture sector and farmers, the outcome thereof?

**Rising digital transactions**

108 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the details of digital transactions in the last three years;

- (b) the increase in value of these digital transactions over the last three years; and
- (c) the benefits of rising digital transactions?

### **Efficacy of Digital India scheme**

**109 Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Digital India scheme has failed to impart digital literacy among the rural population by not even meeting half of its set target by 2021 and is also facing a fund crunch;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has not done any evaluation of the Digital India scheme and is relying on a third party evaluation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### **Sustainable agricultural practices**

**110 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the water and irrigation requirement of certain crops especially in the context of scarcity of drinking water availability, drought situation and sustainable agricultural practice, if so, the findings and details thereof;
- (b) the total area of land cultivated in the country and subsidy given to major crops per acre, per acre yield; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government to popularise sustainable agricultural practices and organic farming and the total production of organic food and the methods used to have strict quality control in the organic produces in the country?

### **Food subsidy released to State Governments**

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

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total food subsidy provided to Decentralized Procurement (DCP) to States and Food Corporation of India (FCI) since last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the provisional/advance food subsidy released to States involved in DCP towards distribution of foodgrains under National Food Security Act (NFSA), Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and other welfare schemes, State-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise since last five years, particularly to Andhra Pradesh since April 2019, date-wise;
- (c) whether Andhra Pradesh has made a representation to Central Government seeking increased coverage of eligible beneficiaries under NFSA; and
- (d) if so, details of representation and Government response thereto?

### **Manual scavengers employed by Railways**

**112 Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

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

- (a) whether Government has the details of the manual scavengers employed by the Railways as of September 2021, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to rehabilitate and resettle the manual

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

### **Consultation on creating Agristack**

113 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any public consultations have been held by the Ministry regarding Agristack and whether any farmers' groups have been part of this consultation;
- (b) the current status of the Agristack and organizations involved in building Agristack;
- (c) the details regarding the ownership of Indian Digital Ecosystem of Agriculture (IDEA)/Agristack and its various components and the composition of 'IDEA Advisory Council';
- (d) whether it is a fact that there is no representation of farmers in task force or governance framework of IDEA, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has accounted for inaccuracy in land records while creating Agristack?

### **West Bengal's potential to become competitive textile hub**

114 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that West Bengal has the potential to become a competitive textile hub;
- (b) whether the Ministry has provided any kind of financial, technological assistance etc. to improve textile productivity in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Growth trends in processed food items**

115 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Food Processing Industries** be pleased to state:

- (a) the growth trend of retail sales of processed food items in India in the last one decade;
- (b) the processed food items which registered maximum increase in retail sales in the last three years;
- (c) the country's global share in processed foods;
- (d) how much processed foods are exported; and
- (e) the value and share of processed foods in the world exports?

### **Rail connectivity to Vizhinjam Container Terminal**

116 **Shri John Brittas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the DPR prepared by Konkan Rail Corporation Limited (KRCL) for rail connectivity to Vizhinjam Container Terminal was approved by Railways, enhancing the cost by more than double without any cogent reasons;
- (b) whether Government agrees to the fact that KRCL is the champion in the country in so far as the construction of rail tunnels are concerned;
- (c) the reasons for increasing cost of rail tunnel by more than 200 per cent by the Railways; and
- (d) the details of right of way acquired over underground rail tunnels in Kerala?

### Upgradation of agricultural technology

117 **Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:**

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any major programme to upgrade agriculture technology, provide quality seeds and farm equipment involving some of the best available outside the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether introduction of fuel-driven farm equipment and tractors, the menace of adverse effect of chemical fertilizers on soil, stray animals, shortage of organic manure, crop burning, unemployment in rural areas, etc., have caused greater damage than doing good, especially to the small farmers?

### Concessional finance provided to fish farmers

118 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

Will the Minister of **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of concessional finance provided to the fishing and aqua farmers under Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) in the State of Tamil Nadu since implementation of the scheme, district-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the special emphasis that the Ministry is making on inland fisheries aquaculture under the above fund, in the country particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) the funds provided for post-harvest losses and to improve domestic marketing facilities through infrastructure support in the country, the State-wise details thereof?

### Promoting bamboo plantation

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

Will the Minister of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for formation of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to encourage small and marginal farmers for taking up bamboo plantation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote use of bamboo at eco-tourism destinations, construction of modern buildings and resorts?

### Distribution of free foodgrains to migrant labourers

120 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

Will the Minister of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government announced distribution of free foodgrains and pulses to 8 crore migrant labourers who are not covered under the National Food Security Act or State Governments PDS scheme under the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the number of migrant labourers who benefited from the scheme;
- (c) the quantity of ration distributed under the same in the first two months; and
- (d) the method employed for distribution keeping in view the fact that migrants were homebound?

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