

Rajya Sabha

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, April 1, 2022/ 11 Chaitra, 1944 (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 -- 160

Organic farming in Punjab

3361 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/released/utilized by Punjab under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of projects implemented/being implemented under the Scheme in the State during the said period;
- (c) the number of farmers who have adopted paramparagat krishi under the scheme at present in the State during the said period; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken by Government for creating awareness among the farmers about the importance of organic farming?

Settlement of pending claims under PMFBY in Punjab

3362 **Smt. Ambika Soni:**

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated/released/utilized by Punjab under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) number of farmers covered/adopted under the PMFBY in the State during the said period;
- (c) the total number of farmers' claims settled/pending under the scheme at present in the State during the said period; and
- (d) fresh steps taken by Government for settlement of all the pending claims of affected farmers under the scheme in Punjab?

Implementation of PMKSY

3363 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) the present status of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), State/UT-wise;

- (b) the fund/grant allocated and utilized under PMKSY since the last three years, including current financial year, year-wise, especially in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether PMKSY has benefitted the farming community, if so, the details thereof along with target set and the achievement made so far under this scheme;
- (d) the details of mechanism to monitor this scheme; and
- (e) whether Government has issued fresh guidelines for completion of schemes under PMKSY on priority basis in areas having low water resources, especially in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

Development of hybrid seeds

3364 # Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki:

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

- (a) whether Government has developed high yielding hybrid seeds requiring less water as many parts of the country face drought every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the work done by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during the last three years for developing high yielding hybrid seeds requiring less water and the quantity of such seeds produced during last three years; and
- (d) the response of Government thereon?

Implementation of PMFBY in Himachal Pradesh

3365 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

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

- (a) the details of the compensation given to farmers insuring wheat crops in Rabi season (2020-21) in Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);
- (b) the number of farmers in the country who have insured wheat crop in Rabi season under the PMFBY, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of total land insured by the farmers under PMFBY in the country?

Performance under irrigation schemes

3366 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to meet the objective of irrigation to all farms, with improved on-farm water-use efficiency (more crop per drop) by 2022 as per the Niti Aayog Strategy for New India report;
- (b) the number of irrigation projects sanctioned and completed, along with funds allocated and released for the same, year-wise since the last five years till date; and
- (c) the reasons for poor performance of irrigation schemes, given that net irrigated area comprises only 49 per cent of the net sown area as per the Economic Survey of India 2021-22?

Loss of topsoil and soil health

3367 Smt. Vandana Chavan:

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

- (a) whether any comprehensive satellite/on-ground assessment of soil-health has been undertaken in last five years, if so, State/Union Territory/soil type-wise details thereof;

- (b) whether there are losses in soil fertility, organic carbon, humus, nutrients, soil biodiversity in various types of soils in country and if so, details of steps taken to prevent soil health decline, including amount allocated and utilised for this purpose;
- (c) whether Government is aware of annual topsoil depth lost in last five years, if so, details of soil lost in tonnes thereof; and
- (d) steps taken to prevent and reverse the loss of soil and soil-productivity?

Dissemination of latest techniques for horticulture and floriculture

3368 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Government organises annual fair on horticulture and floriculture to apprise the farmers on the latest techniques and type of fruits and flowers for adoption to improve their income on regular basis;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to start Government owned or authorized nurseries for fruit and flower saplings in different parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, by when such initiative would be taken and whether Government would encourage the States to treat the matter on priority basis?

Organizing agriculture fair by ICAR

3369 Shri Sambhaji Chhatrapati:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to upgrade the agriculture fair organised by ICAR-PUSA in Delhi every year to make it meaningful for the farmers, especially in the fields of latest innovations done by the research institutions and the sale of implements which the poor farmers with lesser landholding could afford, to save cost on labour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ICAR-PUSA organizes agriculture fairs of similar nature in different parts of the country as well to acquaint the farmers about the latest in the field of agriculture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Loss of crops due to excessive rains

3370 Shri Vivek K. Tankha:

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

- (a) the assessment of agricultural crops destroyed/wasted in the year 2020-21 and 2021-22, due to excessive rain, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has launched any scheme for providing compensation to the affected farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details of compensation provided to farmers, State-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

Vacant posts of agricultural scientists in research institutes

3371 Shri K.C. Venugopal:

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

- (a) whether Government has been able to develop Research Institutes/Organizations for the growth of agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

- (b) whether there is a shortage of agricultural scientists in these research institutes and a large number of posts of agricultural scientists are lying vacant for several years in various States; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies?

Depletion of organic carbon in soil

3372 **Shri K.C. Venugopal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that fertilizer application rate has risen from 12.4 kgm per hectare in 1969 to 175 kgm per hectare and depletion of organic carbon in soil has been massive;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to improve the quality of soil?

Implementation of PM-AASHA scheme

3373 **Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) objectives and salient features of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA);
- (b) number of farmers benefitted, achievements made and challenges faced by Government while implementing this scheme, since inception;
- (c) whether there is any provision under PM-AASHA to ensure remunerative price for procuring agricultural produces of farmers;
- (d) if so, details thereof including quantum of foodgrains procured and amount granted to farmers so far, State-wise;
- (e) other steps taken by Government to ensure remunerative prices for farmers' produces; and
- (f) details of development of pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS) and number of procurements under PPSS, State-wise and year-wise, since 2018?

Changing the premium subsidy ratio under PMFBY

3374 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) whether Government would consider changing the premium subsidy ratio between the Center and State under PMFBY to 60:40 instead of 50:50 like all other Centrally sponsored schemes, if so, by when, if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government would share the premium subsidy under PMFBY for losses due to attack by wild animals which is totally borne by State Governments, if so, by when, if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether damage to hydrophilic crops like paddy, sugarcane, jute and mesta due to inundation are covered under risk scenario of localized calamity, if not, whether Government would consider its inclusion?

Use of technology in agriculture sector

3375 Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken rational measures to increase the use of technology in agriculture and to reduce agricultural cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether Government is emphasizing on concerted policy efforts with all the stakeholders to promote agricultural techniques including drone to improve the supply chain; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of fertilisers

3376 **Shri Sanjay Singh:**

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

- (a) whether the country is facing acute shortage of fertilisers as per the analysis of Integrated Fertilizer Management System (IFMS) data;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether fertilizers are being sold at exorbitant rates in black market, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that amidst this acute shortage, Government has reduced subsidy on urea and nutrient-based NPK fertilisers which would adversely hit the ailing farm sector;
- (e) whether several farmers have committed suicide in Bundelkhand region owing to fertiliser shortage; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Farm loan waivers in the country

3377 **Shri Mahesh Poddar:**

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

- (a) the amount of farm loans that has been waived across the country in the last five years, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether moratorium was offered to farmers during the last two years, if so, the details thereof, the number of beneficiaries under this facility; and
- (c) the measures that have been undertaken to ensure diversification of cropping patterns, the details thereof?

Transport and Marketing Scheme

3378 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

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

- (a) whether Government extends sops under transport and marketing scheme for agri exports through mandis and at purchase centres, State-wise set up so far; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and results yielded, if not, by when such scheme would be announced including Andhra Pradesh?

Menace of water logging

3379 Shri Rakesh Sinha:

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

- (a) the area of agricultural land facing water logging problem for average of more than three months, every year, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware that Mokama Tal's 1063 sq K M remains inundated with flood waters from June to September every year and loses all crops during the said period;
- (c) whether this water logging has negative impact on farmers, particularly small and marginal farmers, if so, steps Government took or plans to take to end this menace;
- (d) whether Government would conduct a survey to know the impact of water logging; and
- (e) if so, whether Government would issue a national plan to end this menace?

Cultivation of organic fruits and vegetables

3380 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to promote cultivation of organic vegetables and fruits, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any scheme by which farmers are encouraged for cultivation of organic vegetables and fruits, especially in North Eastern States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to farmers for adopting organic farming

3381 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government during the last three years regarding organic farming as per crop season requirements;
- (b) the assistance provided along with the schemes introduced during the last three years to encourage farmers to undertake organic farming in place of farming based on chemical fertilisers and pesticides; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that fertility of barren land can be increased by switching over to organic farming?

Setting up of agricultural college under CPCRI

3382 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to start an agricultural college under the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI) as an Agricultural Based Center, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any action has been taken to start such agricultural college in various parts of the country?

Research and development of agriculture sector

3383 Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any priorities regarding research and development in agricultural sector in the next ten years;

- (b) if so, the details of the priority sectors under the said Schemes; and
- (c) the manner by which the benefits of the same are proposed to be given to the farmers?

Credit to female farmers under KCC scheme

3384 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) number of female farmers involved as agricultural labour, State-wise;
- (b) number of female farmers that are landowners, State-wise;
- (c) agricultural land owned by female farmers, area-wise, State-wise;
- (d) number of female farmers that have access to Kisan Credit Card (KCC) since its launch;
- (e) the total amount received by female farmers as credit under KCC scheme;
- (f) the details of average monthly income female farmers earned in all the States;
- (g) whether Government has taken any measures to improve the status of female farmers in the country; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Adoption of modern technology in agriculture

3385 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) the reasons behind farmers still using old and outdated techniques, conventional tools and implements in spite of Ministry giving various incentives, etc., to farmers for using technology and modern tools;
- (b) the extent to which the States' casual approach in adopting new techniques, technology and modern inputs is a hurdle to double the income of farmers by 2022; and
- (c) whether Government would consider to create a corpus of ₹ 50,000 crores to help small and marginal farmers only by giving them loans at nominal rate?

Promotion of industrial development in coastal States

3386 Shri Vaiko:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to promote industrial development in the coastal States, especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of sanctioned funds along with the targets set in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to promote industrial development in the said States, including Industrial Corridors, like Vizag-Chennai –Bengaluru Corridor, etc., the details thereof?

Creation of external infrastructure for NIMZ in Kalinganagar, Jajpur

3387 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the necessary steps taken by the Central Government till date, through its respective Ministries, for creation of external infrastructure, as approved by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in its final approval, in National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZ), Kalinganagar, Jajpur district; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Central Government on the other NIMZ's approved in different

States?

Startups in Rajasthan

3388 # **Shri Rajendra Gehlot:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number of Startup companies launched in Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (b) the total funds raised by these Startup companies so far and the details of profit made by them;
- (c) whether there is any proposal with Government to ease the regulatory regime for Startup companies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of other steps taken by Government to promote Startup India programme in other States of the country, particularly in Rajasthan?

Update on sub schemes under ILDP

3389 **Shri P. Wilson:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds distributed under the Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP); and
- (b) the update on the six sub schemes under the ILDP, namely, Integrated Development of Leather Sector, Human Resource Development, Mega Leather Cluster scheme, Support to Artisan Scheme, Leather Technology, Innovation and Environmental Issues and Establishment of Institutional Facilities, across the country especially in Tamil Nadu?

Ease of Doing Business in States

3390 **Dr. Sasmit Patra:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ranks of States on Ease of Doing Business over the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the methodology undertaken to arrive at these rankings;
- (c) the proposed reforms in this methodology to make it more competitive; and
- (d) the change as perceived by the Ministry on the States' performance, based on rankings?

Support to cashew industry

3391 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the pandemic has had a dire effect on the cashew industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to provide support to the cashew industry;
- (c) whether Government has received requests from cashew processors and exporters in Andhra Pradesh to take measures to boost the processing and export of Palasa cashew; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in pursuance of these requests?

Investment flows via FDI

3392 **Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of investment inflows into India via Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) in the last five years till date;
- (b) the details of various sectors mostly benefited, including infrastructure sectors, in terms of investment amount and the employment generated; and
- (c) the share of FDIs in the GDP of the country in the last five years, the details thereof, year-wise?

Export of wheat

3393 # **Shri Brijlal:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the country-wise details of the total quantum of wheat exported by India during the current year;
- (b) whether the demand for Indian wheat has increased in the global market due to Russo-Ukraine war and if so, the steps related to export that have been taken by Government to meet this increased demand; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by Government to tap the immense potential of the export of wheat in the global market at present?

Attracting foreign companies for investments

3394 # **Shri Rewati Raman Singh:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by Government to attract foreign companies for making investments in India in 2022-23;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the mobile company Vivo would invest ₹ 3500 crore in India by 2023; and
- (c) the details of the effective steps being taken by Government to develop India as an export hub?

Export of seafood products

3395 **Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of seafood products exported from India during the last three years;
- (b) whether USA is the primary destination for such exports;
- (c) if so, whether USA has imposed certain conditions on the import of seafood products from India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has provided any subsidy in such exports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the plan of action to promote such exports for improving the economic condition of the people living in coastal areas of the country?

Intra-regional trade across South Asia

3396 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the current intra-regional trade across countries in South Asia is

just one third of its capacity;

(b) if so, the position of Government regarding this slow integration;

(c) whether India is willing to take lead in facilitating closer ties and thereby increase trade and other activities;

(d) whether Government is committed to re-assess the prospects of SAARC and South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA); and

(e) the details of existing trade agreement and revenues generated from the activity of buying and selling with South Asian countries?

Effective utilisation of waste from bamboo

3397 **Shri Abdul Wahab:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increasing demand from Bamboo industry and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to lift the export prohibition on bamboo charcoal;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to lift the export ban on this;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is aware of the effective utilisation of waste from bamboo, by countries such as China; and

(e) if so, the reasons for Government's reluctance in implementing such cost effective methods?

Protests against NTPC examination

3398 **Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:**

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

(a) whether Government has taken any decision on Railway Recruitment Board (RRB)-Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) exams;

(b) whether another exam will be conducted for the same;

(c) whether any irregularities were found in organising the exam;

(d) whether Government is going to add more vacancies for this exam;

(e) whether any report has been made regarding the cause of protests by students across the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Progress made under Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan

3399 **Shri T.G. Venkatesh:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made under the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan;

(b) the projects that were undertaken in the State of Andhra Pradesh under this plan; and

(c) the steps being taken for seamless planning and coordinated execution of infrastructure projects in a timely manner?

Setting up of pollution-free industries

3400 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up pollution-free industries in the country;

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

(c) whether Government is capable of setting up pollution-free industries and the extent to which obstacles faced by Government are removed, if so, the details thereof?

Status of Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor

3401 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) has been finalized and ready for implementation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of Angul Aluminium Park under MIUS

3402 **Dr. Prashanta Nanda:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the physical progress of infrastructural upgradation of Angul Aluminium Park under Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS);
- (b) the details of expenditure that has been made for implementation of this project;
- (c) whether a Special Purpose Vehicle, Angul Aluminium Park Private Limited (AAPPL), was constituted for implementation of the project; and
- (d) if so, the status of AAPPL?

Benefits of GeM

3403 **Shri Parimal Nathwani:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched Government e-Marketplace (GeM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the benefits of this scheme;
- (c) the details of method by which Government proposes to connect women with this scheme;
- (d) whether GeM is a Government company and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the persons involved in its management; and
- (e) the details of parts of the country where this scheme has been implemented?

Identification of ports under Gati Shakti plan

3404 **Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of ports identified under the Gati Shakti plan;
- (b) the names of the projects included under the Gati Shakti plan;
- (c) the total estimated cost of these projects; and
- (d) the measures taken to improve the ease of doing business at ports?

Trade deficit

3405 **Shri Jawhar Sircar:**

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's trade deficit has widened to \$22.91 billion in November 2021, as against \$10.19 billion in November 2020;

- (b) whether this is mainly because imports have risen by nearly 75 per cent during April-November 2021 or for any other reasons; and
 (c) the steps that are proposed to cut down imports and narrow down the trade deficit?

Increase in rubber import

3406 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that rubber import has been going up in the country;
 (b) if so, the details of rubber imported during the last five years; and
 (c) whether Government intends to change the tariff methods for rubber import?

Meat export

3407 Shri John Brittas:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the meat export has been going up;
 (b) if so, the details of the meat export during the last five years;
 (c) the quantity of beef exported from India during the last five years; and
 (d) the year-wise details thereof?

Reasons for closure of Tea Board's subsidy scheme

3408 Smt. Shanta Chhetri:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for closure of various Tea Board's subsidy scheme, which used to augment the tea production;
 (b) the reasons for lack of aggressive domestic marketing plan for the Darjeeling tea industry; and
 (c) Government's plans, if any, for revival of Darjeeling tea industry, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Slum dwellers removed from railway lands since PMAY

3409 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) the number of slum dwellers removed from railway lands since the announcement of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) till date, State-wise; and
 (b) the number of slum dwellers rehabilitated after being removed from railway lands since the announcement of PMAY till date, State-wise?

FTA with Australia

3410 Shri K.R. Suresh Reddy:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India and Australia are likely to have 'early harvest' trade pact in March, 2022 and further move forward for comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA);
 (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the areas to be covered under this trade pact and whether any investment is expected from Government of Australia?

Call drop in GSM Dolphin network in Delhi

3411 **Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:**

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

- (a) whether Government has received complaints from users on call drop frequency in GSM network of Dolphin as well as 3G within New Delhi area;
- (b) the details of steps taken to augment the mobile network capacity of MTNL GSM network in Delhi;
- (c) the number of mobile towers installed by MTNL to augment its mobile network capacity in 2019-20 and likely to be installed in 2021-22, in Delhi-New Delhi, area-wise; and
- (d) the other measures taken by Government to augment the mobile network and improve signal capacity of MTNL in Delhi?

Revival of BSNL and MTNL

3412 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government for the revival of BSNL and MTNL, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government proposes to prepare BSNL and MTNL to operate 5G spectrum; and
- (c) if so, by when it would be functional?

Security of Wi-Fi connections in public places

3413 # **Smt. Geeta alias Chandrababha:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to ensure the security of Wi-Fi connections in public places; and
- (b) the security related guidelines issued by Government under PM-WANI scheme?

Complaints regarding mobile and internet facilities in rural, hilly and remote areas

3414 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

- (a) whether complaints are being received regarding mobile and internet facilities in rural, hilly and remote areas;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any time limit has been set to resolve the complaints related to telephone network in rural and hilly areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of BTS in Marathwada, Vidharbha and Konkan regions of Maharashtra

3415 **Dr. Fauzia Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the Central Government proposes to install Base Transceiver Station (BTS) in the Marathwada, Vidharbha and Konkan regions of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, by when is the BTS likely to be installed and what shall be the increase in the area of coverage after its installation, district-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to install BTS in various mobile

towers and provide telecom services in those areas of Bihar, thereto not covered by either landline or mobile service?

Priority to small telecom players in auction of 5G spectrum

3416 Shri Naranbhai J. Rathwa:

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

- (a) whether Government has plans to auction 5G spectrum during the next one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would give priority to small telecom players over the big telecom players and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether one big telecom player has desired entire spectrum to be auctioned whereas small players differ on this proposal and if so, the steps being taken to safeguard the interests of small players?

Annual pace of laying Optical Fibre Cables

3417 Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

- (a) the number of villages connected with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), year-wise, from 2016 till date;
- (b) the details of phase-wise completion of BharatNet, including the original timelines for completion, actual dates of completion and current status of each phase;
- (c) the number of villages yet to be connected by OFC, State-wise; and
- (d) the annual pace of laying OFC, from 2016 till date?

Mobile recharge fee by mobile companies

3418 # Shri Om Prakash Mathur:

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

- (a) whether the issue of providing only 28 days service by private companies while recovering mobile recharge fee of one month has come to the notice of Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has talked/is talking with private companies in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Villages with internet facility

3419 Shri Suresh Gopi:

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

- (a) how many villages in India are 100 percent connected with broadband internet facility;
- (b) the percentage of households that have access to sufficient number of digital services for the education of their children through online medium; and
- (c) the percentage of households that are using internet facilities for accessing healthcare like doctor consultations, purchase of medicines, etc.?

Parcel delivery by India post

3420 Dr. Santanu Sen:

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

- (a) the details of annual parcels delivered by India Post of e-Commerce platforms like

Amazon and Flipkart, etc., since 2016, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for e-Commerce platforms preferring other courier services over India Post;

(c) the steps taken by India Post to increase its share in the parcel delivery of e-Commerce portal; and

(d) the percentage of complaints received by India Post out of the total parcels booked since 2016, year-wise and month-wise?

Basic infrastructure for 5G network

3421 # **Smt. Kanta Kardam:**

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

(a) whether Government has provided sufficient basic infrastructure for 5G network operation in view of the claims recently made by mobile service operators, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of basic infrastructure developed in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh in this regard;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide this facility to Government-operated companies; and

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

Declining Average Revenue Per User

3422 **Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:**

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

(a) the steps being undertaken by the Ministry to focus on the falling profits, which in some cases are serious losses, as Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) decline is sharp and steady; and

(b) the status of the Supreme Court allowed plea to recover adjusted gross revenue of about ₹ 92,000 crore from telcos?

Functioning of BSNL and MTNL

3423 **Shri Binoy Viswam:**

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

(a) Government's plan to improve the quality of service and functioning of BSNL and MTNL;

(b) whether Government proposes to disinvest and/or merge the said telecom service providers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) the total amount of spectrum allocation made to these companies;

(e) whether BSNL and MTNL have been fully equipped with 4G spectrum to ensure competitiveness in market;

(f) the total number of subscribers of BSNL and MTNL; and

(g) the total revenue and expenditure for BSNL and MTNL since 2017?

Services under Bharat Broadband Network Limited

3424 **Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:**

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

(a) whether Government is on track to meet the National Broadband Mission's goal of all villages having access to broadband by 2022;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the definitions of “service ready”, “service open” and “functional”; and
- (d) the number of villages under each category of “service ready” “service open” and “functional”, year-wise from 2016 till date?

Basis of 28 days tariff plan by telecom service providers

3425 # **Shri Vinay Dinu Tendulkar:**

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

- (a) the basis of fixing the duration of monthly tariff plan of 28 days to the subscribers by the telecom service providers;
- (b) whether this type of arbitrariness has been allowed by Government;
- (c) whether TRAI had issued any guidelines to the telecom service providers for any improvement in this regard;
- (d) the competent authority to take action against the telecom service providers on account of non-compliance of these guidelines; and
- (e) whether Government has contemplated taking any strict action against the said arbitrariness, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Augmentation of warehouse and cold storage facilities

3426 **Shri Neeraj Shekhar:**

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

- (a) the details of volume of grain stocks, including wheat stock, which were kept in open and covered and plinth facilities in the country during 2020-21 and 2021-22, year-wise, State-wise and grain-wise;
- (b) the details of volume of wheat rotten during 2020-21 and 2021-22 till date due to lack of/improper storage facilities in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of warehousing and cold storage facilities augmented during 2021-22 till 31 March, 2022, State-wise?

Use of PSF to control rise in prices of onion and pulses

3427 **Dr. Narendra Jadhav:**

Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) whether Government has created buffer stocks of onion and pulses under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to mitigate price volatility of agricultural produces, if so, details of buffer stock released or proposed to be released to control rising price along with other steps taken to control price-rise and success achieved in this regard, and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) the amount of fund utilised to create buffer stocks of onion and pulses for the year 2022-23, details thereof; and
- (c) amount of fund spent by Government to mitigate price volatility between 2020-21 to 2021-22, details thereof?

Delay in finalizing of cost sheets

3428 **Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that cost sheets are pending for finalization for paying balance food subsidy to Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, since which year cost sheets are pending for finalization for paying remaining amount of food subsidy to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the reasons for delay in finalizing cost sheets; and
- (d) the number of times the Central Government has had consultations with Government of Andhra Pradesh since last five years in this regard?

Removal of healthcare sector from Consumer Protection Act

3429 **Dr. Subramanian Swamy:**

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

- (a) whether Government intended to exclude the healthcare sector from the purview of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 by deleting the word 'healthcare' from section 2(42) of the 2019 Act, which previously found mention in the Consumer Protection Bill, 2018;
- (b) if so, whether the Consumer Protection Commissions are empowered to carry on or take cognizance of matters against healthcare workers; and
- (c) if not, the reasons that word 'healthcare' has been excluded from the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 when it found mention in the Consumer Protection Bill, 2018?

Insufficient storage capacity

3430 # **Shri Ram Shakal:**

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

- (a) whether there is insufficient arrangement for storage of foodgrains in most States of the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is a need to make a suitable and solid scheme to ensure purchase and storage of foodgrains at Gram Panchayat level and to provide the foodgrains to poor people through ration shops; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Consultation on Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020

3431 **Shri Ripun Bora:**

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken consultations with experts and industry stakeholders on the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the persons and/or entities consulted with, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time-line by which Government would notify and implement the amendments to the rules thereto?

Implementation of PMGKAY

3432 Shri Narain Dass Gupta:

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

- (a) whether the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) would be available to the 80 crore beneficiaries after March 2022;
- (b) whether Government has taken a decision to give the scheme a further extension as done earlier;
- (c) since no allocation in the Budget has been made, whether Government proposes to make a budgetary provision for the scheme for the Financial Year 2022-23; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to make the scheme of free food to the needy, a permanent scheme under NFSA Act, 2013?

Formation of FPO to set up storage facilities

3433 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that it could incentivise farmers to form cooperatives like Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs) to set up storage facilities;
- (b) if so, initiative(s) proposed to be taken by Government keeping in mind that this could be done by creating clusters of 5-10 villages; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in payments to farmers

3434 Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- (a) the list of States which are following the decentralised Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) amount released to States in (a) in the last three years of food subsidy, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether there is a guideline for the State Governments regarding release of MSP payments to farmers i.e. mode of payment, time-frame for release of payments to farmers;
- (d) whether payments to farmers in Andhra Pradesh are delayed up to three months for paddy procured from them; and
- (e) if so, the steps Government would take for timely release of payments to farmers?

Availability of storage capacity for surplus foodgrains

3435 Shri Parimal Nathwani:

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

- (a) whether food crops like wheat, arhar were procured to give relief to the farmers to assure Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the last three years when market rate had fallen;
- (b) if so, the quantum of food crops which were procured from farmers, State-wise;
- (c) whether any irregularity was noticed during procurement, transport and storage of these commodities;

- (d) whether the storage capacity for surplus grains are available in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which Government would tackle such situation in future?

Adoption of reforms in procurement operation

3436 Dr. Amar Patnaik:

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

- (a) whether Government has brought reforms in paddy/wheat procurement operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that the States including Odisha have successfully adopted these recommendations;
- (d) whether as per the recommended reforms the Central Government immediately releases Minimum Support Price (MSP) amount paid by States upon procurements;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether Government is aware of outstanding payments that is due to the Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation over paddy/wheat procurement; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of procurement centres in Karnataka

3437 Shri K.C. Ramamurthy:

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

- (a) the details of procurement centres set up to procure rice in Karnataka during the last and current procurement season;
- (b) whether Government think that the centres are sufficient to procure rice from farmers;
- (c) whether there are any plans to increase the number of procurement centres;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number of centres opened in Karnataka in the last five years, year-wise and Kharif and Rabi season-wise?

Performance dashboard of the Ministry

3438 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:

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

- (a) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the number of users accessing the performance smartboard of the Ministry, available on its official website, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has undertaken any public awareness initiatives to promote this performance smartboard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how regularly is this dashboard updated and the authority responsible for it, the details thereof?

National Cyber Security Policy

3439 **Shri Vishambhar Prasad Nishad:**

Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Shri G.C. Chandrashekhar:

Ch. Sukhram Singh Yadav:

Smt. Chhaya Verma:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to introduce a new National Cyber Security Policy in light of recent cyber attacks which have jeopardised national security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed timelines for implementation of the same and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to mitigate citizens' vulnerability to cyber attacks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government intends to coordinate with other countries to develop a global legal framework on cyber terrorism; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Impact on production of semiconductor chips amid Russia-Ukraine war

3440 **Dr. C.M. Ramesh:**

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

- (a) whether due to ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, there would be impact on the production of semiconductor chips, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it would have adverse impact in our automobile industry as already, there is a long waiting period for new vehicles due to shortage of such chips and resulting sharp decline in the sale of four wheelers in the country, if so, the details thereof?

PLI scheme for electronic manufacturers

3441 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) the objective and details of the Production Linked Scheme (PLI) scheme for electronic manufacturers in the country;
- (b) the number of companies which are availing benefit under the said scheme and the total monetary benefit availed by such companies; and
- (c) the estimated amount allocated by Government for this scheme and the details of the projected targets set thereunder?

Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors

3442 **Shri Ramkumar Verma:**

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

- (a) the details of the Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECES) announced by Government for the electronic manufacturing sector;
- (b) the investment commitment by various electronic companies approved and the details

thereof;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from foreign investors for setting up of electronic equipment manufacturing factories in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Data on cyber attacks

3443 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:**

Shri Kumar Ketkar:

Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah:

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

(a) whether Government records data regarding cyber attacks that have occurred against the Indian Government and Government-owned entities by foreign and domestic outfits;

(b) if so, the details thereof since 2016, by country of origin, and the average duration of time between detection and containment, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has the capacity to handle a state of hybrid warfare?

Skill training in electronics, IT and ITeS sector

3444 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

(a) the total number of persons provided skill training in electronics, IT and ITeS sector in the last three years, year-wise and training partner-wise;

(b) the amount allocated and disbursed so far in the last three years, year-wise and training partner-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any action against the training partners and officials with regard to issues related to training, certification and providing employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Digital Villages in Odisha

3445 **Shri Sujeet Kumar:**

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

(a) the number and details of villages made digital in the State of Odisha at present, district-wise;

(b) the funds allocated so far to the State of Odisha for making the said villages digital; and

(c) the various facilities being provided in the said digital villages at present?

Safeguards in Draft India Data Accessibility and Use Policy, 2022

3446 **Smt. Vandana Chavan:**

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

(a) the details of safeguards introduced to check against privacy breaches of citizens' data proposed to be licensed/sold by Government to the private sector, including law(s) and rules applicable, penalties and mechanisms for enforcing any breaches of personal data;

(b) whether calculations for price discovery of data-sets has been done/proposed to be done, and if so, the details of pricing mechanism;

(c) the details of sharing proceeds from the sale of data between the Centre and States; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure transparency and accountability in such data sharing?

Fresh public consultations on IT Rules, 2021

3447 Shri Syed Nasir Hussain:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to take back The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, released on 25 February, 2021;
- (b) whether Government is planning to open fresh public consultations on IT Rules; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Grievance redressal mechanism of digital media platforms

3448 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) whether all digital media platforms, including intermediaries and publishers, have a robust grievance redressal mechanism;
- (b) whether all digital media platforms have appointed a Grievance Officer for resolving complaints from the users or victims;
- (c) the details of the intermediary platforms not complying with The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021; and
- (d) the details of the measures taken by Government in this regard against non-compliant digital intermediaries?

Complaints resolved under IT Rules, 2021

3449 Smt. Priyanka Chaturvedi:

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

- (a) the number of complaints notified and resolved by the appropriate Government or its authorized agency under The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to revise Section 79 of the IT Act which provides intermediaries exemption from punishment for third-party content posted on its website, thereby decreasing their accountability; and
- (c) if not, the other measures that exist to ensure greater accountability by the digital intermediaries, especially in cases of online harassment and commodification?

Action against app targeting muslim women

3450 Shri Derek O' Brien:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the app that targeted muslim women by auctioning them, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action that has been taken against these apps, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is taking long term steps to prevent these incidents from repeating again, if so, the details thereof?

Failure of biometric authentication of Aadhaar

3451 Shri Ripun Bora:

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

- (a) whether Government has information on the failure of biometric authentication due to frequent errors arising on Aadhaar authentication processes;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to address the 12 percent authentication failure for Aadhaar, as reported by the UIDAI; and
- (c) the action taken alongwith the Ministry of Finance for persons who have failed to link Aadhaar with PAN and/or update with Voter Card thereof?

Guidelines for BPOs and ITeS

3452 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

- (a) whether Government has eased the guidelines for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and IT enabled Service (ITeS) players in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the likely benefits to be rendered to the BPO sector and working professionals by the simplification of these guidelines;
- (c) whether Government has devised suitable safeguards to ensure that relaxations given to the BPOs are exercised in a responsible manner by the industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Digital literacy

3453 Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

- (a) whether Government is on track to meet the objective of ensuring 100 per cent digital literacy by 2022, as per the Niti Aayog Strategy for New India report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor including whether a revised target and/or deadline has been set;
- (c) the digital literacy rate in India, year-wise, from 2016 till date, including breakdowns by gender and urban/rural categories;
- (d) the total number of internet subscribers per 100 people in India (rural and urban households); and
- (e) the percentage of urban and rural households that own a computer?

Edge in IT and ITeS sector

3454 Shri B. Lingaiah Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that India can leverage its competitive edge in the Information Technology-Information Technology enabled Services (ITeS) sector to focus on advanced privacy and cyber research in different domains such as data localisation, data anonymization, data leak detection, privacy psychology, etc.;
- (b) if so, the steps that are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Issues associated with dairy farming

3455 Shri Md. Nadimul Haque:

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

- (a) steps taken to make dairy farming sustainable, scientific, profitable and decentralised;
- (b) steps taken to compensate the dairy farmers for the duress they faced during the

lockdowns;

(c) steps taken by Government to install breeding infrastructure in rural areas, areas covered, budget allocated, target achieved;

(d) steps taken to make institutional credit available to dairy farmers;

(e) the percentage of dairy farmers in the country having access to modern agricultural technology and processing equipment;

(f) whether unavailability of power in many rural areas has resulted in dairy farmers not having access to such technology; and

(g) if so, the steps taken to address this?

Dairy milk cooperatives in Maharashtra

3456 Dr. Fauzia Khan:

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

(a) the number of dairy milk cooperatives running at present in Maharashtra, along with the details of the production of milk during each of the last five years, district-wise;

(b) whether any special efforts have been made by Government to increase milk production per cattle in Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government has any plan to establish/open new dairy science/ dairy technical colleges in the country particularly in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in exports of marine products

3457 Shri Sanjay Raut:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a decline in export of marine products;

(b) if so, the details of export of marine products since the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to help entrepreneurs to promote their brand internationally to increase export of marine products?

Relief schemes for fishermen

3458 Dr. V. Sivadasan:

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

(a) the number of fishermen who lost their lives in various natural disasters and during fishing in the sea;

(b) whether Government is providing any relief schemes for their families; and

(c) if so, the details of the amount disbursed and the number of people who received the amount, year-wise since 2017?

Jurisdiction of Animal Welfare Board of India

3459 Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu :

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

(a) the date on which Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) was set up including the details of its jurisdiction;

(b) the number of cowsheds recognised along with the amount of funds provided for their functioning and tin sheds and ambulances provided by the said Board during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise;

- (c) whether the applications for getting recognition and assistance received from the institutions of Tamil Nadu are lying pending with the Board; and
 (d) if so, the date from which these applications are lying pending including the reasons for their pendency along with the details thereof?

Livestock affected by diseases

3460 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large number of animals have been badly affected due to various diseases;
 (b) if so, whether the number of suicides by farmers are on a rise due to poverty induced by shortage of livestock;
 (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 (d) the details of facilities provided by Government to the States to grow the livestock population in the country during the last three years?

PMMSY in Andhra Pradesh

3461 **Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a total investment of nearly ₹ 2,000 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) has been approved for Andhra Pradesh;
 (b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has approved Rs. 657 crores for various fisheries development proposals for 2020-21 and 2021-22;
 (c) if so, the reasons behind releasing only Rs. 108 crores; and
 (d) the status of the remaining amount and by when the remaining amount is going to be released for fisheries development works?

Reduction in marine life

3462 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the amount of fish caught by States in the Western coast;
 (b) whether Government is aware that there has been a constant decline of fish and other marine life in the sea, especially at the Western coast; and
 (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government has taken to increase marine life in consonance with demands with the fishing community?

Nation wide rules for slaughter houses

3463 **Dr. Vikas Mahatme:**

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

- (a) the amount of meat consumed in the country, State-wise and type-wise; and
 (b) whether Government is planning to introduce nationwide rules and regulations for the slaughter houses in the country so as to provide safe, clean and hygienic meat to the consumers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Ban on cow slaughter

3464 Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Article 48 of the Constitution directs the States to make efforts to ban cow slaughter;
- (b) if so, how far it is implemented by various States; and
- (c) the details of persons arrested during the last three years, State-wise and the number of people awarded punishment by various courts of law?

Development of Model Fishermen Villages

3465 Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) the details of the villages identified/developed under the Development of Model Fishermen Villages;
- (b) the year-wise data of the funds released for houses, drinking water and common place for recreation and work from 2017-18 to 2021-22;
- (c) the State-wise data of beneficiaries who have received assistance under the scheme; and
- (d) the year-wise data of the total amount of funds released as premium for fishermen under the Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen scheme from 2017-18 to 2021-22?

Online portal for Ministry's schemes

3466 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has advised the State Governments and the private players to apply through online portal for the schemes, like cold chain infrastructure, etc., being implemented by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, since when the online portal was introduced;
- (c) whether the Central Government has received any complaints regarding non-functioning of online portal;
- (d) if so, the total number of complaints received during the last one year; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the issue?

Employment generation in FPI sector

3467 Shri Sanjay Seth:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that food processing is one of the major employment intensive industries in the country and if so, the details of employment opportunities generated during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of incentives provided to food processing entrepreneurs for setting up of FPIs and Mega Food Parks (MFPs) and strengthening existing capacity of food processing units during the said period; and
- (c) the other steps taken by Government to increase the employment generation capacity by promoting both domestic and foreign investment in food processing sector?

Food processing industry parks

3468 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) the details of the food processing industry parks being set up in various States of the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the role being played by Government in the development of food processing industry parks in the country?

Projects to process regional fruits

3469 Shri Iranna Kadadi:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to prepare any project to promote food processing industry in the areas where regional fruits and agri food products etc. are produced in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to make any provision to develop food processing industry hubs in those areas where regional fruits are produced by farmer's groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana

3470 Shri Prabhakar Reddy Vemireddy:

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

- (a) the number of projects sanctioned and made functional under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) in Andhra Pradesh since the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of employment opportunities created under the above projects;
- (c) whether there is unacceptable wastage of agriculture produce which otherwise can be used in processing;
- (d) if so, the efforts made by the Ministry to approve more projects so as to reduce wastage and push the percentage of processing in the country; and
- (e) the details of backward and forward linkages created under PMKSY?

Revamping Food Processing Industries

3471 Shri S. Selvaganabathy:

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

- (a) whether food processing industry still faces some formidable constraints that need to be addressed urgently for India to catch up with developed countries where a sizeable part of the produce is processed to add value and more so, stretch their shelf life;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Food processing in rural Jharkhand

3472 # Shri Deepak Prakash:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any long term plan for processing of agricultural products in rural areas of Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Kisan Rail Service subsidy payment

3473 **Shri Abir Ranjan Biswas:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Kisan Rail Service subsidy in Financial Year 2021-22 was more than two times the maximum amount fixed under the initiative of the Ministry;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry has cleared all the dues of Railways for Financial Year 2021-22;
- (c) if so, the amount paid and if not, the actual amount asked by the Railways; and
- (d) the ceiling limit set for Financial Year 2022-23 for the Kisan Rail Service?

Non-payment of arrears to employees in HECL, Ranchi

3474 **Shri Elamaram Kareem:**

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

- (a) whether Government has considered recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on Petitions of 16th Lok Sabha on payment of wage revision arrears which are pending since 1997 and still are not paid in companies like Heavy Engineering Corporation Limited (HECL), Ranchi and the action taken on it;
- (b) whether there are any salary dues to the workers and officers of HECL, if so, how many months of salary has not been paid and when would it be paid; and
- (c) whether any retirement dues like gratuity, etc., are pending to be paid to superannuated employees in HECL, if so, when would it be paid?

Achievements of ICAT, Manesar

3475 **Shri K.J. Alphons:**

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

- (a) the achievements of International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar;
- (b) whether ICAT works in collaboration with the private sector; and
- (c) how much income has been generated by the Centre for the services it has provided?

Funds and loans for electric vehicles

3476 **Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:**

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

- (a) whether the use of electric vehicles (EVs) is increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up an institute for funding business, providing loans for public transport and commercial vehicle segment with focus on EVs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government is also formulating any scheme to provide incentive for manufacturing of equipment so as to promote the conversion of vehicles into EVs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

National Policy for development of heavy industries

3477 Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):

Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any National Policy for the development of heavy industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of heavy industries functioning in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether there is any scheme to set up new heavy industries in the country including Uttar Pradesh so as to check the migration of unemployed youth in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue from coal freight

3478 Shri Mahesh Poddar:

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

- (a) the details of the pension bill that the Indian Railways foots every year;
- (b) the details of revenue that is generated by the freight movement of coal; and
- (c) whether the coal freight revenue is shared with the source States, if so, the details thereof?

Policy for promotion of eco-friendly electric vehicles

3479 # Smt. Kanta Kardam:

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

- (a) the number of electric vehicles registered so far and the steps taken to make their manufacturing cost effective;
- (b) whether Government proposes to prepare a separate policy to promote such electric vehicles, considering them eco-friendly; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Total railway land in India

3480 Shri Tiruchi Siva:

Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has details of the total land of railways in India, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and city-wise as on date, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Ministry has details of the total railway land taken by slums, if so, the details thereof, State-wise and city-wise, as on date; and
- (c) whether Railways have rehabilitated the slum dwellers in the vicinity, if so, the State-wise and city-wise details as on date, if not, the reasons therefor?

Safety of women on local shuttle trains

3481 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken adequate steps for ensuring safety and security of

women especially in local shuttle trains running between Kanpur - Delhi (Via Tundla Junction) and Agra - Delhi routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the impact of the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the additional measures which are being contemplated by Government for the safety of women in trains?

Adarsh Station Scheme in Uttar Pradesh

3482 Shri Syed Zafar Islam:

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

(a) whether any station/s of Uttar Pradesh was/were selected under the Adarsh Station Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including date on which it was selected along with the funds allocated/utilised thereunder and the passenger amenities upgraded so far; and

(c) by when the modernisation programme is likely to be completed?

Update on Mission Avataran in Tamil Nadu

3483 Shri P. Wilson:

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

(a) whether the Ministry has data on how much funds have been allocated under Mission Avataran to the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Ministry has studied and collected data on the status and improvements made through the seven sub-missions that is Mission 25 Tonne, Zero Accident, PACE, Raftaar, Hundred, beyond book-keeping and Capacity Utilisation under Mission Avataran across the country especially in Tamil Nadu; and

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

Station development under PPP mode

3484 Shri Harshvardhan Singh Dungarpur:

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

(a) whether Government has planned to give the railway stations for developing on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many suggestion/proposal in this regard have been received from the States till date; and

(d) the details thereof and if they are not sanctioned, the reasons therefor?

Utilisation of budgetary allocation in Railways

3485 Dr. Sasmit Patra:

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

(a) the total funds budgeted and allocated to States for Railways in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the total funds utilized in the States for Railways in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the reasons for the surplus or deficit of funds, if any?

Animals killed on railway track

3486 # Shri Satish Chandra Dubey:

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

- (a) the number of wild animals including elephants killed on railway tracks in the country during the last three years and the current year, region-wise;
- (b) whether Railways have conducted any inquiry in this matter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to prevent recurrence of such incidents on railway tracks in the country in future?

Rishikesh-Karanprayag railway line

3487 # Shri Naresh Bansal:

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

- (a) the status of progress of work on Rishikesh-Karanprayag railway project;
- (b) whether 'No Objection Certificates' has been received from all the Gram Sabhas of the forest villages located along the line of this project as per the Forest Rights Act, 2006; and
- (c) the details of the schemes made for compensation and rehabilitation of the affected villages and families?

Mechanised cleaning techniques

3488 Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena:

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

- (a) the details of mechanised cleaning techniques introduced by the Indian Railways for maintaining proper hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation in the station premises, during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Ministry is looking at avenues to introduce technology for cleaning where conductive surfaces have not been provided and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the recommendations in Vision 2020 White Paper on devising a plan to achieve near-zero waste; and
- (d) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce scrubber machines having twin movement under the adopted mechanised cleaning system of Railways and if so, the details thereof?

Indigenous technology Kavach

3489 # Shri Brijlal:

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

- (a) the salient features of 'Kavach' which is based on state-of-the-art indigenous technology of Indian Railways and the details of its working;
- (b) the dates on which it has been tested or to be tested by the Railways alongwith names of the railway routes; and
- (c) by when this technology is likely to be implemented?

Special policy to complete railway projects

3490 # Shri Rewati Raman Singh:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any special policy during the year 2021-22 to complete the incomplete railway projects due to which train travel is not gaining momentum;

- (b) whether Government has prepared any list of the incomplete railway projects during the year 2021-22; and
- (c) the details of the work completed on the railway track being laid to connect Ayodhya with Prayagraj during the year 2021-22?

Railway projects allocated to Karnataka

3491 **Shri G.C. Chandrashekhara:**

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

- (a) whether the progress of South Western Railway (SWR) projects allocated to Karnataka have been halted;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) the impending problems in this regard;
- (d) where are the approvals stuck;
- (e) whether Government of Karnataka has provided all the information, approvals and reports as required by the Railways;
- (f) whether Railways reviewed this; and
- (g) the increased cost of implementation compared to the estimated, from the time of initiation of the project?

Railway station redevelopment plans

3492 # **Shri Om Prakash Mathur:**

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

- (a) the current status of the redevelopment plan of railway stations in the country;
- (b) the State-wise details of stations earmarked, funds allocated and progress achieved so far under the said plan; and
- (c) whether there is any plan to hand over the railway stations under Public Co-operation and Participation programme?

Projects listed in Railway Pink Book

3493 **Shri Vivek K. Tankha:**

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

- (a) the projects listed in Railway Pink Book but not commissioned till date zonal-wise and also those that are dropped from the Pink Book as on date; and
- (b) the reasons therefor?

Low utilization of Budget in Railways

3494 **Shri Derek O'Brien:**

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

- (a) the data of Budgetary Allocation, Revised Estimates and Actuals from 2017 till now, for the Railways;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the funds of the Ministry are being underutilized year after year; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for the underutilization of the funds?

Redevelopment of railway stations

3495 **Shri Prasanna Acharya:**

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

- (a) the status of redevelopment of 12 railway stations including Puri, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Rourkela and Bhubaneswar etc. in Odisha to international standards with superior amenities as announced by the Railways; and
- (b) whether the Ministry would consider including some more railway stations in Odisha including Bargarh Road for upgradation and modernization?

Violent protests against NTPC results

3496 **Shri Narain Dass Gupta:**

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

- (a) the findings of the five member inquiry constituted to look into the causes related to recent violent protests after the RRB NTPC results;
- (b) whether Railways recognise the facts that the unusual delay and partial declaration of results for the posts advertised should have been avoided;
- (c) whether the results of Computer Based Tests 1 for the Non-Technical Popular Category Group C posts had many instances of name of same candidate displayed at more than one place; and
- (d) the reasons for not declaring the results of examination for Group D posts when the exam was conducted along with the Group C posts?

Status of Freight Corridors in India

3497 **Shri Prakash Javadekar:**

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

- (a) the number of Freight Corridors being built in India;
- (b) the status of their progress in 2014 and in 2021; and
- (c) the benefit of Freight Corridors to the economy?

Facilities for Coolies

3498 **Shri Rakesh Sinha:**

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

- (a) whether Coolies are an integral part of the railway system, what are the facilities given to them;
- (b) whether they get occasional railway pass for travel;
- (c) whether the coolies have lounge on stations to take rest;
- (d) if not, whether Government would consider to provide such facilities to them;
- (e) the total strength of the registered coolies in railway; and
- (f) the health facilities given to them?

Stalled railway projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh

3499 **Shri Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar:**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing rail projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh on basis of cost-sharing agreement between Indian Railways and State Government of Andhra Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details of the project, cost involved in these projects, cost sharing between Indian Railways and State Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has released its shares for the execution of the projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Demolition of houses and huts between Udhna and Surat

3500 Shri Kumar Ketkar:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have carried out demolition of slums situated on railway land in Surat without providing rehabilitation;
- (b) whether there is any rehabilitation policy for slum dwellers on railway land, if so, the details thereof, if not, the plan of Railways to update the policy in order to rehabilitate slum dwellers living on railway land in different States; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has details of in-situ rehabilitation projects of slum dwellers on railway land in the country, if so, the details thereof as on date?

Assurances under National Rail Plan

3501 Shri Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla:

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

- (a) the status of the plans of 100 per cent electrification, multi-tracking of congested routes, etc which was assured to be implemented by 2024 as part of the National Rail Plan; and
- (b) whether Government has formulated any strategies based on both operational capacities and commercial policy initiatives to increase modal share of the Railways, if so, the details thereof?

Resumption of trains post COVID-19

3502 Shri Binoy Viswam:

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

- (a) the total number of passenger and freight trains, that have been suspended due to COVID-19, State-wise/zone-wise data and by purpose of train;
- (b) the total number of such trains that have been restarted;
- (c) the plan of action to restart trains that have not yet been started;
- (d) the total number of passengers with daily passes, monthly passes, yearly passes, zone-wise data since 2017; and
- (e) the steps Ministry is taking to ensure increase in passengers post COVID-19 pandemic?

New Rayagada Division

3503 Dr. Prashanta Nanda:

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

- (a) the details of budgetary allocation and expenditure for establishment of a new railway division in Rayagada under the jurisdiction of East Coast Railway (ECR); and
- (b) the name of sections and rail route in kilometers to be included under jurisdiction of Rayagada railway division?

Goods yard in Jorhat Town

3504 **Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the railway goods yard is situated in the middle of the Jorhat Town;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Jorhat railway goods yard is situated in such a place where it disturbs the traffic systems as more than 500 trucks come there to collect the goods;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has taken any steps for relocating the Jorhat railway goods yard?

Recognizing Darjeeling Himalyan Railway as division of NFR

3505 **Smt. Shanta Chhetri:**

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

- (a) whether old fame and name will be preserved if Darjeeling Himalyan Railway is recognized as division of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR);
- (b) whether Darjeeling Himalyan Railway is neglected to a great extent and hence no improvements/modernisation with heritage touch on the trains or the engines are being done; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Revamping of New Delhi railway station

3506 **Shri Sushil Kumar Gupta:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to revamp the New Delhi railway station;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the New Delhi railway station redevelopment received environmental clearance from the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Railway fare

3507 **Dr. Ameer Yajnik:**

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

- (a) whether the private operations will lead to substantial rise in train fares that have already increased in past years;
- (b) whether the fares for private trains will be decided by the private concessionaire only and the prices will be determined by the market; and
- (c) if so, the details of the staggering formula and policy measures adopted to check a possibility of higher fares?

Textile research associations

3508 **Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe:**

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

- (a) the various organizations/associations under the Ministry that are engaged in research related to the textiles sector, the details thereof;

(b) whether these organizations have collaborated or undertaken any joint activities with academic institutions both in India and overseas over the last five years, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these organizations/associations have conducted any research particular to the State of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Craft Village project

3509 Shri Muzibulla Khan:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the balance amount of ₹ 4 crore is still to be released by the Ministry for completion of Craft Village Project at Raghurajpur in Puri district; and

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any steps for granting administrative approval for additional works along with release of funds?

PM MITRA scheme in Rajasthan

3510 # Shri Rajendra Gehlot:

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

(a) the State-wise details of the proposals received and sanctioned for setting up Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA);

(b) whether any proposal has been received from Rajasthan regarding this scheme, if so, the details of the proposals received and the districts which have been selected for setting up PM-MITRA parks; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for these textile parks, if so, the district-wise details of the targets fixed and funds to be spent thereon?

Functional mega textile parks in the country

3511 Shri Neeraj Shekhar:

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

(a) the details of mega textiles parks functional in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of proposals for setting up of mega textile parks received during 2021-22 till 31 March, 2022, State-wise along with present status thereof;

(c) the details of mega textiles parks accorded approval till 31 March, 2022, during 2021-22, location-wise and State-wise along with fund allocated, released and utilized for the same; and

(d) the details of mega textiles parks for approval as on 31 March, 2022, location-wise and State-wise?

PLI scheme for textiles

3512 Shri K.J. Alphons:

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

(a) whether there is a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the textile industry;

(b) the allocation for the scheme during the financial year 2022-23; and

(c) the companies selected for assistance under PLI scheme?

Employees in textile industry

3513 **Dr. V. Sivadasan:**

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

- (a) the year-wise number of employees in textile industry since 2017;
- (b) whether Government has taken any measures for rehabilitation of those who have lost job in the sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Urban Haats

3514 **Shri Sanjay Seth:**

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing National Handicraft Development Programme to provide assistance for setting up Urban Haats in big towns with a view to provide direct marketing facilities to artisans/weavers;
- (b) if so, the number of Urban Haats operational in the country particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the details of sales and profits derived therefrom annually and if not, the reasons for the same; and
- (d) whether Urban Haats have been successful in achieving their objective and if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard?

Illegal production of items reserved for handlooms

3515 # **Shri Ram Chander Jangra:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the illegal production of the products, reserved for handlooms such as kurta, pajamas, lungi and dhoti etc. by powerlooms has increased in the past years;
- (b) if so, the details of the appropriate action being taken against such powerlooms; and
- (c) the details of concrete steps being taken so that the rights of handlooms are not violated in future?

Promoting traditional textile industry

3516 **Lt.Gen. (Dr.) D. P. Vats (Retd.):**

Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

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

- (a) whether Government has any policy in place to preserve as well as promote traditional textile industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Northern States including Uttar Pradesh are rich in traditional textiles;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any survey to find out the States rich in traditional textiles;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to preserve and promote rich traditional textile industry of the region; and
- (e) the details of State-wise funds allocated, if any, for the development of traditional textile industry?

CCI Procuring cotton from farmers

3517 **Shri M. Shanmugam:**

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

- (a) whether the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) regularly enter the market in all seasons to purchase cotton in the country;
- (b) if not, reasons for not purchasing cotton from the farmers, resulting in middlemen thriving and hiking the yarn price; and
- (c) the details of procurement made by CCI in the last five years, State-wise?

Cotton for domestic textile industry

3518 **Dr. Santanu Sen:**

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the shortage of cotton and cotton yarn being faced by the domestic textile industry, if so, the details of the action taken;
- (b) the year-on-year increase in the price of cotton since 2017, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the hardship being faced by the textile exporters due to the soaring price of cotton and cotton yarn, if so, the details of steps Government has taken to address their concern; and
- (d) the year-on-year growth in the readymade garments since 2017, year-wise?

Plans to close Textile Committee

3519 **Dr. Ashok Bajpai:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry plans the closure/merger of Textile Committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Ministry would ensure the payment of pension to its pensioners hitherto under Textile Committee?

Rectifying erroneous decrease in Grade Pay of retired employees

3520 **Dr. Ashok Bajpai:**

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

(a) whether directions have been given to Department of Expenditure to rectify erroneous decrease in the Grade Pay and erroneous recovery from retired employees of Textile Committee in which Supreme Court has given a judgement vide CA 2016 of 2020 dated 5.3.2020;

(b) what has Department of Expenditure done till date to take the matter to logical conclusion and advise other concerned Ministries especially the Ministry for augmenting the dues in favour of the retired employees; and

(c) whether OM has been issued in this regard, if so, the contents of the operative part of the OM?

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