

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, December 2, 2016/Agrahayana 11, 1938 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers;
Communications; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;
Electronics and Information Technology; Food Processing Industries;
Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Railways; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 15

Acquiring land for Bandra Kurla station for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train

*181. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is finding it difficult to acquire land in Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai for construction of station for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train;

(b) whether going for a different piece of land would escalate the land acquisition cost, if so, by how much;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry has finalised a plan for construction of station above the ground; and

(d) if so, whether that is likely to escalate cost, if so, by how much?

Procurement of paddy in Bihar

†*182. SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN

SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government for procurement of paddy in Bihar this year;

(b) whether Government is aware that the State Government is unable to procure paddy from the farmers and it does not have means of its proper storage either; and

(c) whether Government proposes to offer special assistance and bonus to the farmers of Bihar on sale of paddy, the details thereof?

Countering the effects of demonetization of currency notes on crop sowing

*183. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government is aware that demonetization of currency notes has adversely affected the sowing of crops during the current sowing season in Maharashtra and other parts of the country as farmers are unable to purchase seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. due to lack of money, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the immediate remedial measures Government has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

Resale of jute bags to mills

†*184. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of resale of jute bags to mills, which had already been sold to Central Government, has come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether bags with red and blue stripes were sent to a firm in Kolkata from Haryana in August, 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the incidents of resale of such jute bags to Government by mill owners, which had already been sold to Government had occurred earlier also, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check such incidents?

Review of the Constitution

*185. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the efforts made so far to review the Constitution;

(b) whether the constant increase in the number of bills being moved to amend the Constitution indicates the need for such a review; and

(c) whether any person/group is studying this matter and advising the Ministry and if so, the details thereof?

Improving services for elderly and differently-abled persons

*186. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch Yatri Mitra Sewa to help the elderly and ailing passengers;

(b) whether it is a fact that at some stations, the battery operated cabs are not working for a long period; and

(c) if so, the proposal of Government to regulate and improve the services for elderly and differently-abled persons?

Comprehensive proposal to improve justice delivery system

†*187. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive proposal has been submitted by Department of Justice wherein the issues like reducing the number of pending cases, redesigning the premises of Courts for making them more plaintiff-friendly, to encourage the accessibility to justice and capacity building of personnel are included, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the proposal has been

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approved by Government and is to be implemented at the earliest, if so, the details thereof?

Technical Textile sector

*188. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the potential of Technical Textile sector in the country;

(b) if so, the schemes undertaken by Government to strengthen this sector; and

(c) the annual estimated growth potential of this sector?

Use of glufosinate herbicide in mustard crop

*189. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether glufosinate herbicide is registered for use in mustard crop in the country;

(b) if so, after which bio safety testing; and

(c) if not, whether mustard development is taking place in violation of regulatory norms under the Insecticides Act?

Blueprint to clear the pendency of Court cases

*190. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pendency of cases in High Courts and the Supreme Court has increased during the last three years, if so, the details

thereof, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to address the problem of pendency of cases; and

(c) whether there is a programme or a blueprint to address this problem of huge pendency, both at the National and State levels?

Palm cultivation in the country

*191. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of palm cultivation in the country;

(b) whether Government has formulated any plan to encourage farmers to take up palm cultivation in identified places across the country, which have suitable climatic conditions, in order to meet the ever increasing demand for edible oils, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to reduce its dependence on imported edible oil by encouraging farmers to take up palm cultivation?

Basis for drawing electoral boundaries

*192. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for drawing electoral boundaries on the basis of the district population, instead of the constituency population;

(b) whether any malpractice in redistricting has been reported since 2002, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure checks and balances in electoral redistricting along with the associated grievance redressal mechanism?

Production of fruits in Andhra Pradesh

*193. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh was the largest producer of fruits in the country till 2013-14 and even after bifurcation, residuary Andhra Pradesh is the largest producer of fruits in 2015-16;

(b) if so, whether any special incentive is being given to Andhra Pradesh by APEDA in improving the productivity, quality and also export of its produce, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how the Ministry, in coordination with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is planning to push agri-export from Andhra Pradesh under Government's 'Act East Policy'?

Decline in internet freedom

*194. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are complaints and assessments that internet freedom has declined in the country;

(b) whether Government proposes to make a detailed examination of such complaints, as this is a new and developing medium with possibilities that different parties may have different views on it; and

(c) whether Government will make sure that data stored and data being exchanged within the country will not be breached upon by criminal elements, leading to big losses to Indian citizens and Government agencies?

Drought in Kerala

*195. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has declared drought in the State and asked the Central Government to provide necessary help to meet the situation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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