

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(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 — 160

Productivity and quality under organic farming

1921. SHRIMATI RENUKA
CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated
any plan to evolve efficient, economically
viable and environmentally sustainable
organic farming system for the country, if
so, the details thereof; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by
Government for improving productivity and
quality of produces under the organic
farming system?

Benefits of National Agriculture Insurance Scheme

1922. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National
Agriculture Insurance Scheme, launched by
Government, is not beneficial for the
farmers, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of farmers got benefited
under this scheme, State-wise?

Drought in Odisha

1923. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
SWAIN: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has
received any request from Government of
Odisha regarding drought situation in some
districts of the State, if so, the details
thereof ;

(b) whether the Ministry has sent any
central team to visit the drought affected

districts to assess the loss of paddy due to drought, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial package the Ministry plans to provide to the farmers of the affected districts of Odisha?

Implementation of e-NAM scheme

1924. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how the setting up of e-NAM (National Agricultural Market) has affected the agriculture sector, State-wise details of growth recorded after the scheme; and

(b) whether, as of August, 2016, only 79 APMCs from nine States were integrated with the e-NAM scheme, if so, the steps being taken to increase permeation of the scheme in different States, State-wise details of current status of implementation?

Implementation of horticulture and floriculture projects

1925. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing financial and technological support to floriculture and horticulture projects of State Governments, including Punjab, to boost production of flowers and fruits in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the funds allocated and released during the last three years, State-wise and the share of State and Centre in this regard?

Implementation of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm in Jharkhand

1926. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated and released by Government in financial year 2015-16 and in the current financial year under the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm for Jharkhand ;

(b) how much has been utilized by Jharkhand of the amount released in financial year 2015-16;

(c) the targets fixed in Jharkhand under the scheme during financial year 2015-16; and

(d) the mechanisms in place in the Ministry to ensure that expenditure is being incurred for the intended purposes and that the objectives of the scheme are indeed being met?

Releasing of funds for milk production in Rajasthan

1927. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government has not released the balance amount of ₹848.05 crore to Government of Rajasthan for Clean Milk Production and National Programme for Dairy Development for the year 2015-16;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing the said funds as per the approved outlay; and

(c) by when, the said funds would be released?

Implementation of Soil Health Card scheme

†1928. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soil testing laboratories and mobile soil testing laboratories set up till now after the implementation of Soil Health Card scheme in the country, and the number of cards distributed, State-wise; and

(b) the number of cards being distributed per day by permanent soil testing laboratories and mobile soil testing laboratories, State-wise?

New disease resistant indigenous breeds of poultry and livestock

1929. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified and registered nine new indigenous breeds of livestock and poultry this year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the newly registered breeds were found to be more disease resistant than other known indigenous breeds, if so, the details thereof?

Production of foodgrains

†1930. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the position in foodgrains' production, including wheat and paddy, in

each of the last five years till 2016-17 in the country, State-wise, and the States which received Krishi Karman award and other awards related to it and details of achievements thereof; and

(b) the increase in the irrigated area in the country under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana with reference to 'a' above, State-wise?

Protection of indigenous livestock

1931. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the population of milch cattle in various States of the country, during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the schemes implemented by Government for development of animal husbandry, including promotion of breeding of milch cattle in various States; and

(c) the funds allocated by Government to various States for these schemes during the last three years and the steps taken for conservation and protection of indigenous livestock and to increase milk production in the country?

Development of drought resistant crops

1932. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has recently developed and released certain new drought resistant varieties of crops;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to publicize these varieties among farmers; and

(c) the further steps taken by Government to leverage opportunities from frontier sciences like bio-technologies and synthetic biology to develop climate resilient solution for farm sector and free it from clutches of weather vagaries?

Decrease in production of foodgrains

1933. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the decreasing foodgrain production and rising population in the country;

(b) whether Government plans to launch a second green revolution, especially in eastern India; and

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

Extending support to farmers in case of crop failure

1934. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is willing to stand as guarantor for the loan taken by farmers for agricultural purposes in order to ensure that they do not commit suicide in case of crop failure for which they had availed the loan; and

(b) whether Government would consider, as a second option, to go for the insurance cover up, purchase the crop of

the farmer in advance and claim compensation from the insurance company, in case the crop fails so that the life of the farmer is protected in any eventuality?

Preparation of a comprehensive food policy

†1935. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to prepare a comprehensive food policy keeping in view the instability in production of foodgrains due to lack of irrigation facilities in the country, so that dependence on monsoon may be reduced; and

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date and if not, the reasons therefor?

Agriculture becoming non-profitable

1936. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the future of agriculture in our country is bleak since it has become non-profitable for our agriculturists with the escalation of cost of irrigation, fertilizer and seeds on the one hand and the absence of remunerative prices for the produce on the other; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Compensation to fishermen for damaged boats and equipments

1937. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government will consider raising compensation to fishermen, whose boat and other fishing equipments are damaged due to natural calamities, from an amount of less than ₹1 lakh to 50 per cent of their cost, as fishing unit at present costs about ₹ 3.5 lakhs?

Role of Co-operatives in collection of milk from producers

1938. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any major programme to encourage co-operative involvement in collection of milk directly from the producers on the lines of success story of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme(s) which Government has launched along with the thrust areas identified for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government has also planned to extend financial assistance to the milk producers to encourage them to avail benefits of the scheme?

Educating farmers regarding benefits of technological innovations

1939. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken substantial steps to apprise the benefits of

technological innovations and research done by various agricultural research institutions in the country to farmers for various crops in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the role of Kisan Channel of Doordarshan in educating the farmers on necessity of adoption of technological innovations and research in agriculture, horticulture and floriculture?

Promoting the Horticulture sector

1940. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to announce any special package/scheme to promote Horticulture sector in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to tackle drought

1941. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of remedial steps proposed to be taken by Government in drought affected areas; and

(b) the assistance provided to all drought affected States to tackle the situation during the last two years, State-wise?

Effectiveness of PMFBY

1942. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers covered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

(PMFBY) as on date along with the total number of farmers in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of insured farmers provided insurance claims as on date after damage of crops due to floods this year, State-wise;

(c) whether insurance scheme has failed to check farmers' suicide as country has witnessed unprecedented rise in suicide by farmers, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh measures Government would take to check suicide by farmers?

Setting up of National Agricultural Market

†1943. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of establishing a National Agricultural Market had been formulated through Agri Tech Infrastructure Fund constituted in 2015 to encourage State Governments for online purchase and decentralized purchase through transparent mechanism;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the total amount allocated under this scheme and the details of the expenditure incurred, State-wise; and

(c) the total number of regulated markets planned to be connected this year in the country, including Maharashtra?

Criteria for providing benefits under PMFBY

†1944. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the eligibility criteria for getting benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) the salient features of this scheme;

(c) the number of farmers benefitted by the scheme since its inception till date, State-wise and district-wise; and

(d) whether there are different criteria for providing benefits to farmers belonging to different categories?

Protection to Indian varieties of Brassica Juncea

1945. SHRID. RAJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to protect Indian germplasm/native non-transgenic varieties of Brassica Juncea cultivated by Indian farmers and maintained within our National Agriculture Research System (NARS) from contamination from GM mustard; and

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

Fodder for animals

1946. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fodder, which was previously available abundantly, is costlier than grains like rice and wheat today;

(b) whether due to utilization of land, encroachment on Government and public land and reservation of forest, there is fodder scarcity;

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(c) whether it is a costly affair for communities like Gawali, Shepherds and farmers to rear domestic animals;

(d) whether there is any scheme of Government to provide free fodder for animals; and

(e) if not, whether Government would like to introduce such a scheme in near future?

Assistance for dairy farming

†1947. SHRIMATI MISHA
BHARTI:
SHRI PREM CHAND
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to bring in any incentive scheme to make dairy farming a meaningful and lucrative occupation;

(b) whether Government is considering to provide special assistance, especially to backward and disaster affected States like Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Odisha etc.; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Central Agricultural University in Jharkhand

1948. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to develop Central Agricultural University in any State of the country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to have one in Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof?

Sowing of paddy and wheat crops

1949. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sowing of crop of paddy and wheat have increased during the current Rabi season, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how much percentage of the crop sowing has increased or decreased compared to the previous year's crop?

Groundnut and soyabean production in Gujarat

1950. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Gujarat have grown bumper crops of groundnut and soyabean, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prices of groundnut and soyabean have nosedived in the State, adversely affecting the growers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures Government proposes to take to protect the growers of groundnut and soyabean in the State?

Burning of crop residues

†1951. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that paddy straw/stubble of crops is being burnt in all States of the country, including Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether due to this, soil fertility reduces and it also adversely affects the environment;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether fodder and hay for cattle could be made out of remnants of agricultural crops;

(d) whether High Court of Delhi has also expressed its anguish over the burning of paddy straw; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to educate the farmers and to enforce a strict ban on burning of crops' stubble?

Infrastructural development in Agriculture sector through FDI

1952. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure created in Agriculture sector after implementation of FDI, State-wise; and

(b) the details of proposed or anticipated infrastructural development in Agricultural sector through FDI in next two years, State-wise?

Delay in settlement of claims under crop insurance scheme

†1953. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to improvise the crop insurance scheme in order to make it more beneficial for farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the precautions taken by Government to make the scheme effective in order to save farmers from the burden of premium and insulate them from the loss arising out of crop damage;

(c) whether there is an abnormal delay in the settlement of claims filed by farmers; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government for an early settlement of claims?

Implementation of Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region

1954. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state the details of mission implementation structure at the National and State level under Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region?

Growing of Bt. Cotton

1955. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the yield per hectare of cotton grown in the country is significantly less than the world average, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether 95 per cent of the cotton grown in the country comes from foreign stock, that is the Genetically Modified (GM) hybrid of Bt. Cotton; and

(c) whether Bt. Cotton is capable of withstanding weather change and pest attacks and suitable for long term cultivation?

Implementation of e-NAM Scheme

1956. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government had asked State Governments to speed up implementation of electronic National Agricultural Market (e-NAM) scheme to achieve the target of integrating 200 mandis by September, 2016;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that at present only 23 mandis in eight States have been integrated with e-NAM; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has fixed a target of 585 mandis by March, 2018, if so, the details thereof?

Bima Yojana (PMFBY), for the losses suffered by farmers whose crops were damaged in heavy rains and hailstorm; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals are being considered to ensure speedy compensation to farmers in distress under PMFBY?

Financial assistance for drought affected States

1957. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance released by Government to the drought affected States during the last two years; and

(b) whether the assistance provided has met the demand of the affected States to provide relief, if so, the details thereof?

Compensation under crop insurance schemes

1960. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether compensation under various crop insurance schemes has been provided to farmers for crop damage due to natural calamities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, insurance company-wise and State/UT-wise, including Haryana?

Production of foodgrains

1958. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of foodgrains per head, per year and the capacity of local production;

(b) the steps taken by Government to meet out the demand; and

(c) by when the country would be surplus in foodgrains production?

Implementation of NFSM and NMOOP

1961. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NFSM and NMOOP are under implementation to enhance production of oilseeds, pulses, oil palm and maize, if so, the details of funds allocated and achievements made during last three years and the current year, scheme-wise, crop-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to provide incentives to farmers and impart training to them to grow crops and reduce their import, if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of best hybrid quality seeds of the said crops developed and provided to the farmers to improve the production, State-wise?

Compensation under PMFBY

1959. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the delay, reportedly occurred in providing compensation from Pradhan Mantri Fasal

Agricultural households in debt

1962. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of agricultural households which were in debt during the financial year 2015-16, State-wise; and

(b) the percentage of such households which have more than 10 hectares of land and are in debt?

Cultivation of paddy

1963. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of areas under cultivation of paddy in the country during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether paddy cultivation has declined in several States during the said period and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the incentive/financial assistance given/proposed to be given for loss of paddy crop in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase productivity of paddy in the country?

Empanelment of insurance companies

1964. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State-owned and Privately-owned insurance companies which have been empanelled as the Implementing Agencies (IA) for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);

(b) the total number of State-owned

insurance companies in the country which provide agricultural support and insurance to the farmers and how many of these are eligible to be empanelled as IA under the PMFBY; and

(c) the State-owned insurance companies which are eligible for IA under the PMFBY, and yet have not been empanelled and the reasons therefor?

Shortcomings in functioning of NHM

1965. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a study to assess the functioning and impact of National Horticulture Mission (NHM);

(b) whether the study has pointed out some shortcomings in the NHM; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps Government proposes to take to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of NHM?

Constitution of Advisory Committee on Official Language

†1966. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the constitution of the Advisory Committee on Official Language, Hindi, attached with the Ministry was to be done after the last Lok Sabha elections and when was it constituted; and

(b) the as on date details of the number of meetings required and actual number of meetings held after the elections, along with their dates and correspondence they did with A, B, C regions, the targets under the annual programme and the replies sent in Hindi to letters received in English?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Self dependency in production of foodgrains

1967. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conventional plant breeding has given the country very good sustainable agricultural production in major crops like rice and wheat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that farmers have quickly adopted good varieties which have better adaptation and yields; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that GM technology was the most viable option if India wanted to continue its self dependency in foodgrains in the scenario where crops face various kinds of stress?

Doubling the income of farmers

†1968. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many policy measures have been taken by the Central Government in current year with the objective of doubling the income of farmers by the year 2022, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the aid provided to States from Central Government, with the objective of aiding crisis hit farming and farmers, has been increased substantially during the last two years, if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Chemical Hub and Central Institute of Chemical Engineering and Technology

†1969. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND

FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government plans to develop Chemical Hub and the total expected expenditure thereon;

(b) by when and where the Central Institute of Chemical Engineering and Technology would be established;

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of chemical substances; and

(d) by when India would become a major producer of chemical substances?

Refixing ceiling prices of important drugs

1970. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Ministry has asked the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) to refix the ceiling prices of important drugs, like-Phenytoin, Propanolol and Cefotaxime, etc., if so, the details thereof?

Dependence on China for bulk drugs, intermediates and chemicals

1971. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is dependent on China for bulk drugs, intermediates and chemicals needed for the Indian pharmaceutical industry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the factors which have contributed to such dependence on China; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government plans to reduce the dependency on China for bulk drugs in a time-bound manner?

Demand and supply of fertilizers

1972. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a considerable time lag between indented demand and actual supply of fertilizers to farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the quantity of fertilizers supplied to States, during 2015-16 and the current year, is not adequate to meet their requirements, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard?

New centres of CIPET

1973. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether the Ministry has any plans to open new centres of Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET) in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Net worth of HFCL and FCIL

1974. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after deregistration from Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) the net worth of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) has become positive; and

(b) if so, how the net worth of these

highly loss-making companies became positive all of a sudden?

Reduction in prices of medicines

1975. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the date of reduction of prices of medicines after efforts of Government;

(b) the number of life saving medicines, out of them, along with the extent of price reduced;

(c) by when the target of providing free medicines to the poor people would be achieved; and

(d) whether Government has identified the areas for this purpose, if so, the details thereof?

Policy to control prices of drugs

1976. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state whether Government has formulated any new stringent policy to control the prices of drugs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Problem of call drop

†1977. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation of call drop continues to be the same even today and the problem of call drop could not be sorted out despite assurances given time and again by BSNL and other private mobile companies;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) the details thereof?

Facilities to BSNL users under 4G

1978. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a telecom operator has provided lot of facilities including free data, calling SMS under 4G upto December, 2016; and
- (b) if so, whether Government plans to provide such facilities at the same rates to BSNL users?

Upgradation of Postal Banking System

1979. SHRI K.G. KENYE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to tie up with banking institutions to upgrade the Postal Banking System, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether expressions of interest have been received from different financial institutions therefor; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to associate with public sector banks to strengthen the public sector and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Disinvestment of BSNL and MTNL

1980. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal of disinvestment of BSNL and MTNL;

- (b) whether any communication has been received by the Ministry on this matter from NITI Ayog; and

- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Violation of user privacy

1981. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:
SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to create an institutional mechanism to ensure that there is no violation of user privacy through internet based messaging services;
- (b) whether Government is planning to ensure that there are no unwanted calls messages, e-mails or any other way of communication which can affect the privacy of an individual;
- (c) how Government is planning to tackle the problem of unsolicited tele-marketing calls; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to create criminal liability for the above mentioned acts?

Vacant plots of Department of Posts in Andhra Pradesh

1982. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 100 plots belonging to Department of Posts are lying vacant in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details of places where they are situated, district-wise;

(b) whether these plots are meant for construction of postal department buildings;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry is going to construct postal buildings or to exploit that land for other commercial purposes so as to reduce its losses, which were running into more than ₹ 6,000 crore last year; and

(d) whether any of the above plots are under encroachment and if so, the details thereof and efforts being made to vacate them?

Agreement for call drops

1983. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed an agreement with private operators to reduce the call drop rates of Government service providers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the financial and service details of the agreement; and

(c) the operator-wise mobile towers in the country?

Awareness about benefits and usage of internet in rural areas

1984. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study or survey to assess the awareness about benefits and usage of internet in rural areas, particularly in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the State-wise details of the number of villages which have access to internet facilities, particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Releasing Centre's share under National Food Security Scheme to Rajasthan

1985. SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has not yet released the balance claims of ₹ 5.06 crore for the year 2013-14 and the entire instalment of ₹ 151.31 crore for the year 2016-17 of the Centre's share to Government of Rajasthan under the National Food Security Scheme; and

(b) if so, by when the due funds will be released?

Monitoring the sale of sugar and related products

1986. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests/suggestions from various sugarcane farmers' associations and State Governments for the pricing policy on sugar and related products have been received in the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by Government in this regard and to control and monitor the sale of sugar and related products by the multinational companies in the country;

(c) whether Government has increased the MSP of sugarcane; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect the interests of small sugarcane growing farmers, vendors and the small scale traders?

Wastage of foodgrains

†1987. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains kept in the godowns of Food Corporation of India that are destroyed every year because of rodents and other reasons; and

(b) whether Government is planning to make appropriate storage facilities at rural and Panchayat level to prevent destruction of foodgrains, the details thereof?

Implementation of NFSA

1988. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Food Security Act, 2013 has not been fully implemented in many States as yet;

(b) if so, the present status of implementation of the Act, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the Act is implemented effectively all over the country, within a time-limit?

Storage capacity of FCI

1989. KUMARI SELJA:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

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

(a) the foodgrains storage capacity of FCI in metric tonnes, State-wise;

(b) the details of foodgrains stored in the godowns of FCI, State-wise;

(c) whether FCI godowns have space to store fresh stocks that are to come very soon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Construction of new godowns

1990. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) to store grains, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any plan to construct new storage godowns in 2016-17; and

(c) if so, the details of new godowns to be constructed, State-wise?

Misleading advertisement by famous personalities

†1991. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR
PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating to relax the penalty on famous personalities in misleading advertisements by changing the provisions of Consumer Protection Bill, 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons due to which the Ministry agreed to take such a step; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the basic spirit of the Bill would not be compromised due to this amendment, the details thereof?

Procurement of agricultural yields from farmers

†1992. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

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

(a) the steps taken to safeguard the interests of farmers owing to procurement of their various agricultural yields by private sectors at lower than the prescribed rates;

(b) whether it is a fact that negligence of Government agencies towards procurement of farmers yields has come to light from time to time; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry is contemplating to prepare a blueprint for total procurement of yield of farmers by Government agencies, the details thereof?

Damage to foodgrains procured by FCI

†1993. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the storage capacity available and taken on rental basis by Food Corporation of India (FCI);

(b) the quantity of foodgrains produced, purchased, stored and damaged during last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether FCI has investigated the cases of damage of foodgrains, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken for storage and management of foodgrains scientifically to check their damage and to ensure the proper use of foodgrains under welfare schemes?

Creation of multi-storey godowns

1994. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to increase the storage capacity and to create more multi-storied godowns and cold storage units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has devised appropriate technologies to protect the foodgrains and perishable foods/products stored in godowns and cold storages in the country; and

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

CERT-In for cyber emergency

1995. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan/proposal to have frequent interaction between Banks and Computer Emergency Response Team-India (CERT-In) so as to sensitize bank employees to act in a cyber emergency in view of increasing instances of cyber crimes; and

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

India BPO Promotion scheme

†1996. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started India BPO Promotion scheme under the Digital India Programme, if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(b) whether Government proposes to start special BPO schemes in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the details of the BPO schemes started in the rural areas, including Sarguja division?

Operationalisation of NCCC

1997. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Cyber Security Coordination Centre (NCCC), cleared by Government in March, 2015 to respond to cyber attacks, has been made operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the country has a shortage of professionals capable of dealing with network architecture encryption and cryptography; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to bridge this gap?

Foreign nationals getting Aadhaar card by submitting fake documents

1998. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 31,000 illegal immigrants are trying to get enrolled for Aadhaar card;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many foreign nationals, particularly from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, have managed to get Aadhaar card by submitting fake documents;

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(e) the details of corrective measures taken by Government to keep strict vigil on such persons?

Implementation of Government e-Marketplace

1999. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the Government e-Marketplace under Digital India; and

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to come up with a policy for export of electronic products?

Amendment of the IT Act, 2000

2000. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000; and

(b) if so, by when Government will form a Committee with experts from Government and private sector to prepare draft proposal for the amendments?

Setting up of cold storages/cold chain facilities

2001. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of foodgrains, fruits, vegetables and other agricultural products which go waste in the country due to lack of agro-processing infrastructure and cold storages/cold chain facilities;

(b) whether Government has taken any corrective steps in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/released during the last three years and the current year to Himachal Pradesh for setting up of cold storage/cold chains under the existing schemes of food processing industries?

Mega Food Parks

2002. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed some new Mega Food Parks (MFPs) to some States and private firms for the development and promotion of food processing sector, thereby creating employment opportunities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the MFPs;

(c) whether Government has set any target to develop basic infrastructure of MFPs across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

Subsidy to Mini Mills of Pulses

2003. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to provide subsidy to set up Mini Mills of Pulses in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criterion fixed in this regard; and

(c) the details of the subsidy provided to such Mills in the country during the last two years, State-wise?

Setting up of National Food Grid

†2004. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI MISHA BHARTI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Food Grid to curb inflation;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) the main role of this Food Grid?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Mega Food Parks

2005. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any requests from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for establishment of Mega Food Parks, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of applications for establishment of Mega Food Parks received, approved and pending approval as also rejected/withdrawn?

Schemes and projects under Food Processing Ministry

2006. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes and projects under the Ministry initiated in the country, particularly in Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in the last three years;

(b) the present status of these schemes and projects along with the money spent thereon by Government and private sector, so far; and

(c) the assessment of the impact made through these schemes and projects as on 31st October, 2016, State-wise?

Allotting Unique IDs to Judges

2007. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Unique ID that the Government is proposing to allocate to each

Judge to track his/her performance, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the ID would be given to Judges working as District Judge also, if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on elections

2008. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenses Government/Election Commission proposes to incur on the various items relating to expenses towards elections and other related matters during the elections to five States going to polls in the beginning of the next year;

(b) the specific items of the election related expenses, on which Government/Election Commission is going to spend in each State; and

(c) the expenses incurred on the election related cases by the Election Commission/Government in the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and till date?

Uniform Civil Code

2009. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invited suggestions and objections in the matter of Uniform Civil Code;

(b) the number of suggestions and objections received from associations and individuals;

(c) whether Government has examined the Uniform Civil Code in force in the State of Goa; and

(d) whether Government has examined the Goa Succession, Special Notaries and

Inventory Proceeding Act, 2012 which is due to come into force at the end of December 2016, the details thereof?

Disposal of pending court cases

†2010. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of criminal and civil cases pending in the Supreme Court, High Courts and lower Courts in the country and the number of cases pending for more than seven years;

(b) the steps being taken by Government for a quick disposal of the cases;

(c) the States/Union Territories which have not constituted the Arrears Committee for disposal of Court cases pending for more than five years; and

(d) by when they will be constituted?

Financial support to junior advocates

2011. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal to provide financial support to junior advocates, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of Government schemes to improve the quality of legal profession in the country, especially for attracting younger generation?

Government litigations

2012. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be

pleased to state:

(a) the total number and details of civil and criminal cases pending in Courts in which Central Government is a party respectively;

(b) the total number of cases pending in Courts in which Central Public Sector Undertakings are party;

(c) the number of such cases relating to service matters of employees and workers of Government of India and Public Sector Undertakings;

(d) the cost incurred by Government in litigating these cases for the last ten years, year-wise; and

(e) the steps to be taken by Government to reduce Government litigation?

Limiting the number of tribunals to few select subjects

2013. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations that there have been too many tribunals covering diverse subjects, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has commissioned a *suo motu* study on the relevance and utility of these tribunals, particularly in a liberalised economic environment, if not, whether Government will commission such a study; and

(c) whether Government will consider limiting the scope and functions of tribunals to a few select subjects to promote ease of doing business in the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Appointment of SC, ST and OBC Judges

†2014. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to provide reservation to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes according to population in the appointment of Judges of High Courts and the Supreme Court; and

(b) whether Government proposes to amend the Constitution for providing representation to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the appointments of Judges, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Public Interest Litigations (PILs)

2015. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Public Interest Litigations (PILs) filed in the Supreme Court and various High Courts in the country;

(b) whether several people, organizations and institutions file meaningless petitions in the name of PILs; and

(c) whether Government takes/ proposes to take action against such people or to put a check on these meaningless litigations, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

National Judicial Data Grid

2016. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan or project to track the performance of each Judge under National Judicial Data Grid;

(b) whether the e-Court projects have been completed;

(c) whether total digitalization of data has been completed; and

(d) whether Government has any proposal to allocate Unique IDs (UID) to Judges and judicial officers?

Electoral reforms

2017. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from any quarters for bringing out reforms in the Elections, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether any Committee has been constituted to look into the details and collect the stock of the things for evaluation, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the demands made in the proposal; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this matter?

Posts of ILS lying vacant

2018. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 44 posts of Indian Legal Service (ILS) are lying vacant;

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(b) if so, the details thereof, viz., name of the post, place of post, nature of duty performed by holder of this post, etc.;

(c) the reasons for which they are lying vacant; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to fill them in a time-bound manner?

Corruption in judiciary

2019. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the allegations of rampant corruption in the judiciary;

(b) the number of such complaints received during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of the mechanism being followed to deal with the complaints against Judges; and

(d) whether Government proposes to take effective steps on judicial accountability issue?

Pending cases and vacant posts of Judges

2020. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases are pending in District Courts/ Subordinate Courts in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise at present;

(b) the specific reasons for pendency of cases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large

number of vacancies of Judges in Subordinate Courts is one of the reasons for pendency, if so, the details of such vacancies, State-wise, as on 31st October, 2016; and

(d) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

Quota for SCs, STs and OBCs in All India Judicial Service

2021. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide SC/ST and OBC quota in All India Judicial Service;

(b) if so, the details of the reservation; and

(c) by when the reservation scheme will be implemented?

Strength of Judges of Bombay High Court

2022. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the present sanctioned strength of Judges in Bombay High Court;

(b) the number of vacancies of Judges in the said High Court;

(c) whether names have been recommended by the Collegium of Supreme Court for appointment of Judges in the Bombay High Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Posts of Judges in Rajasthan High Court

†2023. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of Judges in Rajasthan High Court;

(b) the number of posts of Judges lying vacant at present; and

(c) by when the vacant posts of Judges would be filled?

Connecting West Bengal with North Eastern States

2024. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any plans to connect West Bengal, the gateway to the North East, with all the seven States of the North East, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of all railway projects sanctioned in the past three years, including infrastructure building and new trains, from West Bengal to the North Eastern States; and

(c) whether there have been any such projects pending due to lack of funds, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Railway zone in Visakhapatnam

2025. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has considered to establish railway zone in Visakhapatnam as per the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the extraordinary delay in the matter; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to announce railway zone in Visakhapatnam at the earliest and to avoid confusion over the matter prolonged further?

Vacant posts of doctors in railway hospitals

†2026. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central hospitals at Zonal Railways and whether doctors are available in all the departments in these hospitals, the details thereof;

(b) the number of posts of doctors, the number of doctors working and the number of posts vacant and the period since these posts are vacant, in Central and Divisional hospitals of Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Ministry for filling up the vacant posts, the details thereof?

Unmanned railway level crossings in Punjab

2027. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the unmanned railway level crossings in Punjab at present; and

(b) the number of deaths that occurred due to rail accidents on unmanned railway level crossings during each of the last three years?

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Capacity enhancement by Railways

2028. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways' ambitious plan to enhance the capacity by focusing on doubling, tripling and four laning of tracks have hit an environmental roadblock, if so, the details thereof, location/project-wise;

(b) whether any assessment of loss of revenue to Railways, in the event of delay, has been made and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways have urged the Ministry of Environment and Forest to expedite clearance in a time bound manner in a fast track mode and if so, the response thereof; and

(d) the other steps taken by Railways to obtain environmental clearances for these projects?

Catering stalls at stations of North Eastern Railway

†2029. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roadside railway stations of North Eastern Railway with catering stalls and the number of such stalls functional out of them, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for not operating the non-functional stalls, the details thereof?

Disposal/storage of wastes in trains and at stations

2030. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current system of disposal/storage of wastes in trains and at stations is leading to unhygienic conditions in trains and at stations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Railways are planning to review the aforesaid system, if so, the details thereof?

Concessions to passengers

2031. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of each category in which Railways are providing concessions to passengers;

(b) whether there is any move to end concessions presently being given to elderly and other category of people; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

New railway projects for Tamil Nadu

2032. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of new railway projects sanctioned for Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

New railway lines

2033. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of new railway lines laid in Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

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Complaints regarding water vending points

†2034. SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in the country installed with water vending points for providing pure drinking water to passengers;

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to install water vending points at the remaining railway stations; and

(c) whether complaints have been received that the installed water vending points are not working 24 hours a day and they often remain out of order due to which inconvenience is caused to passengers, if so, the details thereof?

Fake Indrail pass

†2035. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of fake Indrail pass has recently come to light;

(b) if so, whether Government has initiated any enquiry or action in this regard till date; and

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

Availability of tickets through banks

†2036. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to provide both reserved and unreserved tickets through banks;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this direction; and

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

Social media engagement with passengers

2037. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have evolved any well thought-out policy for social media engagement with passengers and the people at large and whether there are any specific guidelines for the officials in this regard, the details thereof;

(b) whether Railways are effectively ensuring that complaints received *via* social media and those not through social media are treated with equal urgency and alertness, if so, the measures taken in this regard; and

(c) the new and effective measures taken to ensure overall cleanliness on stations and in trains and the difficulties, if any, being faced by Railways in this regard?

Delay of trains due to fog

†2038. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any permanent solution has

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

been found for avoiding the delay due to fog in winters, in running of trains bound for Delhi and leaving Delhi for different corners of the country so that trains run uninterrupted;

(b) whether any success was achieved from the effective steps that were taken by Railways over past years to deal with the problem; and

(c) the type of measures taken by Government between 2014 and 2016 and the number of those implemented out of them, if so, the details thereof?

Doubling of railway lines in Rajasthan

†2039. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway routes in Rajasthan for which doubling of railway lines is being demanded;

(b) whether doubling of Alwar-Jaipur-Phulera-Merta-Jodhpur railway line would be undertaken; and

(c) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

Bio-toilet project

2040. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bio-toilet project in trains has been completed or not;

(b) the total number of units of bio-toilets used by Railways so far and the unit cost of a bio-toilet;

(c) the total number of trains fitted with bio-toilets and the total number of trains not fitted with bio-toilets;

(d) the process applied for the disposal of human excreta from bio-toilets; and

(e) whether the excreta from bio-toilets is thrown out on the railway tracks even now?

Tatkal quota

2041. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has devised any policy to determine the Tatkal quota in each class of every train;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether such quota is decided at the level of Railway Board or at the Zonal level;

(c) whether it is a fact that such Tatkal quota is increased during the seasons of peak demand, if so, the rationale therefor; and

(d) the earning of Railways from such Tatkal quota during the last three years, the Zone-wise details thereof?

Uday Double Decker train

2042. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are introducing Uday Double Decker train to run from Vijayawada to Visakhapatnam, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal has been received regarding modification of the train running from night journey to day journey, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of the Ministry in this regard?

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Project Raftaar

2043. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have taken up a Raftaar project for increasing the speed of trains in the country, if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far;

(b) the details of trains which have achieved desired results under the project, train-wise; and

(c) the bottlenecks found while implementing the project and the steps taken/being taken to make the project successful?

Speeding-up of electrification projects

2044. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have taken any steps to speed-up electrification projects and to reduce carbon footprint, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the results achieved so far for utilization of green energy?

Payment of dues to retired railway employees

†2045. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all railway employees, who retired from service between January, 2016 to September, 2016, have been paid all their dues, the details thereof;

(b) whether Railways have made a new software system for payment; and

(c) if payment has not been made, by when will it be made, the details thereof?

Conversion of Bareilly-Tanakpur railway line into broad-gauge

†2046. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of converting Bareilly-Pilibhit-Khatima-Tanakpur railway line into broad-gauge has been completed;

(b) if not, the reasons for slow progress of work of this railway line; and

(c) by when trains would start plying on this broad-gauge railway line?

Construction of ROB in Bihar

†2047. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the station-wise pending proposals for construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) in Bihar;

(b) the status of the progress thereof; and

(c) the time period fixed for completing construction work thereof?

Operating Talgo train on Indian railway track

2048. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Spanish train, Talgo,

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touched a speed of 150 kilometers per hour and took more than four hours off the Rajdhani's time for the same distance currently;

(b) if so, the reasons for not meeting the requirement of Indian Railways and the details thereof; and

(c) whether Railways are still inclined to import Spanish train, Talgo, for operating on the Indian railway tracks?

Rail connectivity of ports

2049. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of rail connectivity of ports across the country, there is long delay in evacuation of cargo from ports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has formulated any detailed plan/scheme to improve rail connectivity of Indian ports; and

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

Surveyed/sanctioned railway projects for Punjab

2050. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the railway projects for Punjab which are surveyed/sanctioned but could not be executed so far; and

(b) the status of each such project?

Doubling of railway lines in Uttar Pradesh

‡2051. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work being carried out for doubling of railway lines in the country, including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) by when the project work of doubling of Jhansi-Kanpur railway line would be completed, the details thereof?

Calculation of flexi fares

2052. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is flexi fare and how flexi fare is calculated;

(b) the details of trains in which the proposed flexi fares are going to be introduced; and

(c) whether it is a fact that groundwork has been done to extend flexi fares to other passenger and express trains, if so, the justification thereof?

Special trains to clear festive rush

2053. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways plan to run 2900 special trains during festive season rush when passengers struggle to get their berths confirmed;

(b) whether around 10 lakh people fail to travel on a daily basis due to non-availability of tickets, 13 per cent of whom are long distance travellers; and

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(c) whether Railways have more than 1200 sections that are high density and connect metros, of which around 500 sections are running at a capacity of over 100 per cent?

Crowd in trains during festive season

†2054. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has not been able to chalk out a concrete plan to deal with huge crowd in trains during festive season;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the efforts made so far in this regard in view of crowd in trains during festive season?

Preventing incidents of derailments

2055. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have launched a safety drive to prevent incidents of derailments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether suitable follow-up action on all deficiencies and irregularities, noticed during the drive, has been taken by all the zonal railways, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) any other steps taken recently to enhance safety and preventing railway accidents, the details thereof?

Integrated security system at railway stations

2056. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Integrated Security System is not fully implemented over nearly 200 vulnerable railway stations, as reported by CAG recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the disaster management plans created by various zones and divisions of Railways are not in accordance with the National Disaster Management Act, 2005; and

(c) if so, the steps/measures taken to make disaster management plans more comprehensive and synchronised among various railway zones?

Trial run of Talgo coaches

2057. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have completed trial run of Talgo coaches, if so, the details thereof along with the results of these trials;

(b) how these Talgo coaches compare with those being used by the Indian Railways at present; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken for purchase of these coaches?

Hike in passenger and freight fare to compensate losses

†2058. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether surge pricing has become a

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big problem for rail passengers, if not, the details thereof;

(b) the number of trains and seats/berths on which it applies and the number of seats/berths that remain vacant due to high fare;

(c) whether railway's loss is increasing in countless ways despite all efforts to increase its income; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Railways are facing heavy pressure to hike passenger and freight fare to compensate the losses?

Safety category vacancies in Railways

2059. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 1.2 lakh vacancies in safety category are lying vacant in different zones of Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 8400 vacancies are alone in South Central Railway (SCR);

(c) if so, how Railways are managing with safety of railways with such huge vacancies;

(d) the probability of incidents/accidents on account of such huge vacancies in safety category; and

(e) the efforts being made by Railways to fill up the above vacancies?

Installation of bio-toilets

2060. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway routes or trains in the country that have been installed with bio-toilets;

(b) whether Government will make Railways discharge-free by 2019, as claimed; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress made so far?

Improving the quality of food in trains

†2061. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have formulated any comprehensive plan for the year 2017 to improve the quality of food in trains;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to make modern base kitchens on a large scale for the same;

(c) whether Railways, taking into consideration the quality of food prepared and served, are considering giving the contract of preparing food and serving it to different contractors; and

(d) the details of the steps being contemplated by Railways to introduce newer options to make the quality of food better?

Change in promotion criteria

2062. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, *vide* Railway Board order No. E(GP)2016/1/9 dated 11 August, 2016, has changed the priorities of promotion to senior scale (*ad hoc*-promotion) between Group B and Group A officers, setting aside the earlier orders of Railway Board dated 17 April, 1990, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

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(b) whether Government has received representation from MPs regarding restoration of the earlier order and scrapping of orders dated 11 August, 2016, if so, the details thereof, representation-wise;

(c) the details of action taken by Government thereon, representation-wise; and

(d) by when the new orders would be scrapped?

Construction of Ambikapur-Barwadih railway line

†2063. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the occasions when the provisions were made in the budget for sanctioning the railway line for connecting Chirimiri-Ambikapur-Barwadih railway line to Jharkhand passing through Chhattisgarh considering the long pending demand of the people and peoples' representatives of Chhattisgarh; and

(b) whether it is a fact that during British times, the said railway line was sanctioned and construction of the station, bridges and soil work was initiated, the remains of which are present even today?

Maintenance of railway tracks

2064. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have state of the art technology for maintenance of railway tracks;

(b) whether quality control for track maintenance in railways is poor;

(c) whether in the absence of robust tracks, going in for high-speed trains is not of much help; and

(d) if so, the speedy steps Railways are taking to have State of the art technology for maintenance of tracks?

MFCs in Odisha

2065. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is considering to set up Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) and Budget Hotels near important railway stations in Odisha, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any MoU has been signed between Railways and private players for the same, the details thereof?

Bullet train

2066. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has planned to buy Bullet trains from Japan, to be introduced in Indian Railway System, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has made any study on the feasibility of introducing Bullet trains on Indian tracks, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of introducing bullet trains in Railways and by when they are expected to be in service in Indian Railways?

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Hacking of ticket vending machines at railway stations

2067. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ticket vending machines of all railway stations have been deactivated with immediate effect because of complaints that few machines have been hacked by hackers;

(b) if so, the details of complaints and amount of losses caused to Railways by hackers; and

(c) whether new ticket vending machines, replaced on some stations, will be hack proof?

Wi-Fi at railway stations and villages by Facebook

2068. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after Google, Facebook is willing to provide Wi-Fi services at all railway stations and also to the nearby villages, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the progress of Google-Railtel Internet programme and how many stations and nearby villages it is going to connect during the current year and the plans in the coming five years; and

(c) whether Railtel is insisting that internet should also be extended to small railway stations and its surrounding villages instead of first focusing on large and medium stations?

Dumping of low cost fabric by China

2069. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been widespread dumping of low cost fabric from China leading to closure of large number of local powerlooms;

(b) the details regarding the amount of fabric imported from China during the last three years and the amount of fabric produced locally; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to support the local industries?

Facilities and subsidy to handloom weavers

2070. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handloom weavers in various States of the country, State-wise and category-wise, as on date;

(b) the facilities provided by Government to these handloom weavers during the last three years;

(c) the subsidy made available to each State during the said period for the welfare of handloom weavers; and

(d) the number of handloom weaver benefited thereunder?

Setting up of mini Urban Handloom Haats in Telangana

2071. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up mini Urban Handloom Haats in Telangana in accordance with the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the amount of funds sanctioned and released so far for this purpose, the details thereof?

Handloom Clusters for Telangana

2072. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned Handloom Clusters for the newly formed State of Telangana, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the quantum of allocations made for each Cluster and the amount released so far under this project, the details thereof?

Closed textile mills and rehabilitation of jobless workers in Odisha

2073. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textile mills in the Country and the number of those closed down in the last five years;

(b) the number of those closed down mills which are in Odisha;

(c) the number of employees of such mills in the State of Odisha who have been rendered jobless; and

(d) how Government proposes to rehabilitate those jobless mill workers?

Incentives to ensure livelihood of SHGs

2074. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keen on ensuring livelihood security to Self Help Groups (SHGs) and raise their income

levels by giving a retail push for handicrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how Government is planning to make SHGs to support themselves to increase their income, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives being offered to SHGs to ensure their livelihood?

Boosting the sale and export of handicrafts

2075. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to boost sale and export of handicrafts to other countries, like Latin America, Middle East, Europe, etc.;

(b) the number of fairs, exhibitions and road shows held to market Indian handicrafts abroad, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of special attention focussed to attract handicraft products from North-Eastern Region and campaign launched for overseas buyers?

Bailing out handloom industry of Uttarakhand

†2076. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the handloom industry in Uttarakhand is on the brink of closure;

(b) if so, whether State Government has requested the Central Government to provide financial assistance to bail out its handloom industry;

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(c) if so, when the said request had been made along with the assistance provided by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if no assistance is given, the reasons therefor?

Insurance coverage of handloom weavers

2077. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR
SWAIN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to increase the level of insurance cover of handloom weavers under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof with respect to accidental death, partial disability and natural death; and

(c) the road-map to implement insurance coverage of handloom weavers during the current financial year, the details thereof?

Investments received by the Ministry

2078. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investments received in the last year and current year by the Investment Facilitation Cell set up under the Ministry in pursuance of the Make in India initiative; and

(b) the details of schemes and opportunities being made available to potential investors in the textile sector?

Financial assistance to textile factories at Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu

2079. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government has decided to provide financial assistance to textile factories at Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu to install Zero Liquid Discharge technique, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Carpet Technology Mission

2080. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Carpet Technology Mission has been introduced in Kashmir region of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, whether Government plans to extend the Mission to Jammu region also?

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