

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Friday, August 7, 2015/Sravana 16, 1937 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

#### Installation of bio-toilets in trains running on earmarked tracks

\*196. SHRI PAUL MANOJ  
PANDIAN: Will the Minister of  
RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways  
have earmarked 367 kilometres of tracks  
all over the country to be made human  
waste discharge free, if so, the details  
thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that bio-  
toilets will be installed in trains running on  
these stretches; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

#### Policy to ensure minimum income for farmers

†\*197. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the  
Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether the main crisis of Indian  
agriculture has been low agricultural income  
which is a result of long standing  
discrepancies in agriculture policy, if so,  
the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to  
formulate a comprehensive policy to ensure  
a certain income to the farmers, if so, the  
details thereof?

#### Farmers leaving their ancestral profession

\*198. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will  
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a  
number of farmers have left their ancestral  
profession of farming and are migrating to  
cities for employment after the damage of  
crop due to heavy rains during March and  
April this year, if so, the details thereof,  
State-wise;

(b) whether Government would conduct  
any survey to ascertain the exact number of  
farmers who have left their profession  
during the current year, if so, the details  
thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of measures Government

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would take to prevent farmers from leaving their ancestral profession?

Government to check the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides, the details thereof?

#### **Erosion of BSNL subscriber base**

\*199. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subscriber base of BSNL has eroded over a period, if so, the reasons therefor; and the number of subscribers added to BSNL in the past three years;

(b) the number of subscribers lost by BSNL due to Mobile Number Portability, the reasons therefor and the loss of Government exchequer due to the same;

(c) why BSNL is unable to provide better network connectivity and the steps taken to improve the same;

(d) the number of qualified staff to address the broadband and mobile related complaints, State-wise; and

(e) whether Government would take any steps to improve the functioning of BSNL?

#### **Excessive use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides**

†\*200. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the hazards/diseases arising out of the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides in agriculture in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by

#### **Recommendations in the Shanta Kumar Committee Report**

\*201. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has taken cognizance of the Shanta Kumar High Level Committee's Report on re-orienting the role and re-structuring of the Food Corporation of India (FCI);

(b) whether the Ministry has plans to implement any of the major recommendations made by this Committee, like re-evaluation of National Food Security Act, Negotiable Warehouse Receipt System and direct cash transfers in Public Distribution System (PDS);

(c) if so, the details thereof and the timeline therefor; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Allocation of pending amount to Chhattisgarh for agricultural schemes**

†\*202. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval for the seven new Krishi Vigyan Kendras at Bemetara, Balod, Mungeli, Sarguja, Kondagaon, Raipur and Sukma in Chhattisgarh is pending with Centre, if so, by when this approval will be accorded;

(b) by when the pending amount of

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interim allocation under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and the allocation sanctioned for the sub-scheme of Green Revolution Extension would be released to Chhattisgarh; and

(c) by when the action plan for this year under Sub Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine (SMPP) would be approved and amount released to Chhattisgarh?

#### **Slow-down in launching of new drugs**

\*203. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's drugs price control measures, being taken since the year 2011, have resulted in a drastic slow-down in launching of new drugs by drug manufacturing companies; and

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

#### **Allocation of funds for the welfare of weavers**

\*204. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released during 2014-15 and 2015-16 for the welfare of weavers in the country, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of funds utilized during 2014-15, scheme-wise and State-wise;

(c) the achievements of Government in providing market facilities to weavers in the country during last one year; and

(d) the reasons for no improvement in the pathetic condition of weavers in the country, particularly in Varanasi, Azamgarh,

Mau, Ballia, Ghazipur and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh?

#### **Availability of low-cost generic drugs through Jan Aushadhi Stores**

\*205. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open more Jan Aushadhi Stores to make generic drugs easily available to the common man, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of stores opened till date and how many, out of them, are functional; and

(c) whether Government is planning to spread awareness about the availability of low-cost generic drugs, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of railway stations of international standards**

\*206. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by Government for selection of a railway station for development to the international standards;

(b) whether Government proposes to develop any of the railway stations in Odisha of international standards;

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

(d) the details of stations identified for such development; and

(e) the time by when the work is to be started on these stations and completed?

### **Production and demand of edible oils**

\*207. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of edible oils has been affected because of the damage to the oilseed crops;

(b) if so, the estimated production of edible oils in the country and the projected shortfall; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the demand of edible oils?

### **Crops destroyed due to natural calamities in Uttar Pradesh**

†\*208. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of crops, in acres, destroyed owing to rains, hailstorms and frost during the current year in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the number of farmers who were provided financial assistance owing to the damage caused because of said natural calamities along with the funds allocated for the same?

### **Construction of godowns under PEG Scheme**

\*209. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Private Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) Scheme implemented by the Government;

(b) whether Government has allocated adequate funds for construction of godowns under the said Scheme during each of the last three years and current year, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to cover each State under the said Scheme so as to increase the capacity of godowns for storage of foodgrains in the country, if so, the details thereof and by when; and

(d) the other steps taken by Government to ensure safe storage of foodgrains across the country?

### **Objectivity in computing MSP**

\*210. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the data of Minimum Support Price (MSP), cost of production and profit margins over cost of production of all principal crops during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the latest data of projected cost of production of all the principal crops in the current year and the next year;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring objectivity and transparency in the procedure to compute the MSP of crops; and

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

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,  
Secretary-General.

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