

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, December 11, 2015/Agrahayana 20, 1937 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; 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

Distribution of imported pulses

*136. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to import pulses due to enormous rise in their prices, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of pulses imported so far and the quantum of shortage thereof;

(c) how Government proposes to distribute the pulses imported from abroad; and

(d) whether quality of imported pulses has been checked by Government, if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of Dehradun railway station

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

(a) whether Railways have planned for expansion of Dehradun railway station;

(b) if not, whether they are aware that Dehradun railway platform is not equipped for halting of a train with 18 coaches; and

(c) by when trains with 18 coaches will be operationalised from Dehradun railway station and if not, the reasons therefor?

Decline in sowing area of pulses

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the sowing area of pulses is on the decline in Maharashtra and rest of the country resulting in their severe shortage in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government proposes to take to substantially increase the sowing area of pulses in Maharashtra and other parts of the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Exclusive goods wagons for transporting coal

*139. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of goods wagons available for transporting coal within the country;

(b) the total number of goods wagons actually required for transporting coal;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the production of goods wagons for transporting coal; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to keep goods wagons exclusively for transportation of coal in order to ensure that the transportation of coal is not delayed to its destinations due to shortage of goods wagons?

Encouraging contract farming of cotton by CCIL

*140. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to promote the procurement of cotton from farmers by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) at the Minimum Support Price (MSP);

(b) whether by encouraging contract farming of cotton by CCIL, cotton farmers receive remuneration that is equal to or in excess of the MSP fixed by Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government is taking any measures to promote contract farming of cotton and if not, the reasons therefor?

Drought affected areas in Maharashtra

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

(a) the parameters for declaring an area as drought affected;

(b) the areas declared as drought affected in each of the years—2013, 2014 and 2015 in Maharashtra;

(c) the amount of compensation declared to be paid to farmers in the drought affected areas of the State in each of the above years; and

(d) the amount of compensation actually paid to the farmers of the State in each of the said years?

Hoarding of pulses

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

(a) whether it is a fact that raids were conducted to seize pulses from stock hoarders over last few months, if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of pulses recovered, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received representations and complaints regarding stockholding limits from importers and wholesalers, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to keep the price of pulses in check?

Second railway bridge near Saraighat bridge

*143. SHRI PANKAJ BORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Railway Expert Committee had recommended for second railway bridge over Brahmaputra river near Saraighat bridge;

(b) if so, the project report thereon and the current status thereof; and

(c) the present status of Bogibeel Rail Project?

Suicide by farmers in West Bengal

*144. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of farmers have committed suicide in West Bengal in the last two months, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the remedial measures taken by Government to stop the suicide by farmers?

Damage to crops due to fog

†*145. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crops were damaged in certain parts of the country due to fog during the last three years;

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

(c) the details of assistance provided or likely to be provided to the affected farmers during the abovesaid period, State-wise?

Cyber security

†*146. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian software sector fetches more than ten lac crores of rupees; and

(b) if so, the percentage of this amount spent in the field of cyber security?

New railway projects in Odisha

*147. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Railways will consider sanctioning of the Junagarh to Jeypore, Kesinga to Bhawanipatna, Berhampur to Phulbani, Nuapada to Nabarangpur *via* Komana-Khariar-Sinapali-Golamunda-Dharamgarh-Koksara, Talcher to Lanjigarh, Kantabanji to Nabarangpur, Bargarh to Nuapada *via* Padampur, Puri to Konark, Rayagada to Gopalpur *via* Gulpur-Bhismagiri-Digapahandi railway lines and wagon factory and wagon maintenance workshop projects in Odisha; and

(b) the details along with the dates of sanctioning thereof?

Fast track implementation of railway projects

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

(a) whether Railways have made any prioritization for fast track implementation of its projects;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the projects to be taken up under the fast track mode; and

(c) to what extent this fast track scheme would be helpful for completion of long pending railway projects in the country?

(c) whether backward States like Bihar would be accorded priority in this Scheme where the sources of micro-irrigation is turning defunct; and

(d) if so, the details of amount allocated for Bihar from this item during the current fiscal year?

Allocation of funds under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sinchai Yojana

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

(a) the State-wise details of amount allocated to the States out of ₹ 5300 thousand crore under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sinchai Yojana;

(b) the initiatives taken by Government to achieve more production every year under the target of the Scheme;

Social security scheme for farmers

†*150. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to prevent farmers from committing suicide;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to enforce social security scheme for farmers; and

(c) the number of agriculture related industries developed in the last ten years and the investment made thereon?

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