

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, August 12, 2016/Sravana 21, 1938 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 15

Constitution of All India Judicial Service

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts was held in April, 2015 wherein the issue of constitution of an All India Judicial Service was also included, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the points on which consensus was reached among Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and the points on which consensus could not be reached in the said conference, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan formulated by Government for setting up an All India Judicial Service, the details thereof?

Wheat storage capacity of FCI

*287. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total wheat storage capacity of Food Corporation of India (FCI) in silos in the country; and

(b) how much silo capacity would be added in the next two years?

Pending railway projects in West Bengal

*288. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of railway projects in the State of West Bengal have been either stalled or are progressing slowly due to inadequate budgetary allocation, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of all the railway projects pending in the State for the last three years; and

(c) the details of all the projects sanctioned for West Bengal in the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Establishment of Ministry's Offices in Amaravati

*289. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has initiated action for setting up of the Offices/ Departments/Institutions that come under it, like National Informatics Centre, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, Software Technology Parks, etc. in Amaravati, the new capital of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any issues relating to procurement of land and infrastructure, needed for this purpose, have been taken up with the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the status thereof?

Price stabilization of pulses

*290. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of pulses imported from various countries during the last two years and at what actual price;

(b) the details of steps taken so far by Government for price stabilization of pulses, indicating the amount spent thereon, during the last two years; and

(c) the amount spent on subsidy and whether this subsidy actually benefited the farmers and the consumers?

Special Purpose Vehicle for development of railway network in Gujarat

*291. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an umbrella Special Purpose Vehicle has been formed for raising funds for development of railway network in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the hindrances faced, if any, in implementation of the MoUs signed between Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. and Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board for implementation of Regional Railway System, Ahmedabad; and

(d) the options available to implement the projects and the time-frame to remove hindrances, if any, being faced in their implementation?

Government's online schemes

†*292. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Central Government schemes which are completely online and whether the benefits thereof are completely available to all through internet;

(b) whether it is a fact that the functions related to most of the online schemes of Central Government cannot be completed online due to which the targeted benefits do not reach the beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken to make the ongoing online schemes of Central Government completely online?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Suburban area in NCR and other metropolitan cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is discrepancy in the quantum of area declared as Suburban area in the National Capital Region (NCR) and other metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata as far as train services are concerned;

(b) if so, by when Government intends to declare entire NCR as Suburban area; and

(c) whether the parameters for Suburban area are different in different metropolitan cities, if so, the reasons therefor?

Protecting indigenous cows

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

(a) whether there are 37 indigenous breeds of cows in India at present of which five best breeds, *i.e.*, Sahiwal, Gir, Lal Sindhi, Tharparkar and Rathi, are facing extinction and the number of male calves is decreasing steadily;

(b) average increase in percentage of indigenous cows and calves in the country during last three years, year-wise and breed-wise;

(c) whether Government is considering to establish cowshed in each village for protecting indigenous cows and contemplates connecting it with Government schemes like MGNREGA; and

(d) if so, details thereof, if not, reasons

thereof and scheme formulated by Government to protect them?

Organic farming through KVKs

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

(a) the details of allocation of funds to Krishi Vikas Kendras (KVKs), State-wise;

(b) whether there are any KVKs dedicated to organic farming, its effective implementation and marketing of organic farm produces; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and status of such initiatives for organic farming through KVKs?

Land required for Dedicated Freight Corridor

*296. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total land required for the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and how much of it has been acquired;

(b) the status of Sonnagar-Dankuni section;

(c) how much total compensation was required to be paid under DFC and how much of it has been paid; and

(d) the position regarding Khurja-Saharanpur section?

Improving the condition of co-operative milk associations

†*297. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) Government's plans for improving the condition of co-operative milk associations; and

(b) whether, in view of the fact that dairy is a complementary business of agriculture, Government would provide loan at zero per cent interest to farmers for purchasing of cattle as has been done under law for agricultural activities?

Revisiting the MSP formula

*298. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the criticism that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) does not factor in fully the actual costs at the farmers' end and that it is tilted in favour of urban consumers; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take steps to revisit the MSP concept/ formula to protect the farmers' interests?

PMO's direction to cut down on litigations involving Ministries/ Departments/PSUs

*299. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PMO has issued directions to cut down on litigations

involving Ministries, Departments and PSUs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how the Government would ensure that these directions are complied with;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently the Supreme Court also remarked that State-run Corporations fight long battles with each other on tax payers' money; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

Introduction of Rail Radio service

*300. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have introduced/ propose to introduce Rail Radio service as onboard infotainment in Mail and Express trains, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it will also serve the purpose of public address system in coaches, if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many Radio Stations would be put into operation and what would be the initial cost and recurring cost, separately, per-year; and

(d) whether commercial advertisements of travels and tourism would also be aired to make the Radio service self-sustainable, if so, the details thereof?

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SHUMSHER K. SHERIFF,
Secretary-General.

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