

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Friday, May 13, 2016/Vaisakha 23, 1938 (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

Shortage of judges

*211. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL :
Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to
shortage of judges in various courts of the
country, pending cases are not being
disposed of on time and promptly; and

(b) if so, whether Government has a
proposal to increase the number of judges
in various courts of the country, if so, the
details thereof?

against mobile service provider companies
and the action taken by Government
thereon;

(b) the steps the Ministry has taken to
solve the problem of call drops and the
action taken against the companies; and

(c) the steps Government has taken, in
view of the increasing number of mobile
users, to improve the system for proper
redressal of complaints and the number of
complaints on which action has been taken?

Complaints against mobile service provider companies

†*212. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the
Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be
pleased to state:

(a) the issues on which maximum
number of complaints have been received

Technical Textile sector

*213. SHRI DILIPKUMAR TIRKEY:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Technical Textile sector has
been recognised as the fastest growing
segment of Textile industry; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by

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Government to promote Technical Textile sector in the country?

Assistance to drought affected States

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

(a) the financial assistance released by Government to the drought affected States recently, particularly for the suffering farmers of the country;

(b) whether the amount has been given as per the requirement/demand of the respective drought affected States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Internet user base in the country

*215. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State/Union Territory-wise urban/rural internet user base in the country as on 31 January, 2016;

(b) whether Government is aware that internet penetration and growth in the country is lagging behind Asian peers; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve internet penetration, particularly in rural areas?

Behavioral advertising by search engines

*216. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the behavioral advertising by many search engines and websites, who, in the form of cookies, tracking pixels etc., collect data of users;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken or is planning to take measures to regulate the usage and storage of such data and thereby, protect the privacy of individuals;

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

(d) the time-line by which Government will take action in this regard?

Cyber security

*217. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cyber security remains a "pain point" for majority of organizations as they are struggling to find solutions and the dearth of talent in this segment is adding to their woes, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recent high profile security breaches have moved information security from a hidden corner of the IT function to a topic of strategic importance to both business and society; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Railway accidents

*218. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people died in railway-related accidents in the country during the last three years, the year-wise details thereof;

(b) how many of these deaths were at railway level crossings; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the number of railway accidents in the country?

Revival of Agriculture sector in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether Government is aware that consistent droughts and non-availability of climate resilient crop varieties and drip irrigation facilities have adversely affected and caused irreparable setback to agriculture in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government proposes to take to revive Agriculture sector in the State?

Shortfall in production of wheat

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

(a) whether the projected wheat production this year will be less than normal necessitating import of wheat, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantity of wheat produced in the years 2014 and 2015 and the quantity procured by FCI and State agencies; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to address the shortfall?

Reducing the gender digital divide in accessing ICT services

*221. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that very less number of women, as compared to men, have access to information and Communication Technology (ICT) services in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce the gender digital divide in accessing the ICT services in the country in the last two years, including current year?

Performance audit of Legal Aid Clinics

*222. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any performance audit of the Legal Aid Clinic Scheme was done in the recent past, if so, the findings thereof; and

(b) whether such Clinics have been provided in rural areas, as intended, and if not, what is being done about it?

Stagnant staff strength of Railways

*223. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have not added a single worker to its strength of 13,26,437 in the last three years, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many announcements were made that Railways would be filling up vacancies of all cadres on a time-bound basis to increase the safety of Railways; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not implementing those announcements?

Irregularities in procurement and storage of wheat in Punjab

†*224. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG in its audit report has pointed out several irregularities in procurement of wheat and its storage in Punjab, if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(b) whether huge difference in purchase and storage of wheat in Punjab by Food Corporation of India (FCI) has come to light;

(c) if so, the details of differences in records of wheat storage by FCI in Punjab during last three years; and

(d) the details of irregularities in procurement and storage of wheat and the amount withdrawn from banks that have come to light?

Implementation of recommendation of Swaminathan Committee

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

(a) whether Government has assessed the impact, including financial implications of implementation of the recommendation of Swaminathan Committee to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) at the rate of one and half times the cost of production; and

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

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