

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN 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 — 160

Cold storage units

2241. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storage units set up in the country during last five years to prevent wastage of fruits and vegetables, State-wise;

(b) whether the current number of cold storage units are adequate to hold the large amount of vegetables and fruits being produced in the country; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to increase the number of cold storage units in the country and the funds allocated for this purpose?

Effect on agriculture of severe heatwave condition

2242. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken into

account the Meteorological forecast of severe heatwave condition over Central and North-West India from April to June this year, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps proposed by Government to mitigate its harmful effect on agriculture and sowing of crops?

Sowing of wheat crop in non-irrigated areas

†2243. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether unpredictable weather conditions has started affecting rabi crops as a result of which wheat crop in non-irrigated areas of Madhya Pradesh and other States has not been sown;

(b) if so, whether due to this situation there is apprehension of severe loss to agricultural business as well as wheat crops grown in non-irrigated areas;

(c) whether as per recent figures released by Government the wheat growing area is 14 lakh hectares less than the last year; and

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(d) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to deal with this problem, if so, details of steps taken in this regard?

**Delay in payment of crop
Insurance**

†2244. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating strict action against companies delaying payment of crop insurance;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating for taking any step in this regard; and

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

**Availability of meat and
fish**

2245. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether meat and fish form part of peoples' food;

(b) the annual availability and consumption of these during last three years;

(c) whether they are in short supply or in excess and by what amount;

(d) whether among meat, beef is also included, if so, the production and availability thereof during last two years; and

(e) whether beef includes meat of buffalo and cow/ox, what is their proportion in availability?

**Direct cash subsidy to sugarcane
growers**

2246. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a significant farm-policy decision and announced a direct cash subsidy for sugarcane growers;

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

(c) the time by when the above decision is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the approximate number of sugarcane growers like to be benefited through this decision?

Miserable condition of farmers

2247. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the socio-economic condition of farmers is very miserable;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain their real condition, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a large percentage of farmers are not able to even feed their family properly, if so, the measures taken by Government to improve their condition?

**Lack of irrigation facilities in Jammu
and Kashmir**

2248. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether farmers of border and other areas of Jammu and Kashmir are facing problems of irrigation;

(b) if so, whether Government will provide financial help to the State Government to enhance irrigation facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated to State Government for such purpose; and

(d) whether the State Government will also contribute in this regard?

Guidelines for implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme

2249. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any guidelines to State Governments regarding implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) if so, when it was issued and the details thereof?

Reducing cost of production in agriculture

2250. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to reduce the cost of production in agriculture and to minimise its vulnerability against climate change; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Unirrigated fertile land

2251. SHRI K.T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of fertile land in terms of percentage/hectare in the country which remains unirrigated during last three years;

(b) the steps and measures, if any, being taken by Government to contain the problem; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to rehabilitate the farmers and their families affected by drought?

Compensation to farmers affected by drought

2252. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that year 2015 is witnessed as drought year compared to last five years;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for the farmers in this regard;

(c) the details of drought affected districts in the country; and

(d) the action taken by Government to compensate the income of around 7 crore affected farmers of the country?

Suicide by farmers

2253. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers in the country are forced to commit suicide when unable to come out of the debt plights;

(b) if so, the details thereof during last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the action plan of the Government to prevent farmers from committing suicide?

National policy on feed and fodder

2254. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to come out with a national policy on feed and fodder and has decided to expand the network of fodder research station to eastern India;

(b) the main reasons for shortage of fodder and how it is proposed to overcome the shortage; and

(c) whether this policy will help in increasing milk production and productivity and also for making dairying economically attractive, if so, the details thereof?

Suicide by farmers

2255. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers committed suicide during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has conducted any study on the reasons of growing number of farmers' suicide in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to solve the problem of agrarian crisis in the country to stop farmers' suicide?

Decline in agricultural area

2256. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cultivable/agricultural area in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the agricultural area/ cultivable land is declining in the urban, semi-urban and rural areas in the country on account of diversion and acquisition of such land for non-agricultural purposes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

Transition from conventional farming to organic farming

2257. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total cultivable area under organic farming at present;

(b) whether Government has chalked out any plan for transition from conventional farming to organic farming to match the rising demand of food production, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to enthuse the conventional farmers to adopt low carbon agricultural practices that help in reducing tillage and other machinery based production activities and achieve high agricultural yields?

Setting up of National Grasslands Authority

2258. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Grasslands Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with its aims and objectives; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem of fodder shortage due to shrinking grazing grounds and grassland

cover in the country, especially in drought affected States?

Implementation of NPOF

2259. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate of the National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) currently in operation;

(b) the schemes in operation in Odisha;

(c) whether NPOF also provides infrastructural support for establishing marketing hubs for the benefit of organic agricultural farmers; and

(d) the details of benefits provided by NPOF to the organic farmers, year-wise for the last three financial years?

Model Election Code of Conduct affecting relief measures

2260. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Model Election Code of Conduct often stops relief measures and financial disbursements to small, marginal and landless farmers for months;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide timely relief measures and financial support for small, marginal and landless farmers to continue their practice; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to discuss with the Election Commission and State Governments to device modalities to disburse the relief benefits to small, marginal and landless farmers even during election times, if so, the details thereof?

Compensation to farmers for crop loss

2261. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total crop sown—Rabi and Kharif, year-wise in 2014 and 2015, for each State;

(b) the total crop destroyed on field due to various calamities like drought, storm or flood etc. year-wise in 2014 and 2015, for each State;

(c) the various steps taken by Government to compensate farmers for their crop loss and the outcome thereof in last two years, for each State;

(d) the steps taken by Government to tackle the food shortage likely to arise due to back to back crop failure; and

(e) the progress made under PMKSY so far, for each State?

Distress sale of cattle in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

2262. DR. K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen reports in the national media about drought triggering migration of farmers and distress sale of cattle in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to mitigate the situation, and the details thereof?

Drought in the country

2263. SHRI SHADILAL BATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the prevailing drought in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the districts identified as drought affected, State-wise specially Haryana;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released by Government to various drought affected States during the last two years including the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to tackle the drought caused by weak Monsoon?

Benefit of PMFBY in Jammu and Kashmir

†2264. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of total farmers registered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), so far in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of grants given by Government to the farmers of Jammu and Kashmir affected by disaster caused by flood; and

(c) the total number of farmers of Jammu and Kashmir who have benefited from PMFBY?

Implementation of National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology

2265. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the women specific

provisions under National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology has started to operate;

(b) if so, the State-wise data of the scheme's implementation and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of women in the country who are recipients of the scheme?

New Deep-sea Marine Fisheries Policy

2266. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized a new Deep-sea Marine Fisheries Policy, if so, the changes proposed in the new policy;

(b) whether some industry organizations have been pressing for many concessions for chartering; and

(c) if so, the names of all such bodies and details of their petitions?

Fund for drought relief to various States

2267. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has finalized to provide ₹4,000 crores as drought relief to seven States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the criteria adopted in distribution of ₹4,000 crores to various States?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Rehabilitation of drought-hit people

2268. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Disaster Management Authority has suggested to declare drought across the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to rehabilitate all drought hit people in a big way, if so, the details thereof?

Opening of Seed Bank at Panchayat level

2269. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to open Seed Bank at Panchayat level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of new KVKs and ATRIs

2270. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and new Agricultural Technology Research Institutes (ATRIs), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) how many of these are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra with details of their location?

Merger of AIBP with PMKSY

2271. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY);

(b) if so, the salient features thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred on the Yojana;

(c) whether Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) is proposed to be merged with this Yojana; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Development of indigenous seeds

2272. SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
SHRI DARSHAN SINGH
YADAV:

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

(a) whether any special efforts have been made in the last two years for development of indigenous seeds; and

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

States affected by drought

2273. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) how many districts in various States have been affected by drought, with details;

(b) the total amount of drought relief released, State-wise in the year 2015-16 and released/proposed to be released for 2016-17; and

(c) special action plan and massive efforts proposed by Government, including through MGNREGS, in view of more than 33 crore people are affected due to drought, with details?

Excessive use of imported and Hybrid seeds

2274. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local foodgrains are at the verge of extinction due to excessive use of imported and hybrid seeds of foodgrains in Maharashtra and other parts of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the remedial measures Government proposes to take in this regard?

Production of wheat

†2275. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of wheat in the country has reduced this year;

(b) the production of wheat in the country during past five years, State-wise;

(c) the States in which production of wheat has reduced during last year and whether this has been evaluated; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that production of wheat increases or at least reaches at its earlier level in the coming years?

Suicide by farmers

2276. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers who committed suicide has gone up in 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise for the last three years;

(c) the reasons for farmers committing suicide; and

(d) the steps Government is taking to tackle rural distress in the country?

Possibility of fall in production of wheat

†2277. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a possibility of reduction in the production of wheat;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to fill this gap; and

(c) the quantity of wheat which is required to be imported to cater to the need of the country and the total expenditure to be incurred for same?

Schemes for remunerative price to farmers

2278. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run by Government to provide/ensure remunerative price to farmers for their produce in the country;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized against the above schemes during 2014-15 and 2015-16, State-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the above schemes during 2016-17, scheme-wise?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Programmes in drought affected districts

2279. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:
SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether a large number of districts across the country have been declared drought affected and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether Government has not been able to provide free foodgrains and employment under MGNREGS to such affected rural population;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the programmes carried out in those regions including Maharashtra; and

(d) the corrective action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

Institutional credit mechanism for agriculture sector

2280. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether institutional credit mechanism for agriculture sector is not working the way it should be resulting in increase in the number of farmers' suicides in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government, in consultation with the State Governments to ensure agriculture credit reaches vulnerable section of farming community in the country?

Access of farmers to institutional credit

2281. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inadequate access to institutional credit is one of the major factors in farmers' suicides in the country;

(b) whether Government, in consultation with State Governments, is taking all necessary steps to ensure that agriculture credit reaches small and marginal farmers;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of Jan Aushadhi Stores in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

2282. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single Jan Aushadhi Stores (JAS) is functioning in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry;

(b) if so, the reasons for not opening even a single store in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry;

(c) whether it is not a fact that the original plan was to open at least one JAS in each district of the country;

(d) if so, the reasons for not following the plan; and

(e) by when Government would open JAS in each of the Government hospitals in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry?

Disposal of toxic waste in Union Carbide factory, Bhopal

2283. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several tonnes of toxic waste, lying dumped in Union Carbide factory, Bhopal has not been disposed of even after three decades of the worst industrial disaster;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government for safe disposal of the toxic waste without any further loss of time?

Synthetic fertilizer industry

2284. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the synthetic fertilizer industry in the country is facing a crisis like situation owing to sharp fall in the consumption of synthetic fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to address the situation?

Differences over capping the price of stent

2285. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has difference of opinion with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on capping the prices of stent and other medical equipments;

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

(c) how the Ministry is going to resolve

the differences with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in this regard?

Production of additional urea under additional urea production policy

2286. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of fertilizer producing units which have produced additional urea under the additional urea production policy during each of the last three years, and the current year;

(b) whether the additional urea produced under the said policy was exported also, during the said period if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the revenue earned by Government therefrom during the said period, year-wise;

(d) the number of urea producing units in the country; and

(e) the consumption and indigenous production figures of urea during last three years including current year in the country?

Fixing the trade margin on sale of drugs

†2287. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that chemists and retails dealers are charging 2000 to 3000 per cent margin on several medicines;

(b) whether one main reasons for the huge gap between production cost and retail price is not fixing the maximum trade margin;

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(c) whether a committee under Department of Pharmaceuticals has recommended 35 per cent margin limit on sale of drugs;

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take in the interest of consumers and by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Making life-saving drugs available free of cost to poor people

2288. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to bring life-saving drugs under control;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the arrangement made by Government to make life-saving drugs free of cost to the poor and helpless people in Government as well as in private hospitals?

Provision for penalty for overcharging in DPCO

2289. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has proposed changes to the existing Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO) seeking provisions to impose a fine on those violating pricing norms, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has decided to introduce hefty penalties for companies overcharging on sale of drugs, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intends to take this initiative with an aim to protect consumers as there is need for a tougher law to discourage drug makers from over charging, if so, the details thereof?

Measures to improve quality of drugs and manufacture of APIs

2290. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of domestic production and import of pharmaceutical and medical devices during last year;

(b) whether Government has taken measures/plans to take measures to improve infrastructure facilities, regulations and tariff structure of pharmaceutical sector;

(c) if so, that details thereof and time-line for implementation, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has introduced measures to improve quality of drugs and for creation of APIs manufacturing capabilities, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of urea and revival of fertilizer plants

†2291. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of production and consumption of urea in the country;

(b) the names of the plants of the National Fertilizer Limited and quantum of production being made by each of them along with names of the closed plants;

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(c) whether Government has formulated any action plan to revive or restart closed fertilizer plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and time-frame fixed for it?

Legal action against chemists for overcharging

‡2292. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that chemists and wholesale dealers of medicines are earning two to three thousand per cent margin by charging many times of their actual prices;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any legal action against these profiteer chemists, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to enact a law to fix margin on medicines to check the profiteering tendency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Extension of M-SIPS

2293. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has extended the Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS), if so, details thereof and budgetary allocation therefor, if not, details thereof;

(b) whether the first phase of M-SIPS increased manufacture of electronics hardware and achieved targets, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor and rectification measures taken under the extended M-SIPS;

(c) whether the extended M-SIPS aims to include more categories of electronic products, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) whether proposals have been received from State Governments, if so, details thereof, incentive granted and proposals approved, if not, reasons therefor?

Training students to handle mobile network

2294. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has asked telcos to train students across ITIs in line with industry's operational requirements to handle the gamut of technical work relating to roll out and maintenance of mobile network, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry's directive stems from priority being accorded by Government in involving the private sector for revamping technical institutes such as ITIs for skill building, if so, the details thereof?

Investment in postal savings schemes

2295. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of investors seeking to park their money before lower interest rates become operative from April 1, 2016 in postal savings schemes, were met with crash of Core Banking System (CBS) in many cities;

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(b) whether currently around ₹6.5 lakh crore is invested in more than 70 lakh accounts across several postal schemes and if so, whether India Posts' CBS is not yet upgraded to handle large volume transactions; and

(c) whether CBS transactions by Post Offices in higher volumes will be possible only after 31 May, 2016 because of the on-going system upgradation process?

Digitally connecting rural post offices

2296. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set the target of digitally connecting rural post offices across the country by March, 2017;

(b) if so, the details of the rural post offices digitally connected so far in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shifting of post office in Manipur

2297. SHRI RONALD SAPA TLAU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sanctioned post offices along with staff strength in Churachandpur district of Manipur, the location-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that post office of Thanlon village in Churachandpur district has been shifted to Bishnupur district in Manipur, bringing thereby a lot of hardship to the Zomi tribal inhabitants of Thanlon and its surrounding villages;

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

(d) whether the local MLA has written a letter to the competent authority in this regard to rectify the matter and to strengthen postal service in the district?

NIC Scientists

2298. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether NIC Scientists are in same ranks and designations for last ten years despite their best performance in e-governance and Digital Indian programmes, if so, reasons therefor;

(b) outcome of Group of Secretaries meeting held on 22 January, 2016 regarding retrospective *in-situ* promotion of NIC scientists and the date from which promotion process will start;

(c) why inspite of several Court judgments in favour of NIC Scientists, they have been denied promotions; and

(d) by when justice to these three thousand plus Scientists in the form retrospective *in-situ* promotions under Flexible Complementing Scheme (FCS) would be accorded?

Letters by ordinary post not reaching their destination

2299. SHRIMATI SARAJINI HEMBRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a large number of letters/documents sent by people through ordinary posts of

postal department are not being delivered to the concerned persons; and

(b) whether Government has taken any initiative and directed the postal department to be stringent in its action and give equal importance to the ordinary posted articles as everyone cannot afford speed post/registered post, if so, the details thereof?

Panic button in mobile phones

2300. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a feasibility study has been conducted to introduce 'panic button' in mobile phones; and

(b) whether foreign manufacturers and mobile phones manufactured outside the country will also have to comply with such requirement, if so, the details thereof?

Gram Panchayats under NOFN

2301. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the much touted National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN), cleared in October, 2011 at an outlay of ₹20,000 crore to connect 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats, was supposed to be completed within two years;

(b) whether even after four years, only less than 6000 Gram Panchayats have been connected; and

(c) whether a high level committee, set up to probe the delay, has identified accountability fears and misaligned

incentives for the implementing agency as reasons for delay?

Hoax calls

2302. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many hoax calls have been received by Railways/Airports/public places about false information of planting bombs; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to curb these activities as due to such type of false information, Railways, Airports, Police Force and security agencies are facing greater difficulties as currently, there is lack of proper mechanism for registration of callers who use public telephone and anti-social elements are making such hoax calls from public telephones?

Sale of SIM cards without valid proof of identity

2303. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that private cellular companies are giving SIM cards to customers without collecting any valid proof and identity, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether TRAI has taken any action on the erring cellular companies in this matter, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by TRAI to curtail such illegal business by private service providers?

Aims and objectives of National Optical Fibre Network

*2304. SHRIN. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) for Gram Panchayats;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Gram Panchayats have been identified for implementing the above on pilot basis, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the identified Gram Panchayats were given 100 Mbps bandwidth till October, 2012; and

(d) if so, whether the period has further been extended and if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints against telecom service providers

†2305. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has received 50197 complaints in the year 2014 and 57634 complaints in the year 2015 and TRAI has received 18494 complaints in the year 2014 and 23313 complaints in the year 2015 from consumers about poor services, billing issues, harassment etc. against various service providers;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in these cases, service provider company-wise; and

(c) the details of service provider companies that were fined during the last two years along with the amount of fine imposed on them, case-wise and the outcome thereof?

Internet facility at cheap rates

†2306. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether one main objective of the Digital India campaign is to provide internet facility at cheap rates;

(b) if so, the details of achievements made in this regard;

(c) whether one main objective of the Digital India campaign is to provide all Government services and facilities on mobile; and

(d) if so, the achievements made in this regard so far?

Villages with internet connectivity

†2307. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages where internet facility is available currently and number of villages where the facility is to be provided;

(b) the number of villages, State-wise, in the country that have been provided internet facility during the last two years; and

(c) the details of plans and goals of Government about providing all the villages of the country with internet connection?

Right of Way to lay optical fibre

2308. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Ministry has taken to resolve the Right of Way in laying down the optical fibre net;

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(b) whether the Ministry has involved private sector in laying down the cables of optical fibre;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the companies who have been licensed to work and the funds allocated therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministry has taken note that the optical fibre project is 80 per cent behind schedule and has found a mention in the Economic Survey 2015-16, if so, the steps taken to improve the pace of the work?

Legislation on Net Neutrality

2309. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce a legislation on Net Neutrality in Parliament, in keeping with its promise to ensure that Indian consumers are guaranteed a free, fair, open and accessible internet; and

(b) if so, the time-line by which the Government proposes to do so?

Total number of users of landline, mobile phone and computers

2310. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of users of landline, mobile phone and computers in the country as on date;

(b) how many of them are connected by public sector system and how many have private sector connections;

(c) the annual revenue from public sector system and the total income from public and private sectors together; and

(d) the annual changes that occur in the number of connections and income of the public sector?

Call drops in a year

2311. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were 800 crore call drops in a year and most of them were because of the fault of service providers which generated a revenue of ₹1.4 lakh crore in 2014-15, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that TRAI would do away with the cap on compensation at three call drops a day and service providers would soon have to compensate callers for all call drops, if so, the details thereof?

Sharing of active telecom infrastructure

2312. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allowed sharing of active telecom infrastructure like antenna, feeder cable and transmission systems, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that this move will lower costs of telecos and lead to faster rollout of networks, if so, the details thereof?

Adjusting call drops cost

2313. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecoms have agreed to adjust call drops cost against bill and credit balance, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that telecoms have agreed to show the records of all call drops in the monthly bills of the postpaid customers, if so, the details thereof?

States and villages with broadband facility

†2314. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States and villages, which have been provided with broadband facility till March, 2016;

(b) whether the States and specific areas have been selected wherein broadband facility would be provided;

(c) if so, the details of those States and areas which would be given priority in order to provide broadband facility;

(d) whether priority would be given to provide broadband facility to rural, hilly, backward and new States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Common Service Centres under Digital India programme

†2315. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government is planning to expand Common Service Centres in villages to Gram Panchayats under Digital India programme;

(b) the total number of Gram Panchayats of Maharashtra linked under this scheme, district-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any time-limit has been fixed to link all Gram Panchayats of the country, including, Maharashtra, to this service, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of services available in these Centres, the details thereof?

4G auction

2316. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI has opposed Government's view that 4G band be auctioned in two parts;

(b) whether TRAI is of the view that telecoms be allowed to pay 10 per cent of the winning bid initially for any spectrum in an auction and the balance, including interest, could be spread across next 18 years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that if Government accepts it, telecoms will get a 19 year payment period over the 20 years for which they have the right to use spectrum, if so, the details thereof?

Fixing minimum download speed

2317. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory

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Authority of India (TRAI) has directed that fixed broadband operators must ensure a minimum 512 kbps download speed at all times, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether TRAI's direction was on the basis of an amended broadband definition notified by Telecom Department in July, 2013; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that telcos have opposed the directive of TRAI to fix net speed, if so, the details thereof?

Digital India programme

†2318. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme during the last one and half year to facilitate consumers and to materialize the Digital India programme of the Prime Minister, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has formulated any concrete action plan to provide telecommunication services to Gram Panchayats and revenue villages situated in remote and hilly areas of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in food prices

†2319. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has completely failed to check inflation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the reasons for higher food prices; and

(d) the strategy of the Government to check hoarding?

Universal coverage under TPDS

2320. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in light of severe drought across the country, the Ministry has considered the idea of changing the TPDS coverage to universal for a fixed time period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for PDS and NFSA

2321. SHRI P. L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and released by Government to States for implementation of PDS during last three years, year-wise for each State;

(b) the progress made under implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA), State-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated and released by Government to States, including Bihar, under NFSA during last one year, State-wise; and

(d) whether the budget for food subsidy has been reduced this year as compared with revised estimates of 2015-16, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Safe storage of foodgrains

†2322. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan made by Government to procure wheat and the quantity of wheat procured or being procured, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that wheat is lying in open along road sides after procurement in States like Haryana and Punjab which are big producers of wheat, thus causing heavy damage to the grains; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the concrete steps being taken by Government for safe storage of foodgrains after their procurement?

Distress sale of onion

2323. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards onion prices falling suddenly in various wholesale markets and some farmers have sold their onion upto 30 paise per kg. in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch mandi in the month of April, 2016, if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent such distress sale of onion by ensuring remunerative price to the farmers?

Supply of foodgrains for poor families

2324. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS,

FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the actual cost incurred on making foodgrains available to the poor families;

(b) the number of families getting this benefit and the amount spent by Central Government on this scheme;

(c) whether distribution system is showing any disinterest among the people; and

(d) whether any survey has been made in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Retail price of pulses

2325. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the retail prices of different varieties of pulses in the retail market of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata on 15 March, 2015 and 2016?

Release of pulses from buffer stock

2326. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to release pulses from buffer stock to all States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity to be released, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the released pulses are made available to public at reasonable prices and to keep them safe from hoarders; and

(d) the measures taken to encourage production of pulses and to keep the buffer stock thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Transportation of foodgrains

†2327. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide transportation facility to carry foodgrains from one State to another;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any step in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time-limit for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

Awareness on ill effects of chemical pesticides

2328. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any report regarding excessive use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers in the country; and

(b) whether there is any concrete proposal from Government to educate the consumers about the ill effects of such chemical pesticides?

Rise in prices of pulses

2329. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of pulses have started increasing again recently;

(b) if so, the trends thereof during last six months and the first two weeks of May, 2016;

(c) the reasons for this increase; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to control increase in the prices of pulses?

Supply of subsidized items to Kerala

2330. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government to increase the quota of food items supplied to BPL families on subsidized rates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Manipulation in prices of pulses

2331. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY:

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

(a) whether Government is aware of any Indian and/or foreign individuals/entities involved in manipulation and rigging of prices of pulses and the *modus operandi* thereof;

(b) if so, the names and details thereof;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any action against such entities; and

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

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Computerization of PDS

2332. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) the progress made in computerization of Public Distribution System (PDS) and linkage of ration cards with Aadhaar cards, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to incentivise the State Governments to complete the process at the earliest;

(c) whether duplicate and bogus ration cards would be identified and eliminated during computerization, if so, the results obtained so far, State-wise; and

(d) whether any target date has been fixed for completing the process along with the response of State Governments thereto?

Review of foodgrains' stocks

2333. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government has reviewed the foodgrains' stocks in view of severe drought situation in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether crop production of various commodities has been affected by drought, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected oilseed production in the country in the current year and measures taken to fill the gap, if any, to match increasing demand in the country, the details thereof?

Supply of low graded drinking water

†2334. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

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 Central Consumer Protection Council (CCPC) has discussed the bad quality of drinking water being supplied in Delhi and expressed its anguish over it; and

(b) the steps taken by CCPC to maintain the quality of low graded drinking water so that consumers get good quality drinking water, the details thereof?

Storage of foodgrains

2335. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:
Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the requirement of storage of foodgrains in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Allotment of wheat and rice to West Bengal

2336. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of providing free meals to pregnant women lactating mothers and children upto the age of six years through Aanganwadi under the NFSA, 2013;

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(b) if so, the types of foodgrains and quantity allocated thereof to States during last three years and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the district-wise details for West Bengal for types of foodgrains and quantity thereof allocated during the last three years; and

(d) the details of funds allocated released and utilized for distributing foodgrains to States during the last three years, State-wise?

Rise in prices of pulses

2337. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of pulses have increased manifold recently in comparison to previous years;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to keep the prices of pulses affordable to the poor;

(d) whether a number of States have requested to allocate more quantity of pulses to them to meet the demand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the response of Government thereto?

Passing on incentives of Mega Food Park Scheme to farmers

2338. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evolved any mechanism to ensure that the produce of farmers are taken by the Food Processing

Industries (FPIs) at remunerative and prescribed prices, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the incentives of the Mega Food Park Scheme are passed on to the farmers or some percentage of profits is earmarked for the farmers whose produce are taken by the FPIs?

Setting up of cold storages

2339. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of Government for promoting the setting up of cold storages for horticulture and non-horticulture purposes;

(b) whether Government is providing any financial assistance to those who are coming forward for setting up of cold storages at farm gates;

(c) the maximum amount of funds that an individual or an enterprise can get in order to set up a cold storage at the farm gate; and

(d) the procedure adopted for providing the funds for such purposes?

Promotion of Food Processing Industry in North-Eastern States

2340. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been initiatives to promote Food Processing Industry in the North-Eastern States;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Food Parks in Punjab

2341. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Punjab to set up Food Parks in the State to utilize the abundant foodgrains and fruits available there, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if no proposal has been received, whether Government *suo-motu* proposes to set up Food Parks in Punjab, if so, the details thereof?

Wastage of fruits and vegetables due to lack of processing facility

2342. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reports about the quantity of fruits and vegetables which go waste in the country in the absence of procurement and processing mechanism; and

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

Benefits to farmers from Food Parks/ FPIs

2343. SHRI AJAY SANCHETI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Food Processing Sector in increasing farmer's income;

(b) the manner in which farmers have been able to get benefits of the Food Processing Fund meant for Food Parks; and

(c) the details of marketing facilities being made available to these Food Parks, especially those located in Maharashtra?

Action plan to boost FPI in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana

2344. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has mapped the potential of Food Processing sector in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;

(b) if so, the specific sectors identified as thrust area; and

(c) whether Government has finalized any action plan to give a boost to the Food Processing Industry (FPI) in both the States, if so, the details thereof?

Impact of 100 per cent FDI in Food Processing sector

2345. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to allow 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Food Processing Industry; and

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made to ascertain its impact on the domestic Food Processing Industry and if so, the details thereof?

Supreme Court Bench at Hyderabad

2346. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal to set up a Supreme Court Bench at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon so far?

Review and repeal of outdated Laws

2347. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress made in the ongoing process of review and repeal of outdated/obsolete laws;

(b) whether any Committee has been set up for the purpose by Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be submitted; and

(d) the total number of Central Acts in existence, as of now, along with the number of such Acts identified as outdated/obsolete?

Measures to obviate non-compliance of Court orders by NRIs

2348. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of non-compliance of Court orders by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) have been brought to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, including measures taken to obviate such instances in future; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for quick disposal of cases pending against NRIs?

Establishment of a Law University in J&K

2349. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LWAY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to establish a Law University in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K);

(b) whether Government has received any proposal for the same from the State Government; and

(c) if so, the response of Government in this regard?

Establishment of National Courts of Appeal

2350. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the fact that litigants from the Southern States find it unduly long and expensive to come to Delhi in search of justice from the Supreme Court, Government is considering a proposal to establish National Courts of Appeal in four corners of the country; and

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

Vacant posts of judges

2351. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court, High Courts and Subordinate Courts in the country along with the number of posts lying vacant at present, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess the need to improve the judge-population ratio in view of huge pendency of cases which is more than 3.10 crore;

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

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the pendency of cases in various courts of the country?

Lok Adalats

†2352. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Adalats have played an important role in disposing of a large number of pending cases in Courts; and

(b) if so, whether Government will set up more Lok Adalats to reduce the number of pending cases, if not, the reasons therefor?

Requirement of additional judges to dispose of pending cases

†2353. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the total number of cases and of those cases pending for last ten years in District Session Courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court and the number of additional judges required for disposal of these cases, at every stage, in addition to present strength of judges?

Repeal of outdated Acts

2354. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is drawing up a list of Acts which are outdated and irrelevant in present day context for repealing, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is planning to set up a Committee to review the provisions of the Acts so identified or refer

them to a Parliamentary Committee, if so, the details thereof?

Free legal assistance and early disposal of pending cases

†2355. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons, in terms of percentage, who are able to avail the benefit of free legal assistance in judiciary meant for the deprived sections of society;

(b) whether Government is considering to take any step towards making the advocates accountable to their clients; and

(c) whether people are made to spend more money to get justice due to judicial expenses and excessive time taken in courts and whether the affected parties seem dissatisfied due to not getting justice in time?

Shortage of judges

†2356. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is lack of seriousness about increasing the number of judges as a result of which cases are pending in Courts due to shortage of judges;

(b) the details of suggestions given by the Law Commission regarding judges and whether these suggestions have been complied with; and

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(c) the details of steps being taken/ proposed to be taken by Government towards increasing the number of judges?

Pending cases in District Courts

2357. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the District courts, State-wise and District-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to expedite the final settlement of these cases?

Voting rights for NRIs and migrant labourers

2358. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress on considering voting rights for NRIs and migrant labourers; and

(b) the implementation mechanism Government is planning to adopt for NRIs to vote effectively?

Legal Aid Clinics

2359. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who visited Legal Aid Clinics during 2012-13 and 2013-14, State-wise; and

(b) whether all Law Colleges/ Universities have such Clinics as provision in the regulations, if not, the reasons therefor, and the steps being taken to do so?

Action on CJI's view regarding shortage of judges

2360. SHRI K. C. TYAGI:
SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Justice of India has recently expressed his view about the shortage of judges in various Courts, especially in the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, whether Government has a proposal to increase the number of judges in various Courts so that the pending cases may be settled in time and promptly, if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of railway routes in NE region

2361. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no electrification of railway routes in NE region; and

(b) whether lots of assurances were given by Government, on various occasions for electrification of railway routes in NE region, if so, the details thereof?

Proposal for new trains etc. in Assam

2362. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam has submitted a proposal regarding introduction of a passenger train between Guwahati and Mendipathar, a passenger train between Rangapara North and Rangiya Junction, a passenger train

between Rangapara North and Alipurduar, a Durgam train between Guwahati and New Delhi, for renaming of the Silchar railway station as Bhabha Shahid station, and for earmarking of posts in Railways for people of Assam and the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

Proposal for new trains in Assam

2363. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Assam has submitted a proposal regarding—introduction of a Superfast weekly Express train between Dibrugarh and Pune, a daily Inter-city Express train between Guwahati and Murkongselek, a daily Inter-city Express train between Guwahati Naharlagun, a daily Inter-city Express train between Rangiya and Naharlagun, and an Inter-city Express train between Rangiya Junction and Dibrugarh via New Tinsukia (four days a week); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

Multi-Model Logistics Park

2364. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the logistic development through Railways is lagging behind in the country compared to other developed countries;

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

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Railways in this regard; and

(d) whether Railways propose to set up Multi-Model Logistics Parks through Public-Private-Partnership mode in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Recruitment test centres for persons with disability

2365. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether blind candidates appearing for recruitment test for Group D backlog vacancies were allotted centres far away from their hometowns, leading to inconvenience; and

(b) if so, the steps the Ministry is taking to conduct the recruitment test again for persons with disability at their hometowns, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra?

Slow running of Tatanagar-Alappuzha Link Express

2366. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Train No. 18189/18190 Tatanagar-Rourkela-Alappuzha Link Express is running late in spite of its augmentation by Railways from December, 2012, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the measures being taken by Railways in speeding up the train?

New Cell to deal with green issues

2367. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have set up a new

Cell to deal with green issues, if so, the details of such issues; and

(b) the status of providing green toilets in running trains and at railway stations on the Railways' system in the country?

Railways plan to go green

2368. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to go green in a big way by introducing new generation electric locomotives and devising other measures, *i.e.* installing green latrines in trains and station buildings, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action plan of Railways to harness wind energy for use in railway network; and

(c) whether Railways have developed any such wind mill, if so, the details thereof?

Tori-Shivpur-Kathotia railway line

2369. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target date for construction of Tori-Shivpur-Kathotia railway line;

(b) the benefits expected to accrue with the construction of this railway line; and

(c) how will this impact the pollution level due to existing road transportation of coal?

Construction of underbridge on Kanpur route

†2370. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an underbridge is proposed to be built by the Government at 66 C. Gate between 1237 kms., pole no. 16/17 on Kanpur route and Tundla-Firozabad railway station, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether, even if it does not have any such proposal under its consideration, Government intends to build an underbridge in future for convenience of movement and safety of the farmers living in Garhidurgpur and Jalopura villages located on both sides of railway lines?

Pending/under construction railway projects in Kerala

2371. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending/under construction railway projects concerning the State of Kerala, as on date; and

(b) the status of each project?

Railway connectivity to more parts of J&K

2372. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any plan to provide rail connectivity to other parts of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) including Kargil and Leh regions;

(b) whether feasibility studies have been completed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the project cost, sources of funds and the time-frame by which the projects would be completed?

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Pending railway projects in Bihar

‡2373. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many railway projects are lying pending in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the pending projects and the details of funds provided for them in this financial year to make these projects a success?

Train services between Jharkhand and Southern States

2374. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people travel from Jharkhand to Southern States for medical purposes;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the waiting time for getting a confirmed ticket is very long; and
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry is planning to increase/start new train services between Jharkhand and Southern States?

Platform capacity of Jammu Tawi railway station

2375. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH MANHAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have announced to enhance the platform capacity of Jammu Tawi railway station; and
- (b) if so, the number of platforms to be upgraded and whether any time-frame has been fixed for increase of platforms?

Train robberies and dacoities

2376. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALYAWI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of train robberies and dacoities took place during the year 2014, till date;
- (b) the details of losses and damage in each case;
- (c) the details of culprits apprehended, booked and convicted in each case;
- (d) the details of compensation paid to the victims; and
- (e) the fresh initiatives taken for prevention of recurrence of such incidents in future?

Share of Madhya Pradesh in development of new and old railway line projects

‡2377. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of Madhya Pradesh in development of new and old railway line projects during the last five years; and
- (b) the details of projects completed out of them and the projects on which work will be started/has been started, the details thereof?

Adarsh railway stations

‡2378. DR. VIJAYLAXMI SADHO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some railway stations of the country have been declared as Adarsh railway stations;
- (b) if so, the name of those railway

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stations and details of development works started on those stations after the announcement; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and spent on these projects, the details thereof, State-wise?

Proposed increase in passenger fares

‡2379. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sharp increase in passenger fares is being contemplated to bring Railways in profit;

(b) if so, whether it would not be a burden on railway passengers;

(c) if not, the measures being contemplated by Railways to enhance its income; and

(d) the details of annual income and expenditure of Railways?

Expenditure on power consumption

2380. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure on power consumption has increased to ₹ 12,332 crore in 2014-15 from ₹ 10,487 crore in 2012-13; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways have decided to explore the possibility of procuring power through bidding process in order to save on its power expenditure, if so, a detailed report thereon?

Reduction in freight rates

2381. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to decrease freight rates on dedicated merry-go-round system, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the freight rates for transporting goods have been revised down to ₹ 47 per tonne and that this will help in an additional 5 million tonne freight load, if so, the details thereof?

Rats and snakes on running trains

2382. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rats and snakes are found in running trains on a regular basis now;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a passenger was bitten by rat while travelling in Mangala Express from Ernakulam to Nizamuddin; and

(c) whether Railways have asked its zonal railways to keep the surroundings neat and clean so that such things do not occur time and again, if so, the details thereof?

Committee to supervise progress of conversion of unmanned railway level crossings

2383. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have formed a committee to supervise the progress of conversion of unmanned railway level crossings in the country into manned railway level crossings, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total number of unmanned railway level crossings made as manned

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railway level crossings in the last two years; and

(c) the target fixed for the year 2016-17 for conversion of such railway level crossings?

Poor conditions of railway hospitals

2384. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the poor condition of railway hospitals and a number of posts of medical, para-medical and clerical staff lying vacant in various Zones and Divisional railway hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Zone and Division-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to fill the vacant posts and to improve the healthcare facilities, including upgradation of infrastructure of railway hospitals?

Requirement of air conditioned coaches

2385. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have assessed the annual requirement of air conditioned (Two tier and three tier) and other coaches, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how does Railways plan to meet the requirement of coaches, if the annual requirement is not met through rail coach manufacturing units of Railways; and

(c) the trains commencing from stations of Jharkhand and/or terminating at stations in Jharkhand which need replacement of old coaches, the details thereof?

Survey for railway line from Baramulla to Kupwara

†2386. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted a survey for railway line from Baramulla to Kupwara;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not conducting the survey or starting work on the above railway line so far?

Arrangements for Simhastha Kumbh Mela

†2387. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the various special arrangements, infrastructures and facilities made available by Railways for passengers, so far, for Simhastha Kumbh Mela organised at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh and the details of the special arrangements likely to be made till and after 21 May, 2016?

Clean toilets, platforms and tracks under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

2388. SHRI K.T.S TULSI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Ministry to ensure clean toilets, platforms and tracks at railway stations in the big cities of the country under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan; and

(b) if so, the total amount of funds spent by the Ministry for the said purpose during 2015-16?

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**Relaxation in expenditure
contribution to Uttarakhand**

†2389. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Uttarakhand has been granted the status of a special category State;

(b) if so, whether Government would provide rebate to the State in contribution towards expenditure with regard to construction of railway projects in the State;

(c) if not, whether Government would exempt the State from expenditure towards railway projects of strategic importance; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cleanliness of Bihar-bound
trains**

†2390. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is determined to provide passenger facilities in trains, if so, the details of such facilities provided in 2016-17; and

(b) whether it is a fact that trains from and to Bihar are not clean and staff of house-keeping contractor, instead of cleaning even a single bathroom of a coach, sells material meant for cleaning or no such material is provided by the contractor to workers, if so, whether inspection of all coaches of Bihar Sampark Kranti Express, Jai Nagar Garib Rath and Swatantrata Senani Express has been made, if so, details thereof?

Free Wi-Fi facility at railway stations

2391. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in the country having free Wi-Fi facility by the end of March, 2016;

(b) the time-limit set by Government to provide all major railway stations in the country with free Wi-Fi facility; and

(c) whether any MoU has been signed by the Ministry with IT companies to provide and maintain Wi-Fi facility at railway stations, the details thereof?

Increase in Tatkal charges

2392. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have increased Tatkal charges substantially in all categories, if so, the details thereof;

(b) when was the last increase in Tatkal charges effected; and

(c) the total revenue likely to be generated by Railways as a result thereof during the current and the next financial year?

Privately-owned weighbridges

2393. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the Railway Audit Report No. 26 of 2014 stating that 65 per cent of the weighbridges were privately-owned and not maintained properly, Government intends to install more weighbridges of its own at suitable locations;

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

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure the upkeep of these weighbridges; and

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

Medical aid facility at major railway stations of Maharashtra

2394. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to make arrangements for providing medical aid facility at major railway stations of Maharashtra in emergency cases; and

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

Physical verification of railway pensioners

2395. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had launched a physical verification exercise to check whether pensioners between the age of 80 and 100 years were still alive, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the action the Ministry plans to take if it finds irregularities in the claim for pensions in the said age groups; and

(c) the expenditure on railway pensioners on an average for a year, age group-wise?

Schemes and funds for welfare of handloom weavers

2396. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes being run by Government for handloom weavers, at present, in the country;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized during 2014-15 and 2015-16 for welfare of handloom weavers, State-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the details of funds allocated and released, so far, during 2016-17 for welfare schemes for handloom weavers, State-wise, scheme-wise and year-wise?

Diversion of land of closed NTC mills

2397. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills that have been closed so far, State-wise;

(b) the details of the land belonging to the closed NTC mills, State-wise;

(c) the details of the lands which have been handed over to any authority or organization for public purposes; and

(d) if no land has been diverted as such, the reasons therefor?

Wages of skilled handloom weavers

2398. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to enhance daily wages of skilled handloom weavers working in various textile units of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has also any plan to fix their monthly salary, calculated as per the daily wages rule, if so, the details thereof?

Consumption and export of cotton

2399. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of cotton bales is expected to be 70 lakh bales this year;

(b) whether the actual export from October to December last year was 35.2 lakh bales, mainly because of demand in Pakistan;

(c) whether the textile mills' consumption was expected to be 275 lakh bales and SDSI consumption 26 lakh bales; and

(d) whether the arrivals in the market were 1.50 lakh bales a day, while, buying by textile mills is slow?

Textile Parks

2400. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Textile Parks in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Textile Parks going to be set up and the total area to be occupied therefor;

(c) the details of Textile Parks to be located in Maharashtra with location, size, investment and job creation potential, etc.;

(d) the amount of land owned by National Textile Corporation (NTC) across the country, State-wise;

(e) the policy formulated for utilisation of NTC land; and

(f) the details of the Amended Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme?

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